

***Confession and Pardon:**
God’s call is always there:
His call to discipleship, His call to renewal, His call to confession.
Together, let us confess our sins:

**Loving and All-Wise God,
You know our hearts and You know our lives.
We confess to You that which causes separation,
that which causes pain, that which causes distress,
and that which breaks down.
We confess to You our part in those things.
And in humility and hope,
we ask for Your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal,
to soothe, to build up.
So may we love You and neighbor, and follow our Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

Song of Assurance: “Lord Have Mercy” KYRIE
*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Jesus Christ became for us righteousness, holiness and redemption. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Song of Praise:** “Glory Be to the Father” GLORIA PATRI
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.*

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed**
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***Passing the Peace**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Church Family Moment: Tony Young

Prayer of Illumination:
Gracious and Holy God,
give us wisdom to recognize You, intelligence to understand You,
diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You,
eyes to see You, a heart to meditate on You,
and a life to proclaim You,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
*When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come
proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or
wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus
Christ and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear
and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were
made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a
demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might
rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Musical Offering: “Many and Great, O God” Native American Melody
8:45 am—William Bennett, Soloist
11:00 am—Chancel Choir

***Doxology**
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Reflection Hymn:** #846 - “Fight the Good Fight” DUKE STREET

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
*6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a
wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being
destroyed. 7 But we speak God’s wisdom, a hidden mystery, which
God decreed before the ages for our glory 8 and which none of the
rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have
crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,*

*“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—*

*10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches
everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human knows what
is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one
comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. 12 Now
we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is
from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by
God. 13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human
wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to
those who are spiritual.*

*14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit,
for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand
them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are
spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no
one else’s scrutiny.*

*16 “For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”*

But we have the mind of Christ.

Sermon: “Word to the Wise” Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #307 - “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWH RHONDDA

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Benediction Song:** 11:00 am—“Go Now In Peace” Don Besig

Postlude: “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” Hasidic Melody
Jim Moore, Organist

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
Sara Kaczmarksi, Spiritual Growth Assistant
William Bennett, Director of Music
Jim Moore, Organist
Chancel Choir
Liturgists: **8:45 am—Kelli Kemmerer 11:00 am—Dave Rademaker**
Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am—Kelli Kemmerer 11:00 am—Colin Martin**
Ushers: **8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Charlie & Sue Harris**
11:00 am—Merrilyn Long, Jay Johnson, Shawn Blunt & Ethan Van Deventer

WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall following the service to visit the Welcome Center. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Children and Nursery: Nursery is available in Room 103. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Meyer at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

Flowers—The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Shaughnessy in memory of Bill.

Offerings can also be made through the Giving tab at summervillepres.org, scanning the QR code to the right through the Abundant Giving app from Google Play or the Apple Store. Set up your account and choose Summerville Presbyterian Church.



Staff, Elders and Deacons—A listing of staff and SPC ministry leaders can be found in the vestibules and welcome centers.

SUNDAYS

8:30 am-12:15 pm—Nursery (Room 103)
8:45 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship (Lanneau Hall)
10:00 am—Contemporary Service (Gym)
10:00 am—Sunday School
Pre-Readers – Room 102
Readers – Room 104
Twens – Room 303
High School – Room 301
Under the Hill (The Chosen) – Room 107
Genesis (The Wired Word) – Room 101
Seekers (Sermon on the Mount) – Room 201
11:00 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 am—Contemporary Small Group (Room 304)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Live
5:30 Dinner, 6:30 pm Class
(childcare available upon request)
The Apostles’ Creed—NO CLASS THIS WEEK
“To Be or not to Be.” The Vital Link Between Suffering and Personal Salvation—Facilitated by Dr. Andy Shaver
Reserve dinner and sign up for a class on the connection card or office
Sept. 23 Menu: Beef Pot Roast, Roasted Vegetables, Rice, Salad, Roll and Strawberry Shortcake.
To pay electronically use the QR code below



RISE Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event in the SPC Gym! Thursday, October 15 from 6-8 pm. Sign up by using the QR code below, contact the church office or fill out the back of your connection card.



GriefShare Thursdays: A new cycle of GriefShare runs through Thursday, December 3.

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees to serve as elders and deacons for three-year terms beginning in February 2027. Nomination forms are in the church office, at the welcome centers, or online. Members: Oden Semones, Sharlene Douthit-Schneidmuller, Zachary Storti, Barb Grube, Sharon Klein, Merrilyn Long and Henk van der Meyden

MMO Snack Donations Needed: Pretzels, Goldfish, applesauce pouches, animal crackers, crackers, fruit cups and chips. We are always encouraging the children to try new things, so anything nut-free is wonderful!

Cloths of the World Needed for Oct. 4, World Communion Sunday! Please bring to the church office any cloth (or clothing) you have from another country which we can use as a colorful reminder of our connection with Christians all over the globe.

World Communion Sunday, October 4: Offering will go to the MacKay Mission to help with their outreach called the Ña Duku’ Rumi Basketball Academy in Oaxaca, Mexico. We have more information in the eblasts and newsletter.

Blessing of the Animals: This annual event will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 5:00 pm on the lawn in front of the Sanctuary.

SPC is hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Friday, September 25th noon-5:00 pm in Lanneau Hall.

Pastor Appreciation Day will be held on Sunday, October 11 during the Coffee Fellowship time. Please bring cards to Julie McCormick prior to October 11.



SUMMERVILLE
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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, September 20, 2026



GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.
“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

Prelude: “Turn your Eyes upon Jesus”
Jim Moore, Organist
Helen H. Lemmel

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Minute for Mission: Ellen Carney, Rise Against Hunger

***Call to Worship:**
Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?
We long to hear God’s Word spoken to our hearts.
Who among you is seeking God’s bright and holy truth?
We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.
Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?
We long to live lives of holiness and light.
God grants God’s wisdom generously to all who ask.
Come near, people of God!
Let us worship in spirit and truth.

***Opening Hymn:** #305 - “Come Sing, O Church, In Joy” DARWALL’S 148TH