

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Sara Kaczmarksi, Spiritual Growth Assistant

Jim Moore, Organist

Bob Quinn, Soloist

Chancel Choir

Liturgists: 8:45 am—Amy Price 11:00 am—Sharlene Douthit-Schneidmuller

Elder-in-Charge: 8:45 am—Charlie Harris 11:00 am—Sharlene Douthit-Schneidmuller

Ushers: 8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Sue Harris, Katie Ryan, Don Moore

11:00 am—Merrilyn Long, Jay Johnson, Oden & Marylou Semones

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 Meier at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

Flowers—The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Skip and Rosanne Feters in celebration of their son Kyle's birthday.

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

Tweens – Room 303

High School – Room 301 (starting Sept. 6!)

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 begins September 16!

5:30 Dinner, 6:30 pm Class

(childcare available upon request)



The Apostles' Creed—Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert
"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. 16 Menu: potluck sides and desserts, with fried chicken provided

RISE Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event in the SPC Gym!

Thursday, October 15 from 6-8 pm. Sign-up by using the QR code to the right, contact the church office or fill out the back of your connection card.



GriefShare Thursdays: A new cycle of GriefShare starts on Thursday, September 10 and runs through Thursday, December 3.

Presbyterian Women Circles

Miriam – 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm, Lanneau—first meeting Sept. 8

Lydia – 2nd Tuesday, 10:00 am, Members' homes—first meeting Sept. 8

Ruth – 4th Thursday, 10:00 am, the Village—next meeting Sept. 24

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

Joy Kids (K-4th grade) - New meeting date! Starting Sept 14, Joy Kids will meet Mondays from 5:30-7:00 pm in Lanneau Hall. Dinner will be served!

Youth (5th-12th grade) - New meeting time and schedule! Kick-off activity September 13, 6:00 pm, at Jeff Queen's house. This year, youth will alternate between the church and various locations. Ana Hill and Jeff Queen are this year's Youth advisors, along with coordination help from Hunter Harris.

New High School Sunday School Class beginning Sept 6, 10:00 am, Room 301! Branches will be a place where high school students can deepen their relationship with Jesus, explore what it means to live out their faith, ask honest questions, and grow alongside one another.

MMO Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser, Saturday, Sept 12, 4:30-6:30 pm in the gym. Register at the QR code to the right or visit <https://square.link/u/ITxyXJzn>. \$20/family.



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!



Week 37 September 5-11
Colossians 3-1 Thessalonians 3
If you have a question contact Pastor Ralph
Herbert at ralphherbert53@gmail.com



SUMMERVILLE
Presbyterian Church

Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, September 6, 2026

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SERMON SERIES
SAUL. DAVID. SOLOMON

GATHERING

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

Prelude: "Come, Labor On"
Jim Moore, Organist

Thomas T. Noble

Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Call to Worship:**

Sing praises to the LORD,
and give thanks to God's holy name
for the LORD our God has healed us
when we cried for help
and restored us
in times of deepest despair.
The LORD has turned our sorrow into dancing;
taken our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.
Sing to the LORD without end,
and give thanks to the LORD forever.

***Opening Hymn:** #719 - "Come, Labor On"

ORA LABORA

*Confession and Pardon:

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith:

Almighty and merciful God,
You call us to come into Your presence
and give You the honor you are due.
Yet we confess that our worship often falls short.
We treat it as a routine, going through the motions with our lips
while our hearts remain far from You.
We focus on what pleases us rather than what glorifies You.
We shape You into an image we are comfortable with,
rather than letting Your holiness shape us.
Forgive our distractions, our pride, and our lukewarm hearts.
Cleanse us from the pretense that creeps into our praise.
Renew us by Your steadfast love, and draw us back into true
communion with You, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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.

Our acceptance before God does not depend on the perfection of our worship, but on the perfection of Jesus Christ. Because Christ gave himself as the ultimate, flawless offering on our behalf, your half-hearted praises are forgiven, and your distractions are washed away. So now, offer your lives as a living sacrifice of praise. 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: Sara Kaczmarksi

Prayer of Illumination:
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30
22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. 23 He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart, 24 the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. 25 Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ 26 Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed that you promised to your servant my father David.

27 “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! 28 Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, 29 that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. 30 Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

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: 8:45 am— “Let Us Break Bread Together”
African American Spiritual
Bob Quinn, Soloist
11:00 am—“This Cup of Grace” Mark Patterson
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

Second Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25 Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
19 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sermon: “Solomon: Worship” Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Gluten Free Communion kits are available in the vestibules)

Invitation and Words of Institution

Distribution and Partaking of the Elements

The elders will be distributing the bread and the juice.
Please partake of the elements at any time, as you feel led.

SENDING

*Closing Hymn: #727 - “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”
THE SERVANT SONG

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

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

Postlude: “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” H. Ernest Nichol
Jim Moore, Organist