***Call to Worship**

The Lord is gracious and merciful;
slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.
The Lord is good to all,
and His mercies are over all His works.
Let us give thanks to the Lord.
Let us bless His holy name!

***Opening Hymn: #22 –** "God of the Sparrow"
ROEDER

***Confession and Pardon:**

Like the vineyard owner,
God's grace is unexpected.
Like the loving father,
God's grace is abundant.
Let us now repent and accept God's grace,
so that we may witness to God's love.

God of fruitful labor,
work sometimes brings out the worst in us.
At home, at school, in the workplace,
even in our relationship with you,
we too easily question what others do and get,
instead of taking care of our own business.
Take away our bitterness.
Give us grateful and generous hearts,
eager for others to experience your abundant, amazing grace.
Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Song of Confession: "Lord Have Mercy" KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hear the good news:
what we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing.
God hears our complaints, but also our prayers.
He continues to work in our heart.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Song of Assurance: "Amazing Grace" (vs. 1) AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

***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 Kaczmarski

Prayer of Illumination:

"The grass withers, and the flower falls,
But the word of the Lord endures forever."
Loving God, your word is the good news
that has been spoken to us.
May we be ever hearing and increasing in understanding.
Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early
in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with
the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his
vineyard. [3] When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others
standing idle in the marketplace, [4] and he said to them, 'You also go
into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they
went. [5] When he went out again about noon and about three
o'clock, he did the same. [6] And about five o'clock he went out and
found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you
standing here idle all day?' [7] They said to him, 'Because no one has
hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' [8] When
evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call
the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and
then going to the first.' [9] When those hired about five o'clock came,
each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when the first came, they
thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a
denarius. [11] And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, [12] saying,
'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who
have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13] But he replied
to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me
for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this
last the same as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with
what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" [16] So the
last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Musical Offering: 8:45 am - "The Calling" *Karen Linford*
Jewel Tones
11:00 am - "Source of All Healing" Michael John Trotta
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:** #36 - "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
"A Parable from Three Perspectives: The Elder Brother"

SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #445 - "God, How Can We Forgive" LEONI

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response:**

8:45 am - "Irish Blessing" *Linda Spevacek*
Jewels Tones
11:00 am – "God Be with you Till We Meet Again" *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Chancel Choir

***Postlude:** "Postlude on WELCOME TABLE" *African American Spiritual*
Jim Moore, Organist

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
Sara Kaczmarski, Spiritual Growth Assistant
William Bennett, Director of Music
Jim Moore, Organist
Jewel Tones
Chancel Choir
Liturgists: **8:45 am—Amy Price 11:00 am—Sandra Lindsay**
Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am—Jade Hill 11:00 am—Doug Hess**
Ushers: **8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Tony & Claudette Young**
11:00 am—Merrilyn Long, Jay Johnson, Covington & Janice Sharp

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—Today's flowers are given by Phil Dwyer in remembrance of all Veterans past and present.

The additional flowers have been left by the children of Frances Anne Anderson in memory of their mother.

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
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

Friendsgiving Potluck Celebration: This afternoon at 12:30 pm in the SPC Gym. All church families and members are invited to this annual event. SPC will sponsor the turkeys; you are invited to bring a dish to share if you are able, but not mandatory.

Thanksgiving Basket Project: Saturday, November 21 at Murray United Methodist Church. The ecumenical service will begin at 10:00 am and basket packing with begin at 11:00 am. To volunteer to unload, pack or deliver, please contact the church office or sign-up on the back of the connection card.

Thanksgiving Together again this year! If you would like to host additional guests for Thanksgiving, or if you would love to celebrate with a few more folks from our church family, please reach out to Sara or Julie in the front office. We had an amazing turnout last year, and it was so wonderful to see new friendships formed all around! You never know what connections might be made when we open our tables and our hearts to others.

The ladies of **Women of Worth** and **Share, Word, Prayer small groups** invite all the ladies of the church to a **"Gathered in Gratitude Potluck"** on Nov 20 at 6pm in Lanneau Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office or sign-up on the back of the connection card.

Stewardship 2027: Pledges continue to be collected, and pledge cards are available in the church office, vestibules, pew racks and welcome centers.

Advent Bible Study Opportunity: "Three Wise Women" by Dandi Daley Mackall will be facilitated by Suzie Ryan Thursdays at 10:30 am through Jan. 7 in the Dorchester Room. You can pick up and pay for your book in the church office. $15/book. Sign up on the connection card.

Hands of Christ Workday will be held on Friday, November 20th. Contact Sheila Wilson for more info.

New Testament Challenge:
We are on Week 47:
Nov 14-Nov 20
1 John 1 – 1 John 5
Look for a guide to Revelation Pastor Ralph is preparing and available on November 22.

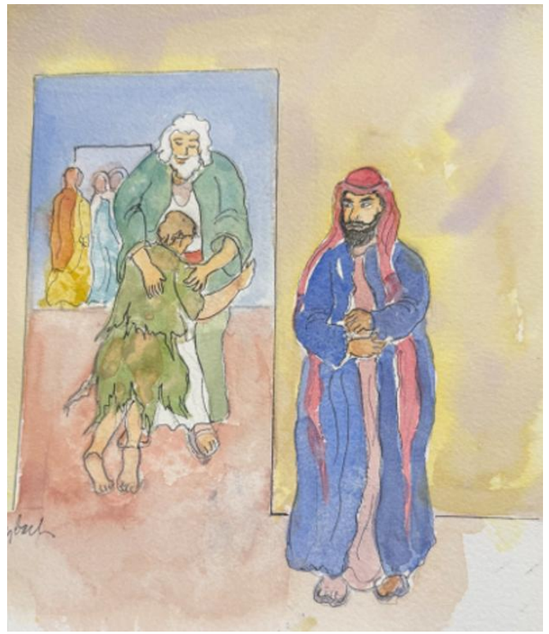
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and instruction slips are available after church in Lanneau Hall, vestibules, welcome centers or in the church office. Once your box is packed and ready to go, please return it to the church office **on or before our Friendsgiving event on November 15**. This is such a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with children around the world, and I hope many of you will join us in participating!

Advent Readers and Christmas Memorials: Last week's insert features an Advent Reading sign up and the Christmas Memorials and Honorariums donation sheet. This donation will go toward the purchase of a Poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary or gym during the Christmas season.

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Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, November 15, 2026



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GATHERING

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

**means to stand if you are able,*
*words in **bold** are to be spoken by the congregation*

***Prelude: 8:45 am -** "Be Still and Know" *Tom Fettke*
Jewel Tones
11:00 am – "Alleluia! Laud and Blessing" *Tochter Sion*
Jim Moore, Organist

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

Minute for Mission: Fellowship