**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 13, 2023**

**PRELUDE** *Selected Hymns*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Worship the Lord, who knit us together when we were yet

unnamed.

**People: Praise the Lord who welcomes us with a parent’s embrace.**

Leader: Worship the Lord, who searches us and knows our hearts.

**People: Praise the Lord who loves us completely.**

Leader: Worship the Lord, who seeks us wherever we are.

**People: Praise the Lord, who shepherds us with a guiding hand.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**MORNING PRAYER**

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**OPENING HYMN** 836 *Abide With Me* Eventide

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world. You know, too, when our words sow seeds of discord and our actions choke out generosity and grace. Forgive us, Lord, our selfishness and rancor. As we wait for your reign to be revealed in our midst, plant within us gifts of love and mercy, so that we might live as children of the kingdom and bear fruit that enriches your harvest.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 p. 503

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** 739 *O For a Closer Walk with Thee* Caithness

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 28:10-19 p. 22

**SERMON** *Grasping.*Patrick Pettit, Interim Pastor

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed p.35

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** 720 *Jesus Calls Us* Galilee

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Galilee* Reprise

\***Please stand if able**

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*

**Today’s link is:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LN_6cgjL76g>

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The Legacy: Mary June Cook

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab, Nancy Garber

Home: Dick Huff, Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner & Linda Sandquist,

Cathy Cunningham, Charles Simpkins

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes,

Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson),

Paul Watts, Kathleen Clements, (Colleen Cash), Josh Slonaker, Barb Ostrander

(Holly Bennett), Marty Rogers (sister of Cathy Cunningham)

Military: Carson Craig



**Next date to host**

**August 28**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA**

*A community-minded congregation living out the love of Christ as we serve one another with humility, gentleness, and patience through God’s grace.*

**August 13, 2023 11:00 AM**

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