**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 17, 2023**

**PRELUDE** *Selected Hymns*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength.

**People: The LORD is become our salvation!**

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord.

**People: Come to the font of Salvation.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**MORNING PRAYER**

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**OPENING HYMN 435** *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* In Babilone

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, you Call us to loving service, but our lives do not always reflect your transforming power. Where you are gracious, we cling to judgment. Where you are kind, too often we are dismissive, or cruel. You are eternally forgiving, but we hold onto grudges and keep old wounds open. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and make us new through Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

 **SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 114 p.491

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 442** *Just As I Am* Woodworth

**SECOND SCRIPTURE** READING Matthew 18:21-35 p.800

**SERMON** *The Forgiveness Perspective*Patrick S Pettit

 Interim Pastor

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

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN** 838 S*tanding on the Promises* Promises

 (stanzas 1 and 4)

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

 **POSTLUDE** Reprise *Promises*

\***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=tT_NpYwcfRk>



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

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), Brooks Hoover,

Betsy Boswell (Curry), Robin Crowder

Military: Carson Craig

A Memorial Gathering will be held Saturday, September 23, for Edie Lawrence, at the Orchard Creek Restaurant (Waynesboro Country Club) from 2-4 pm.

Please call Mary Beth Hill with any concerns 207-441-2735.

 **Better Together Lunch**

The Better Together Presbyterian churches will gather for a picnic lunch after worship on Sunday, 9/24 at the Woodland Pavilion at Ridgeview Park prior to the CROP Walk. All are welcome whether or not you’re walking. Each congregation will provide a different component and we're providing hot dogs.

Access to the pavilion is available without having to walk from the parking lot, directions to follow. We'll need a pretty firm number, so please RSVP to the church office by 9/19.

Come and join your Presbyterian friends and neighbors for a couple of hours of fun and fellowship!



**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE *BETTER TOGETHER* BIBLE STUDIES!**

The second of an ongoing series *of Better Together* Bible Studies takes place tomorrow. John Tindall, DCE at Westminster PC, will lead the exploration of the great stories and themes of the Bible. Locations will rotate among the *Better Together* churches.

 **Monday, September 18, Hermitage Presbyterian Church** will host from **1:00-2:00**. Other host churches include Smyrna (first Monday), Second (second Monday), Finley Memorial (fourth Monday) and First (fifth Monday).

 Make plans to attend! Class is open to all! Come regularly or when you can!

 **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.*

**September 17, 2023 11:00 AM**



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