**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 17, 2025**

**PRELUDE** *Variations I, II* Sweelinck (1562-1621)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*  Lantz III (b. 1956)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**All: Stir up your might and come to save us!**

Leader: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

**All:  You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.**

Leader: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

**All: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.**

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.

**All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN #804** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good, and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN #581** *Glory Be to the Father*  GLORIA PATRI

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 p.470

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Prelude in E-flat, BWV 998*  Bach (1685-1750)

Patrick Fitzgibbon, guitar

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 12:49-56 p.848

**SERMON** *Interpreting the Present Time* Rev. Samantha Coggins

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves**

**and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles**

**rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,**

**engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,**

**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**

**and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing, to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch from God’s new heaven and new earth,**

**praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN #718** *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*  BOURBON

**\*CHARGE / BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Variations IV*  Sweelinck

This week’s liturgy was written by Rev. Ginna Bairby and the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

Today’s Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cg92TI6OKsU>



Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Summitt Square: Ruth Quillen

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner Sandquist, Mike & Cathy Cunningham, Polly Bare, Olive Prettyman.

Friends and Family: Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Sally McNeel, Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Carolyn Hedrick-Williams, (Colleen Cash), Betsy Boswell (Curry), Shane Bennett (Bennett).

Military: Carson Craig, Michael Little

**School Supplies are being collected for the FOOD BANK**

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**Crayola Crayons Pens**

**Glue Sticks Scissors**

**#2 pencils Spiral Notebooks**

**Erasers**

Summer book study meets this Wednesday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Barksdale Room to discuss Gilead. We will be discussing pages 166-188. If you would like to attend, or you need a copy of the book, please contact Samantha ([scoggins@firstpresway.com](mailto:scoggins@firstpresway.com)).

  
Offering plate is in the Narthex

**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 17, 2025 11:00 AM**

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