**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 3, 2025**

Liturgist: Betsy Ruehl

**PRELUDE** Prelude, *Op. 31, no 5* Vierne (1870-1937)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*Routley (1917-1982)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**All: for God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those redeemed from trouble;

**All: They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.**

Leader: Let us thank God for God’s steadfast love, for God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 438** *Rock of Ages*  **TOPLADY**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil.**

**Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear.**

**We have failed to love you as we should.**

**We have neglected to love our neighbor.**

**In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves.**

**Release us from the tombs that terrify us,**

**so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation.**

**Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children.**

**Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Colossians 3:1-11 p.957

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Sonata no. 30 in E, op. 109: III* Beethoven (1770-1827)

Charles Simpkins, piano

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 12:13-21 p.847

**SERMON** *Relax, eat, drink, be merry!* Rev. Val Fisk

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creedp. 35 Hymnal

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN #317**  *In Christ There is No East or West* MC KEE

**\*CHARGE / BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** MC KEE: Reprise

This week’s liturgy is provided by Roger Gench and the Presbyterian Outlook.

Today’s Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3NX7nbFYfA>

Rev. Val Fisk lives in Charlottesville, VA with her fiancée, Allison, and their two cats. She has served in a variety of young adult ministry roles in congregations across Illinois, Texas, Tennessee, and Virginia. Val currently serves as the Basic Needs Case Manager in the Care & Support Services office at UVA, where she focuses on supporting students who are facing financial and personal hardships. She recently launched her own consulting site, [revvalministries.com](http://revvalministries.com/), offering Enneagram workshops and spiritual retreat planning for all generations. Val loves reading the type of fiction that goes well with airplanes and beach vacations, sampling local wineries, and the occasional day hike.



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 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Barksdale Room to discuss Gilead. We will be discussing pages up to 145. 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

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**WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA**

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**August 3, 2025 11:00 AM**

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