**12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 31, 2025**

Liturgist: Jean Hashagen

**PRELUDE** *Melodia,* Op. 129, no. 4 Reger (1873-1916)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *What Does the Lord Require*  Routley (1917-1982)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Gathered to worship God,

**All: we are all right where we belong.**

Leader: Called to this celebration of worship by God,

**All: we approach God with joy in our hearts.**

Leader: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God’s Son,

**All: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life* NOEL

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 31:31-34p.641

**ANTHEM** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*  Nägeli (1773-1836)

(text can be found in hymn 306)

Terry Crickenberger, Joe Earhart and Patrick Fitzgibbon

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; p.646

**SERMON** *“The Days Are Surely Coming”* Rev. Amy Fetterman

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Book of Common Worship, Philippians 2:5-11)**

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God**

**as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,**

**being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself**

**and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,**

**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN #357** *The Days are Surely Coming* LLANGLOFFAN

**\*CHARGE / BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata in F*, BuxWV 157 Buxtehude (1637-1707)

This week’s liturgy is written by Roger Owens and the *Presbyterian Outlook.*

Today’s Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-YS6NRzzxM>



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

 In remembrance of Joyce Neufeld, a service of Witness to the Resurrection & Celebration of Life will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, September 20 at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception in the Barksdale Room. Please sign up with Colleen ([ccash@firstpresway.com](mailto:ccash@firstpresway.com)) to contribute food or help with set-up and clean-up.

Our summer book study of Marilynne Robinson's novel Gilead concludes this Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. In preparation for the meeting, please read to the end of the novel. We will also be brainstorming together what we might read next.

Our offering plate is kept in the Narthex, behind the main sanctuary doors. If you need assistance locating it, please ask a greeter or Rev. Coggins at the conclusion of worship.



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**WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA**

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