**14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 14, 2025**

 Liturgist: Patrick Fitzgibbon

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in g*  attr. Krebs (1713-1780)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER**:  Come, all who look for God's presence; He is with us as we worship Him this

 morning.

**ALL:          We cannot hide from our Lord who knows us; God understands our thoughts and**

 **intentions.**

**LEADER**:   If we are lost, He will find us; God offers relief to our worries and cares.

**ALL:           His glory is found in this place of worship. God's gift to us gives us hope for**

 **salvation.**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN #722** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* CANONBURY

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear Lord, our Father, we confess our devious ways.   We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with your will.  We confuse our preferences with your intentions.  Because of that, we stray from your love for us and are like lost sheep.  Help us to return to the flock and accept the love you offer to us.  Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 50:4-7 p.660

**ANTHEM** *A Woman and a Coin*  Graham (b. 1946)

 (text may be found in hymn 173)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 15:3-32 p.850

**SERMON  *"****The Lost and Found"*Mark Wilson

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Text)**

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once and for all.**

**Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.**

**He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.**

**But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.**

**His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.**

**Many rejected him and demanded his death.**

**In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself**

**the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.**

**God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.**

**The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN #649** *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

**\*CHARGE / BENEDICTION**

 **POSTLUDE** *Fugue in G*  attr. Krebs

 This week’s liturgy is written by Mark Wilson, Walter Canter and the *Presbyterian Outlook.*

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

 Our guest preacher today is Mark Wilson. Mark is a Ruling Elder at August Stone Presbyterian Church of Fort Defiance. Over the past 20 years, Mark has filled the pulpit to lead over 400

 services, including First, Second, and Third Pres in Staunton; Second Pres in Waynesboro;

 Bethel; and Augusta Stone. Mark has also preached 40 times at Hebron Pres in Swope.

 Welcome, Mark!

Flowers today are in memory of Joan Berry dearly missed by

Erwin, Terri, Beth, Tom and Bruce

And many others



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) to contribute food or help with set-up and clean-up.



Our offering plate is kept in the Narthex,

**World Communion Sunday Picnic, October 5th @ 4:30 pm**

Share in some ‘Bapterian’ fellowship, alongside our neighbors from First Baptist Church, on World Communion Sunday (October 5)! We will gather at the River Shelter at Ridgeview Park at 4:30 pm. First Baptist will provide the main course. If you plan to attend, please bring a side or dessert to share. Please contact Samantha to RSVP, so that we have an accurate head count for planning purposes.

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 *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 14, 2025 11:00 AM**



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