**15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 21, 2025**

Liturgist: Cynthia Hoover

**PRELUDE** *Caprice* Muffat (1690-1770)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Turn us, O God,

**All: away from the world’s temptations and distractions.**

Leader: Return us, O God,

**All: to the quiet calm of your presence.**

Leader: Restore us, O God,

**All: to the path you call us to follow.**

Leader: Orient us, O God,

**All: to the hope of all that is possible through you.**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN #708** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 Tim. 2:1-7 p.963

**ANTHEM** *Alleluia*  Milburn (b. 1963)

Alleluia! Sing to the Lord, and bless His name.

Proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day. Alleluia!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 79:1-9 p.470

**SERMON   *How long, O Lord* ?** Rev. Samantha Coggins

**\*AFFIRMATION 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 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 peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.**

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN #697** *Take My Life* HENDON

**\*CHARGE / BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Studio*  Scarlatti (1685-1757)

**This week’s liturgy was written by Teri McDowell Ott and the *Presbyterian Outlook.***

**Today’s Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1sIysjHTdw>

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Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

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), Ken Dinkler (Prettyman).

Military: Carson Craig, Michael Little

**Roger Daggy's First Friday recital series will resume on October 3 at 12:15,**

**followed by a light luncheon.  All are welcome!**

**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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**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 21, 2025 11:00 AM**

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