

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 16, 2026

Prelude "I Surrender All" Mindy Smith, Instrumentalist

Welcome Rev. Scott Nowack

Please sign and pass the black pew pad.

*Call to Worship

Leader: God has forgiven us and drawn us close,

People: reconciling us through Jesus Christ,

Leader: who has lavished upon us

People: the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

Leader: With glad and grateful hearts, let us praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"
Hymn #274

Call to Confession Donna Maley

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise "Victory In Jesus"
On Screen

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Children's Focus Rev. Scott Nowack

Special Music "Abide With Me" Candra & Sophia Brown

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Genesis 45: 1-15
Ephesians 2: 14-18

Sermon "Tear Down This Wall" Rev. Scott Nowack

Affirmation of Faith "Heidelberg Catechism" On Screen

Service Prayer Diane Crosthwaite

Pastoral Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer)

Leader: Lord, help us.

People: We trust in you.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #605

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine and more blessings than we deserve. Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you, that your mercy may be multiplied and your blessings abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.

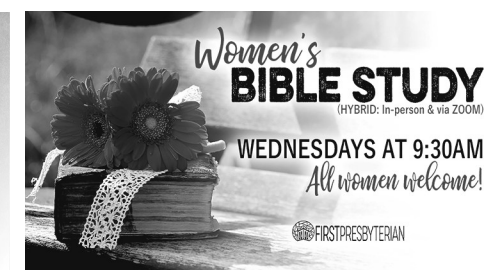
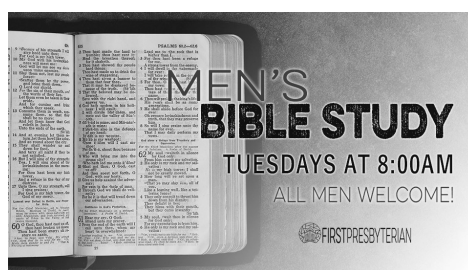
*Closing Hymn "Called As Partners In Christ's Service"

Hymn #761

*Benediction Rev. Scott Nowack

Postlude "I've Got Peace Like a River" ... Mindy Smith, Instrumentalist

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HOME BOUND: Larry & Helen Fox, Virginia McMannis, Wilma Miller.

IN A CARE FACILITY: Evelyn Rutherford at Heritage; Vivian Lowe at Bluebird, Tom Hurd at The Gables.