

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – July 26

**9:15 am** Prayer Group, Room 2  
**10:00 am** Worship, Sanctuary  
**11:15 am** Children's Sunday School, Room 2  
 Social Concerns Class, Lower Ed  
 Studies of the Bible Class, Room 4  
 Youth: Meal Prep for Hilda Barg, Church Kitchen  
 1:00 pm Still Waters Church, Upper Ed  
 3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
**6:15 pm** Young Adult: Meal Serving at Hilda Barg Center

Tuesday – July 28

**9:30 am** Basketball Camp, Upper Ed

Wednesday – July 29

**9:30 am** Basketball Camp, Upper Ed  
**9:45 am** Women's Bible Study, Room 1  
 7:00 pm Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – July 30

**9:30 am** Basketball Camp, Upper Ed  
**7:00 pm** Bible in a Year, Zoom

Friday – July 31 - Office Closed

**9:30 am** Basketball Camp, Upper Ed  
 7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – August 1

7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
 (IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

**July 19, 2026**

In-Person Worship - 118  
 Online Worship - 65  
 Sunday School/Small Groups - 42  
 General Fund Giving - \$5322.46



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We Are a Church for All God’s Children

**Our Mission:** To be a community where all can experience and share Christ’s love.

**Our Vision:** To be a beacon of Christ’s love and grace, offering hope through invitation, inspirational relationships, and effective partnerships.

**Our Values:** Faith, Fellowship, Diversity, Discipleship, Servanthood

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

9 am-2 pm

Hymnals and Bibles are available on the rolling carts near the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for use during the service and then return it to the cart after worship.

Please complete a **Weekly Connect Card** found in the bulletin and place it in the offering bag when it is passed during the service.

Please be aware that **photography and video** recording/live streaming occur during our worship service and are used on social media. Our children and youth are often included. If you do not want your child in any photos or videos, please speak with one of the ushers.

**We love children!**  
There are several opportunities for children to grow during worship.  
**Our Family Worship Space** offers quiet resources and activity bags to help families engage children during worship. Children may take items to their seats or sit at the table when it's available. Parents/caregivers are asked to be seated with children at the table or nearby to assist them in worship.  
**Childcare is available for infants through age 5** during Worship and the Sunday School hour in the nursery at the end of the main hallway.

**Let’s be a place where everyone knows your name!** Preprinted name tags for regular worshippers are in the Gathering Space. Guests are invited to create one. If you can’t find your printed name tag or need a new one, please check the “need a name tag” box on the Connect Card.

**Need to reserve a room or space for a meeting?** Please schedule all activities through the church office to prevent room or space conflicts. An event or activity may not be honored if it is not on the church calendar. You can call the church office (703) 670-6127 or email our admin assistant ([adminassist@gsumc.net](mailto:adminassist@gsumc.net)) to schedule. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

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This week’s “Bible Through the Year” readings:

July 26th: Jeremiah 46:1-49:39

July 27th: Jeremiah 50:1-52:34

July 28th: Lamentations 1:1-2:22

July 29th: Lamentations 3:1-5:22

July 30th: Ezekiel 1:1-5:17

July 31st: Ezekiel 6:1-11:25

Aug 1st: Ezekiel 12:1-16:63

Aug 2nd: Ezekiel 17:1-21:32

Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday:

Meeting ID: 884 822 1386

Passcode: rzRn4s

GOOD SHEPHERD IN MINISTRY

**Monthly Prayer for Our Church**  
*Join us by including this in your daily prayer time  
and at all church gatherings.*

Almighty God, we give you thanks for your steadfast presence with the people of Good Shepherd. As you have been faithful in our past and sustain us in our present, we ask you to guide us into our future. May your Spirit inspire us as we look beyond ourselves to the greater needs of those in our Woodbridge area. Lead us in ways of partnering with our community, so that we might truly be a beacon of Christ's love and grace — in word, in deed, and in welcome — in the lives of others. Give us your vision as we seek to co-create with you, making your kingdom visible in our world. Amen.

**This morning, we welcome Lana Bailey**, who is leading us in music while Jimmy Reed, Director of Music Ministries, is away.

**One-Day VBS — Sunday, August 16th** 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM. For Rising 1st – Rising 6th Grade. This will be a day packed with lunch, games, activities, Bible stories! Online registration is open at [www.gsumc.net](http://www.gsumc.net). Volunteers are welcome — contact Janae Tschudi-Evatt at [outreach@gsumc.net](mailto:outreach@gsumc.net). Thanks to generous support, this event is fully funded and free for all families.

**Villains of the Bible, a new sermon series begins August 9th:** Every great story needs a great villain — and the Bible is no exception. Within its pages we find epic, unforgettable characters who do terrible evil, yet we so often gloss over them to get to the heroes. But when we slow down and step into the villain's story, we're handed a mirror that exposes the familiar shapes of sin and brokenness we'd rather not see in ourselves. This series holds up that mirror — and reminds us that the God who sees all of it clearly is the same God who runs toward us anyway.

**Thank you** to all those who joined us for a great cookout last Sunday! We are grateful for all the helping hands that made it possible, including our musicians and face painter! Special thanks to our grillers and the contributors of all the meat provided. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and community!

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost  
Sermon Series: Family Ties

(\*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.  
**Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.**

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| *Gathering Song                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>All Who Hunger</b>                   | TFWS 2126      |
| *Words of Welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                         |                |
| *Gathering Words                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                         |                |
| Come. Wrestle with God, who receives us and welcomes us just as we are.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                         |                |
| <b>Come, let us worship!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                         |                |
| Come. Look around with questions, look around with wonder, turning your head in every direction you can find.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                         |                |
| <b>Come, let us worship!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                         |                |
| Come. God calls us into renewed relationships with one another.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                         |                |
| <b>Come, let us worship!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                         |                |
| Come. God invites us into new beginnings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                         |                |
| <b>Come, let us worship!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                         |                |
| *Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Give to the Winds Thy Fear</b>       | UMH 129        |
| Good Shepherd in Ministry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                         |                |
| Praising God with Our Gifts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                         |                |
| Offertory Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Gabriel's Oboe</b> (Ennio Morricone) | Lana Bailey    |
| *Doxology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                         | UMH 94         |
| Children's Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                         | Pastor MiRhang |
| Prayer for Understanding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                         | Lerita Milbert |
| <b>Gracious God, we do not know how to worship as we ought. But you are in every moment and in every place; and your Spirit in us helps us worship even now. Open the eyes of our hearts to be mindful of your presence and to allow you to live fully and powerfully in us, by the Spirit of Christ. Amen.</b> |                                         |                |

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| Scripture | Genesis 50:15-21                    | O.T. 46     |
| Message   | Joseph                              | Pastor Lisa |
| *Hymn     | <i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> | UMH 117     |

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

**God of grace, we confess that we have failed you, failed ourselves, failed one another. We assume the worst about those around us, rather than giving anyone the benefit of the doubt. We do the same to ourselves, and sometimes, even, we do the same to you. We are stubborn and determined to hold a grudge. We fail to exercise our imaginations, fail to recognize your works waiting to be born, if only we would step up to help, or sometimes, if only we would move out of the way. Forgive us, O God, and show us another way forward. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God makes all things new!  
Your sins are forgiven. God’s invitation is to another way of living.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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| Holy Communion | <i>All are welcome at the table</i> |
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\*Prayer after Communion

**O God, you have fed us with bread of the new creation, wine of new promises for tomorrow. May this meal strengthen us to be your strong and steady hands in the world, reaching always for more connection with one another and with you. Amen.**

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| *Hymn | <i>There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy</i> | UMH 121 |
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\*Benediction

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| Postlude | <i>Great is the Lord</i> (Michael and Deborah Smith) |
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**Votive Candle Stand.** Our votive candle stand is an invitation to contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service, or during communion.

**Worship resources** used in this service are adapted from Church Anew’s *The Good Book: Meeting Our Ancestors in Faith, One Story at a Time*.

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

***Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. Please submit, update, or remove a prayer request via the Connect Card or by contacting the church office.***

***Remember in Prayer (as of July 19, 2026)***

Carolyn Smith - cousin Stacie Tharp in need of liver transplant  
Chris Evatt - recovering from fall  
Don Abrell - recovery from stroke  
Don and Debbie Ritenour- strength for Don  
JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem  
Josephine McMillian - continued recovery from health issues  
Julie Martinez - sister, Lori, recurrence of her cancer  
Kathy McNeil - Heather Grimme, bladder cancer  
Lemuel Pearsall - medical treatments  
Lerita and Fred Milbert - friend, Phil Goble, receiving chemo  
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health;  
Nicole Millard - mother-in-law, hospice care; strength for the family  
Pam Buchenaur- Lori, recovery from ankle fracture surgery; Ron, recovery; Dave, cancer treatment; Chris and Joe, ongoing challenges and upcoming move  
Pat Pearsall - Jasmine Byrd, illness and treatment  
Rossie and Carol Alston - Alberta Alston, health concerns  
Ruth Herndon and family upon the loss of husband, Estee  
Uni Samura - moved to rehab  
Winnie Agyin - Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke  
Our country and our nation’s leaders  
For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis  
For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them

*A prayer gathering is held every Sunday morning in Room 2 at 9:15 am.  
All are welcome!*