



September 11, 2016
Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Family Fall Fest at 11 AM

Summerville Presbyterian Church

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Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

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Mary Keller - Office Manager

Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance

David Ellis - Housekeeper

Worship at 10 AM

WELCOME. We are a compassionate Christian community fostering a personal connection with God for people of all ages and expressing God's love through worship, education, mission, music and fellowship.

We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here to join in worship and service. If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign the pew pad.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary.

MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE? Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

Rev. Mouser can be reached by cell at 519-5280,
or by email at pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org

***Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Wednesdays from 1-3
Please call ahead.
Office Hours are 8:30-4:30 on Monday & Wednesdays and
8:30-12:30 on Tuesday***

GREETER:

USHER: JOYCE STIFFLER

Transportation next Sunday, September 18th, is provided by MIKE CUBITT . Please call before 5pm on Saturday, September 17th, to arrange a ride. His number is 467-3327.

Please join us for fellowship after worship service. Your host is BILL CARTER.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #4** (red -Rejoice Hymnal)
“All Creatures of Our God and King” (vs. 1-4, 7)

LASST UNS ERFRUEUN

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

Exuberant Inventor of all life, along with the trumpet of the elephant, the song of the whale, and the rush of the wind, we join our voices in testimony to your grace. We celebrate and give thanks beyond what our words can express for the plants, animals, insects, and birds with which we share our existence. We are delighted by their beauty, we are serenaded by their songs, we are awed by their skills and abilities, and we are humbled by our need for the gifts they have given us over and over again. We praise you, dynamic Designer, for your wisdom and whimsy and come before you seeking deeper connection and greater understanding of our relationship to all of your creation. Bless us with new awareness as we worship, and know our earnest praise. Amen.

PRELUDE “Invention #8 in F Major”

BACH

CALL TO WORSHIP

BILL CARTER

One: We do not have the privilege of knowing when a mountain goat gives birth, or when a deer calves,

All: but our wonderful God knows these things and is present to all creation, from before every birth to beyond every breath.

One: We were not the ones to free the wild ass or set it to live in the salt lands as home; it was not we who allowed it to scorn the tumult of the city and own the mountain ranges as its pasture;

All: it is our wise and creative God who ordains these things.

One: Our wisdom could not discern the soaring of the hawk and the eagle mounting the high, craggy cliffs; we did not imagine the keen eye of the bird hunting its prey from on high.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(continued)*

All: No, it is our God who has done these things. And it is our God who we are called to worship today.

One: Come, children of God, let us celebrate the brilliant bounty of God's creative genius as we worship in thanksgiving and praise.

All: Come, let us lift our voices in song, and join the chorus of creation itself in praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

BILL CARTER

God's love for us is so amazing, it embraces us and empowers us to be honest about our lives and our need of God's grace. Pray with me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

BILL CARTER

One: Somewhere along the way, we began to dominate and destroy, loving God.

Left: Abandoning our call to care and steward, we allowed our fears and greed to cause us to injure, abuse, and consume the flora and fauna of our world beyond their natural ability to be renewed.

Right: We have walked away from our place as fellow creatures, and have closed ourselves off from the great glory of wildness, hiding in our homes and buildings, disconnected from these miraculous sources of nourishment, balance, and companionship.

Left: As the empires of our "civilized" world have risen, we have participated in causing the destruction of habitats, the extinction of species, and the abandonment of creatures in need of our love and attention.

Right: Our created world is damaged and distressed,

Left: and we, too, as a result are damaged and distressed as well.

One: Help us to find communion again.

All: Help us to seek and trust the wildness of your world again.

One: Help us to tend to the wounds in your balanced world.

All: Help us to dismantle the ways of empire that disconnect us from our sibling species.

One: Holy Mystery, hear our prayer of confession, and guide us back to the path of co-creation.

All: Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

God created a fungus that can transform oil spills into health and new life for our oceans. The bee that stings is also the great pollinator of our fruits and flowers. The wild wolf knows to pursue the most vulnerable caribou, naturally thinning the herd for greater sustainability. God has designed our planet with intrinsic corrective measures. There is balance in God’s design. This is the great good news. So let us trust God’s wisdom, allow God to do what God does best, and be confident that even we can be healed and forgiven in God’s grace. In this let us be assured of pardon and peace. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 104: 14-23

BILL CARTER

ANTHEM

WORDS WITH CHILDREN/LORD’S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:10-23

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SERMON “God’s Wisdom in Flora and Fauna”

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***HYMN NO. 272** (Presbyterian Hymnal)
“God of the Sparrow”

ROEDER

PRAYER SHAWL DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**When you, O God, created the world you dedicated us to be part of the balance of all good things. Today, we dedicate ourselves anew to this purpose, and ask your blessing upon our renewed commitment. Help us to continue to delight in the glory of the plants and animals you have given us to share life with. And lead us in the ways of life, in communion with all creation.
Amen.**

***HYMN NO 7 (red- Rejoice Hymnal)**
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO (JOANNA)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “The Little Shepherd”

DEBUSSY

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: “God sits enthroned over the flood. God sits enthroned as ruler forever. May God give strength to God’s people! May God bless God’s people with peace!” (Psalm 29:10-11) Creator God is not the only role that God plays in our lives. As these verses explain, God is a God of storm and God strengthens and calms us. While we might struggle with the different roles God plays in our lives, we can be assured that God is present in times of storm. We can tell God we are afraid and God hears. *Scriptures: Psalm 29, Job 28:20-27, 1 Corinthians 1:21-31, Luke 8:22-25*

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Lollypop Farm Mission: Sunday, September 18th, meet at SPC at noon, arrive at Lollypop around 12:30, fill Barktoberfest bags, stop for ice cream on the way home, youth will be dropped off at home around 5 p.m.
- Unloading Pumpkins: Saturday, October 15th, time TBD in afternoon (*note that we are selling for 2 weeks instead of 3)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, September 11th

10:00 am	<i>Family Fun Fest</i>	
10:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Children's Workshop	
	Family Picnic	Outside or Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 12th

	<i>SNS First Day</i>	
10:00 am	Shawl Mtg.	Memorial Lounge
6:30 pm	AA	Rooms 10/14
6:30 pm	Deacons' Mtg.	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Worship	Memorial Lounge
7:00 pm	CY Ed	Room 2
7:00 pm	Finance	Room 3

Tuesday, September 13th

	<i>Noon—9pm Primary Election</i>	
5:30 am	Wolf Den	Room 15
6:00 pm	Webelos	Room 14
7:00 pm	Session	Memorial Lounge

Wednesday, September 14th

6:30 pm	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Room 14
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 10
7:00 pm	MPP	Memorial Lounge
7:30 pm	Choir	Room 13

Thursday, September 15th

6:30 pm	Bear Den	Room 14
7:00 pm	Finance	Memorial Lounge

Next Sunday, September 18th

	<i>Rev. Carolyn Grohman and the Bell Choir</i>	
10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Children's Workshop	
12-5 pm	Youth	Lollypop Farm