

Sola Gratia – Grace Alone

Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone

Sola Fide – Faith Alone

Solus Christus – Christ Alone

Sola Deo Gloria – For God's Glory Alone

August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Summerville Presbyterian Church

585-342-4242

Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

Jacqueline Anderson—Director of Bell Choirs

Teresa Shyr—Director of Music

Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education

Mary Keller - Office Manager

Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance

Stephanie Desmore - Housekeeper

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@summersvillechurch.org

***Pastor's Office Hours: 1-3 on Monday and Wednesday. Please call in advance
Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30-3:00 in July and August***

GREETER: MARY HAVERFIELD

USHER: JIM VERNI

BANK BAG: CINDY SMITH

MUSIC: TAHLIA COTT

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, August 27th, please call Bill Carter 738-3674 before noon on Saturday, August 26th.

Join us for fellowship after the service today.
Your host is BILL CARTER.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*those who are able, please stand

***GATHERING HYMN #459** (red-Rejoice Hymnal)

ST.CATHERINE

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

*How good it is, O God, when your grace finds embodiment in community.
How very good it will be, O God, when we act with greater love and experience deeper
unity than we have yet known. Lead us to where, and to whom, you would have us go.
In Jesus Christ. Amen.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CINDY SMITH

One: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**All: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been
created by him and for him.**

One: Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**All: And Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and
the first born from among the dead, so that in everything he might have
the supremacy.**

One: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to
reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by
making peace through his blood shed on the cross.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

CINDY SMITH

How wondrous is God's love that even offering a cup of cold water given to a stranger draws us closer to God in a relationship of mutuality and forgiving love. May we be bold enough to declare our need of God's forgiving love.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

CINDY SMITH

O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal have often unintended negative consequences.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past, when our forebears did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, and political walls that result in discrimination and violence.

Silent Reflection

Forgive us, Lord.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide,
who gives us through the Holy Spirit ever-new beginnings.

In Christ we receive forgiveness and reconciliation,
and we are strengthened for a faithful and common witness in our time.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 4:14-5:10 CINDY SMITH

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:1-5 REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON “Christ Alone” REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN #394** (red– Rejoice Hymnal) AURELIA
 “The Church’s One Foundation ”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS, LORD’S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN 556 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of reconciliation, you are working to make all things new. Use us, your people, and all we offer this day for your purposes of justice and love. Amen.

HYMN #371 (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal) CRUCIFER
 “Lift High the Cross”

SENDING

Since you have been raised with Christ,
set your hearts on things above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**We set our minds on things above, not on earthly things,
for we have died to self and our life is now hidden with Christ in God.**

When Christ, who is your life, appears,
then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Thanks be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Winter coats and jackets will be collected for the homeless until September 1st. Please drop the donations in a box by the office door.

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, August 20th

10:00 am

Worship

11:15 am

Fellowship

Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 21st

6:30 pm

Office Open 8:30-3

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Room 15

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10:00 am

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