

**Whoever does not carry his
own cross and come after
Me cannot be My disciple**

Luke 14:27



September 8, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Rev. Jeff Falter, Preacher

Ministers - All Members of this Congregation

Jacqueline Anderson, Director of Bell Choirs

Jing Tian Ngiaw, Director of Music

Kate Fady, Christian Educator

Janet Smith, Youth Group Leader

Mary Keller, Office Manager

Tim Reynolds, Custodian

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.

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

Office Hours
Monday and Wednesday from 8:30-4

GREETERS:

BANK BAG: BARB JAMES

USHER: SUSAN CONNOR

MUSIC: JING TIAN NGIAW

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, September 15th, please call Joyce Stiffler at 703-7462 before noon on Saturday, September 14th.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall.
Your host is Sarah Guereschi.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*those who are able, please stand

***HYMN** #293 (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)
"This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 119: 129-136*

BILL CARTER

Leader: Your decrees are wonderful;

People: therefore my soul keeps them.

Leader: The unfolding of your words gives light;

People: it imparts understanding to the simple.

Leader: With open mouth I pant,

People because I long for your commandments.

Leader: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: as is your custom toward those who love your name.

Leader: Keep my steps steady according to your promise,

People: and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

Leader: Redeem me from human oppression,

People: that I may keep your precepts.

Leader: Make your face shine upon your servant,

People: and teach me your statutes.

Leader: My eyes shed streams of tears

People: because your law is not kept.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love; and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you have commanded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

BILL CARTER

The scripture says that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, but if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sin. Let us therefore join together in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (in unison)

BILL CARTER

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

WORDS FOR CHILDREN

KATE FADY

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 18.1-11

BILL CARTER

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14.25-33

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***HYMN # 383** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

***HYMN #525** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM LORD

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Meet Rev. Jeff Falter:

Biographical Information

The Rev. Jeff Falter is currently a member-at-large of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, having previously served as pastor of churches in North Carolina, Alabama, West Virginia, and New York, as well as serving as a college chaplain in New York.

Though living in Penn Yan, Jeff enjoys visiting Presbyterian churches throughout the presbytery, while working full time as a computer programmer in Auburn.



SUNDAY SEPT 8
CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP BEGINS

For Grades Pre-K – 6

Teaching today:

Ms. Kate

Linda Urban

WE are now using **HeartShaper** curriculum by David C. Cook Publishers

Pre- K – 1st grade: “God Made the World”

Grades 4 – 6: “Living in God’s Image”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPT 15: FALL KICK-OFF

SPONSORED BY CY-ED COMMITTEE. **EVERYONE IS INVITED** AFTER SERVICE FOR FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND GAMES. 11AM – 1PM.

SEPT 29: SOUPER SUNDAY

HOMEMADE SOUP AND CHILI FOR ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT OUR MINISTRY TO CHILDREN AT SPC. RSVP ON SIGN-UP SHEET

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sunday, September 15th: Youth and Parents meet in Room 2 for Kickoff

Sunday, September 22nd: Youth baking for the Harvest Fest

Please recycle your cans and bottles to benefit our Youth. The bins are now near the Nursery School stairway.

Let's Pray Together

Deaths

Bill Brown, a former member of SPC, passed away August 31, 2019. He is survived by his wife Ginger and their two children Pamela and Mark. Bill and Ginger moved to Ionia following his retirement from WICSD as a long time Physics teacher at IHS. A memorial service was held on Thursday, September 5.

Paul Leipold, a former member, passed away on Tuesday September 3.

Concerns

Jean Czerkas, St. John's Home, is failing. Please keep Jean and her family in your prayers.

Continual Prayers

Barbara Parker, Marian Black, Pam Shares, Paul White, Kay Victorsen, Charles Lupica, David Wilkinson, Cynthia Powers, Marge Reber, Tom Mulford, Phyllis Register, Mary Jane Angelone, Tage Brown, Avalynn Potter, Rev. Marie Sheldon, Joan Frenzel, Donna Aiken, Rev. Dorthea Yoder



FALL OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30-4.



At 10 AM

September 8: Rev. Jeff Falter

September 15, 22: Rev. Bob Kaiser

September 29: Rev. Steve Michie

October 6, 13, 20; November 10, 17: Rev. Steve Michie

SEPTEMBER 2019 Monthly Mission

MOTHERS IN NEED OF OTHERS MINISTRY

Our Church has received a message from this Organization for an **URGENT** need for the following items:

For Babies and Toddlers: diapers, wipes, bottles, diaper bags
towels, receiving blankets, clothes

For Moms: female hygiene products and maternity clothes
(all sizes)



This organization provides mothers and babies with assistance through social service agencies & church outreach programs.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress...

Psalm 32:6



Church Calendar

Sunday, September 8th

10:00 am
10:15 am

Rev. Jeff Falter

Worship
Children Workshop

Monday, September 9th

6:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

Office open 8:30-4

AA	Room 15
AEM	Room 3
CYEd	Room 2

Wednesday, September 11th

6:30 pm
6:45 pm
7:30 pm

Office open 8:30-4

Troop 127	Room 14
Troop 79	Room 15
Choir	Room 13

Thursday, September 12th

6:00 pm

Pack 203 Info Mtg	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, September 15th

10:00 am
10:15 am
11:15 am
11:15 am

Rev. Bob Kaiser, Installation & Ordination

Worship	
Children Workshop	
Deacon Meeting	Memorial Lounge
Youth and Parent Meeting	Room 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***September 22** : Session has called for a Congregation Meeting immediately following service to vote on the call of a newly designated pastor. Please plan to attend.

***Rev. Jim Widboom** will continue to provide pastoral care this fall. You can reach him at 585-727-1295 or jamescarlwidboom@gmail.com

***Bottles and Cans** are still being collected by our Youth Group but the totes were moved nearer to the Nursery School stairway. Please don't forget us.

Thank
you!

To our dedicated *Property Committee* for arranging the painting of our church. Please give Jim Shawhan special thanks for overseeing the operations each day. The church looks wonderful!