

A banner with a background of clouds and a warm, golden light, possibly from a setting or rising sun. The text is written in a white, cursive-style font.

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost -
August 16, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PASSING THE PEACE; PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Responsively

Leader: The Lord looks at the heart rather than outward appearances.

Congregation: *We ask for a pure, clean heart that seeks the Lord.*

Leader: Jesus reminds us, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Congregation: *Create in us a right spirit, O God.*

All: *Let us worship with sincere hearts and open eyes to see Him.*

***HYMN # 420 (Blue Hymnal)**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CONFESSION OF SIN

Unison

Dear God, I come to You today acknowledging that my heart is often divided. I want to live a life that pleases You, but I confess that I harbor selfish motives, impure thoughts, and hidden pride. Forgive me for the times I have chased after the approval of others or allowed bitterness to take root. Lord, I cannot purify my own heart. I need Your grace. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Remove the deceit and double-mindedness and help me to seek You with complete singleness of devotion. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters- Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

THE MORNING PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** - *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 42 (Bible p.556)

Matthew 5:8 (Bible p.958)

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Jesus Creed

We have confidence in Jesus who healed the sick, the blind, and the paralyzed, and raised the dead. He walked on water and calmed the storms. He died for the sins of the world, rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father. We have confidence in Jesus, who called disciples, led them, gave them new names and new purpose and sent them out to preach good news. We have confidence in Jesus, so we follow him, learn his ways, seek to obey his teaching and live by his example. We have not seen him, but we love him. His words are to us words of life eternal, and to know him is to know the true and living God. We do not see him now, but we have confidence in Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN # 388 (Blue Hymnal)**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He make His face shine upon you and grant you singleness of heart. Go in His peace, knowing that the pure in heart shall see God in all they do. Amen.

POSTLUDE - (*) *We stand as we are able.*

Announcements:

1. Welcome Visitors. We're so glad you are here. Please fill out our Welcome/Prayer Requests Card located on the back of the pew and drop it in the Offering Plate. Please feel free to invite your family and friends to come and enjoy our loving and laughing Church family.
2. We will have a fellowship luncheon today after worship.
3. Sermon Series:
 - August 16 "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"
 - August 23 - "Blessed Are the Peacemakers"
 - August 30 - Guest minister
 - September 6 - "First Things First"
 - September 13 - "Blessed Are Those Persecuted"
4. Prayer List:
 - a. **Update:** Gail Dekle (the mother of Amyie Mathis) has been diagnosed with Stage 4 nonalcoholic Cirrhosis of the Liver. She is staying with Chad & Amyie.
 - b. **New:** Jim Hall (friend of the Cokers) - battling cancer
 - b. **Shane Ferraro:** (Bowyer's daughter, Peyton's best friend) has finished chemo for Stage 2 colon cancer, but the cancer is not completely gone so he will have surgery and possibly another round of chemo.
 - c. **Melissa Hughes** - (Niece of Marlene Mathis) is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 metastatic bone cancer. Melissa is focused on spending quality time with her children and making memories with them. Pray for this mother of young children and her family as they seek comfort and understanding.
 - d. **Diann Hall** (sister of Rodney Bennett)- has completed surgery and chemotherapy for cancer; doctors are optimistic that they got all the cancer.
 - e. **Stacy Jones** (our pianist)- recovering from surgery
 - f. **Rosalie Rohrer** (Margaret Connor's mother) - is now at home recovering from surgery
 - g. **New:** Donnie Sumner - balance issues
 - h. **New:** Pray for those who have unspoken prayer requests that they find the answers and comfort they need.



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