

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost -
July 12, 2026

The Church Gathers

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

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Responsively

Leader: Come in from the busy, summertime days to this place of worship.

People: We come to connect with God's word.

Leader: Come in from the stress of everyday life into the light of knowledge.

People: We come as seekers of truth.

Leader: Come into worship with offerings of praise.

People: We come to hear the word and respond!

*HYMN # 150 (Blue Hymnal)

Come Christians, Join to Sing

CONFESSION OF SIN

Unison

Patient, loving God, when we are groaning and griping, comfort us and forgive our shortcomings. When we are doubting and afraid, comfort us and reveal your promises to us. Help us trust with hope, and wait with patience, even as you patiently love us with your mercy and your grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The one who gives us our daily bread each day blesses us with what we need every day of our lives. The one who forgives our sins answers our prayers and offers us fullness of life.

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.*

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 37. 1-7 (Bible p. 526)

Matthew 13: 44-46 (Bible p. 969)

THE SERMON:

Rev. John Akers

"Parables of the Kingdom"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN # 263 (Blue Hymnal)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*BENEDICTION

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

Announcements:

1. We will have our Fellowship luncheon on July 19th immediately after worship.
2. The congregation is invited to a Brunch honoring Georgia Connor Douberly on Saturday, July 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Georgia is registered at Amazon.

3. Current Sermon Series:

July 12	Guest Preacher (Gone to Texas)
July 19	"Blessed Are Those Who Mourn"
July 26	"Blessed Are the Meek"
August 2	"Blessed Are Those Who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness"
August 9	"Blessed Are the Merciful"
August 16	"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"
August 23	"Blessed Are the Peacemakers"
August 30	Guest Preacher (Gone to swim with the Sharks)
September 6	"First Things First"
September 13	"Blessed Are Those Persecuted"

4. Prayer List:

- a. **Update:** Ben Reeves (friend of Allen Boyd)- had bypass surgery; he is stable condition now at Emory but has many medical issues; He has a feeding tube and needs dialysis to protect the one kidney he has; he may have to go to a rehab facility in the future.
- b. **Shane Ferraro:** (Bowyers daughter, Peyton's best friend) currently undergoing chemo for Stage 2 colon cancer.
- 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. **Update:** Diann Hall (sister of Rodney Bennett)- undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; she will have surgery Tuesday at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.
- e. **Cleveland Shaw** - (the father of Biff & Cheryl's son-in-law) has a type of blood cancer
- f. **Update:** Patsy Rohrer (Margaret's sister-in-law) Patsy had a knee replacement removed to heal an infection; she is now in a movable brace and will have her temporary knee replaced in the fall.
- g. **New:** Susan Henderson (Bret's mother) - has had intestinal surgery due to diverticulitis

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Matthew 37:3

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.

Matthew 13:44 NIV

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