



**South  
Mecklenburg**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**A Service of Worship  
Third Sunday of Pentecost  
June 14, 2026  
10:10 a.m., Sanctuary & Livestream**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**We Gather**

- Prelude** *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams
- Welcome and Concerns of the Church** Dr. Sandy Hull  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**
- Introit** *Canonbury* Robert E. Scoggin
- \*Call to Worship** (Psalm 63:1-3) Clara Guzman  
One: O God, you are my God;  
earnestly I seek you.
- All: My soul thirsts for you,  
my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**
- One: I have seen you in your sanctuary  
and beheld your power and glory.
- All: Because your love is better than life,  
I will give you praise.**
- One: Let us worship God!
- \*Hymn 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new  
 4 My gracious Master and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glory, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Rebecca Guzman

God of infinite mercy, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you. We have been judgmental, looking down on others rather than building them up. We have spoken hurtful words and compromised the truth. We have gone along with the ways of the world instead of living distinctively as followers of Jesus. Forgive us, we pray, through the death and resurrection of your Son, and empower us by your Holy Spirit to live always in your holiness and love.

**Assurance of God's Grace** (Micah 7:18-19)

Rebecca Guzman

One: "Who is a God like you, pardoning sin and passing over wrongdoing? You will cast all our sins into the depth of the sea."

Friends, hear and believe God's good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*Response of Praise**

No. 581

*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, amen.*

## **We Hear and Respond to the Word**

### **Church Family Moment**

Rebecca Guzman

1. **Story Connection:** Listen to a [read aloud](#) of *Being Frank* by Donna W. Earnhardt. In this story, Frank learns that telling the truth is important, but how we say things matters too. Grandpa Earnest teaches Frank that words can either hurt people or help them grow. Our scripture from Ephesians reminds us, "...let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors..." and "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up." As you listen, think about ways your words can be truthful, loving, and kind. ([Source](#))
2. **Activity:** Try a vinegar and baking soda experiment together. Watch what happens when the ingredients mix and bubble over! Talk about how our angry or hurtful words can sometimes burst out quickly too. Once words are spoken, we cannot take them back, so we want to pause and choose words that build others up instead of tearing them down.
3. **Craft:** Make a paper plate craft with two faces. On one side, draw or color an angry face. On the other side, draw a peaceful or calm face. Talk together about how it is okay to feel angry sometimes, but Ephesians teaches us to be angry without hurting others or sinning. What helps you calm down when you are upset?
4. **Wonder together:**
  - a. What kinds of words build others up? What kinds tear others down?
  - b. What do you think it means to be angry without sinning?
  - c. What does it mean to speak the truth with kindness and love?



### **Children's Liturgy**

Rebecca Guzman

*As the children four years old through third grade gather for  
Children's Worship, the congregation is invited to sing (hymn no. 19):*

***God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.***

**Congregation: God be with you there.**

Children: God be with you here.

*The children will return to join their families following the sermon.*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Dr. Hull

### **First Reading**

Ephesians 4:25-30

Dr. Hull

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

**Second Reading**

Luke 6:43-45

Dr. Hull

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

"Overflow"

Dr. Hull

**\*Hymn 753**

***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*** PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be



un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

**\*The Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

The Belhar Confession  
 Rev. Lindsey Odom

**We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in**

this; that the church must therefore stand by people in any kind of suffering and need; that the church must witness and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Jesus is Lord!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Odom

. . . *(unison)* 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.

Offering Invitation Rev. Odom

Offertory *Prelude in G Major* Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

*As an alternative to the traditional offering plate, you may support the ministry of SMPC by giving online at [www.smpchome.org/give](http://www.smpchome.org/give) or texting SMPC to 73256.*

\*Doxology No. 606

*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 Dedication

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

## We Go Out to Serve

\*Hymn 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* CANONBURY  
*(stanzas 1, 4, and 5)*

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

**\*Charge and Benediction** Dr. Hull

**\*Congregational Response** No. 722, stanza 5

*O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where  
 until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

**Postlude** *Festive Postlude* Paul Fey

## Worship Service Notes

### Leading Worship this Morning

Dr. Sandy Hull, Transitional Pastor  
 Rev. Lindsey Odom, Associate Pastor of Youth & Missions/Outreach  
 Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation  
 Ann Carney, organ  
 Clara Guzman, liturgist

**A/V Team:** Brad Alford, Jordan Booker

**Ushers:** Dick Engle, Tim Maguire, Charlie Metzler, Elizabeth Rose, William Rose, Carol Watkins

**Welcome Team:** Dan DeChant, Gena DeChant, Hallie Mitchell, Kathy Rasimas

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Hallie Mitchell's aunt, Joan Hough.

Part One of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is the Book of Confessions, which contains twelve faith statements, developed at many times and places throughout the history of the Christian church. The Belhar Confession was written in South Africa in the 1980s to express the church's opposition to apartheid.

Welcome to South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church! If you are joining us in person or online, are a first-time visitor, a long-term member, or anything in between, we are glad that you are worshiping with us and we want to stay connected with you. To receive our emails, sent on Thursday mornings, contact Adrienne Jaquith, Office and Database Manager, [adrienne@smpchome.org](mailto:adrienne@smpchome.org). SMPC uses Realm as a church directory and for event registrations. If you are new to Realm or have questions about it, please contact Adrienne Jaquith, and she will be happy to help!

A note to parents: We are so delighted that you and your children are here! Children are an integral part of our faith community, and we strive to support parents during worship. Here are some helpful things to know:

- Children are welcome in worship. We understand that means wiggles!
- We provide blue worship totes in the narthex to help children engage in worship. Please return the totes after the service.
- There is a nursery located in the Palmer Building with dedicated staff who are happy to keep your infant - three-year-old safe.
- Children's worship is provided for children ages 4 through 3rd grade. The children gather after the Church Family Moment and return after the sermon. During this time, they will explore the story interactively and engage with their peers.
- A glider and changing table are available in Room 301 for mothers who wish to have privacy while nursing.
- During worship, the service is broadcast to the parlor, where there is more space to move around if your little one becomes restless.

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church? To learn more about membership and the process of joining, contact Rev. Melissa White, Parish Associate, [melissa@smpchome.org](mailto:melissa@smpchome.org) or 704-887-7488.

## **Congregational Notes** (as of June 10, 2026)

### **Remember in Prayer**

- Judy Casey, as she recovers from surgery.

- Joan Warf, as she recovers from surgery.
- The people of Bayonnais and all of Haiti that God would bring protection from violence, healing for the injured, provision for those in need, and strength and hope in the midst of hardship.
- Zach Bowyer, Director of Music and Organist, as he enjoys time for rest, reflection and spiritual renewal while on sabbatical.
- All those affected by conflict, displacement, and unrest around the world and at home.
- That God would guide us to serve others with compassion, justice, and mercy within our church, our community, and our world.

To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request:

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### **Church Office Hours:**

**Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday: Closed**

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## WELCOME!

After worship, we hope you'll join us for lemonade and cookies near Coffee Grounds. Come meet friends old and new! Registry pads are located in your pews. Please sign and pass to your neighbor and perhaps introduce yourself to someone new!

### THIS WEEK'S CLASSES & EVENTS

**monday** **Message and Macarons**  
**JUNE 15** **Amelie's at Carmel Commons, Rising 6th-Graduated 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**  
Join us for a short devotional and sweet treat! Register on Realm or at [smpchome.org/events](http://smpchome.org/events). Contact: Lindsey Odom, [lindsey@smpchome.org](mailto:lindsey@smpchome.org).  
**6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

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**tuesday** **SMPC Tuesday Mahjong**  
**JUNE 16** **Narthex**  
Players of all skill levels are invited to join this group, which meets weekly on Tuesdays. Contact Mary Katheryne Zagora, [mkzagora@smpchome.org](mailto:mkzagora@smpchome.org), to be added to the email list.  
**10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

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**thursday** **SMPC Thursday Mahjong**  
**JUNE 18** **Narthex**  
Players of all skill levels are invited to join this group, which meets weekly on Thursdays. Contact Mary Katheryne Zagora, [mkzagora@smpchome.org](mailto:mkzagora@smpchome.org), to be added to the email list.  
**1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

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**friday** **Friday Morning Men's Group**  
**JUNE 19** **Chapel 206**  
This group meets on the first and third Fridays of every month for study and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact: Curt Ireland, [irelandcurtis00@gmail.com](mailto:irelandcurtis00@gmail.com).  
**7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**

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**saturday** **Center of Hope Breakfast**  
**JUNE 20** **Meet at SMPC at 5:15 a.m.**  
On the third Saturday of every month, SMPC prepares and serves breakfast for Center of Hope guests. To donate or sign up to serve, scan QR code or go to [smpchome.org/events](http://smpchome.org/events). Contact: Lee Martin, [leewilsonmartin@gmail.com](mailto:leewilsonmartin@gmail.com).



**sunday** **Adult Study: 'Songs of Summer'**  
**JUNE 21** **McQueen Room or Zoom**  
An eight-week series that explores familiar Presbyterian hymns and the fascinating stories behind them. Led by SMPC members Gayle and Curt Ireland. Register on Realm or [smpchome.org/events](http://smpchome.org/events). Contact: Rebecca Guzman, [rebecca@smpchome.org](mailto:rebecca@smpchome.org).  
**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SMPC Youth Meals with a Mission, Monday, June 22, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Meet at SMPC, Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Graders -Graduated 12<sup>th</sup> Graders** - We are partnering with Nourish Up to deliver hot meals to neighbors in need. More information and registration on Realm or [smpchome.org/events](http://smpchome.org/events). Contact: Lindsey Odom, [lindsey@smpchome.org](mailto:lindsey@smpchome.org).

**SMPC Middle School Retreat to Massanetta, Tuesday, June 23-Friday, June 26** - We pray for our middle schoolers and parent chaperones as they head to Massanetta for Middle School Conference!

## SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**Bag Lunches for Roof Above, Saturday, June 27, Drop off at 9:30 a.m. in front of Mecklenburg Hall** - Each month, SMPC provides 100 bag lunches for Roof Above to help feed those in need. Sign up to bring bag lunches via QR code. Contact: Julie Durham, julierdurham@gmail.com.



## CREATED FOR COMMUNITY: COURTNEY AND AVA



*'Created for Community' is a summer series where we highlight communities founded or built by connections at SMPC. We are so grateful for the many ways our church comes together to build community! Look for this series bi-monthly this summer.*

A connection we make through SMPC - no matter how circuitous - might just change everything. That was especially true for two recent UNC-Chapel Hill graduates - Courtney, who is an SMPC member and the daughter of Nancy and Craig Parrish, and Ava, who is the daughter of SMPC Communications Director Cheryl Perry and John Perry.

Despite being the same age and growing up within a few miles of each other, Courtney and Ava didn't meet until the growing vine of SMPC connected them at UNC in 2023.

Courtney was a member of the Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM), a ministry of University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill that meets weekly for dinner and a program. When she heard through SMPC channels that Ava had transferred to UNC as a sophomore and was looking to make new friends, Courtney didn't hesitate to reach out to invite Ava to PCM. She met Ava on campus, introduced her to a couple of other friends, and made sure she felt included during her first PCM dinner and program.

"I remembered how hard it was meeting new people and finding a community at UNC, and I wanted to help Ava do that in any way I could," said Courtney. "Little did I know that by reaching out, I was meeting one of my best friends for life. I continue to be grateful to SMPC, even though I no longer attend every Sunday, because it has given me wonderful people like Ava."

After their initial meetup, the two were inseparable. Not only did they attend PCM together every Thursday, but they went on beach retreats, attended UNC sporting events, stormed Franklin St. after UNC Basketball's win over Duke, and enjoyed all the big and little moments of life as an undergraduate. Their parents even sat together at UNC's Commencement Ceremony in May!

"Transferring to a new school can be scary," said Ava. "I am so grateful for Courtney welcoming me with open arms into her college church community, and I thank SMPC for its love even from 150 miles away. I can confidently say I would not be the person I am now without Courtney and the entire PCUSA family!"

Presbyterian Campus Ministry is often called UKirk on college campuses. It's a wonderful way for college students to find community and grow in their faith (and oftentimes there is a free meal involved!). Learn more at <https://ukirk.org/>.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & MISSION POSSIBLE

**Monday, July 20-Thursday, July 23, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** VBS is a FUN week of exploring the Bible through play, art, science and music! Mission Possible is our program for 5th and 6th graders that involves a week of fun and service. **Register on Realm or go to our website, [smpchome.org/vacation-bible-school](https://smpchome.org/vacation-bible-school) to learn more.**

**Vacation Bible School:** Ages 3 (Potty-Trained)-Rising 4th Graders  
**Mission Possible:** Rising 5th & 6th Graders  
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