



A Service of Worship
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026
10:10 a.m., Sanctuary & Livestream

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

We Gather

Prelude	<i>Meditation on "The Ash Grove"</i>	David Lasky
Welcome and Concerns of the Church		Dr. Sandy Hull
The Lord be with you. And also with you!		
Moment for Music		Zach Bowyer
Mission Study Task Force		Walton Price
Introit	<i>Surely the Presence</i>	Lanny Wolfe

***Call to Worship**

One: Give thanks to the LORD! Praise God's name!

All: We will tell the world what God has done.

One: Sing to the LORD, who has done wonderful things for us!

All: We raise our hearts and voices in praise!

One: Shout and sing with joy!

All: For great is the Holy One who lives among us!

***Hymn 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right:
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 take your part:

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rebecca Guzman

Holy One, you have blessed our lives beyond measure, and yet we often focus on what we do not have. We fail to notice your gifts, take for

granted the people you have given us to love, and consume without recognizing how much we already have. Forgive our ingratitude. Open our eyes to the abundance around us and give us grateful hearts and joyful spirits. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Rebecca Guzman

One: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to save it. We can trust God's promise: we are a forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

Hymn 582, stanza 1

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

We Hear and Respond to the Word

Church Family Moment

Rebecca Guzman

1. **Story Connection:** Read or [watch](#) *The Thank You Book* by Mo Willems. Piggie decides to become a “thanking machine” and thank everyone who has been part of her life. Talk about why saying “thank you” matters. Who are people you want to thank?
2. **Craft:** Create a [gratitude flower](#). On each petal, write or draw something you are thankful for—people, places, experiences, or things you know about God.
3. **Game:** Grab a die and play the [Gratitude Dice Game](#) together. Each roll gives you something different to think about and share. Can you come up with something new each time?
4. **Wonder Together:**
 - a. Who are some people you are especially thankful for? Is there someone at church you could thank this week?
 - b. What are some things about God for which you are thankful?
 - c. Paul tells us to “give thanks in all circumstances.” When might it be hard to give thanks?
 - d. Being a “thanking machine” takes practice! How could your family make a habit of noticing things to be thankful for each day?



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

Rev. Lindsey Odom

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Rev. Odom

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Anthem

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

*There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
there'll be joy in the morning on that day.
There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
every heart, every voice will together rejoice,
there'll be peace and contentment evermore.
And the glory of the Lord will shine, shine upon us.
And the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
and the way of the Lord will that day be restored;
there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.
There'll be love and forgiveness,
there'll be peace and contentment,
there'll be joy!*

Second Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Dr. Hull

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Sermon

"Dogs, Cats, and the Secret of Joy"

Dr. Hull

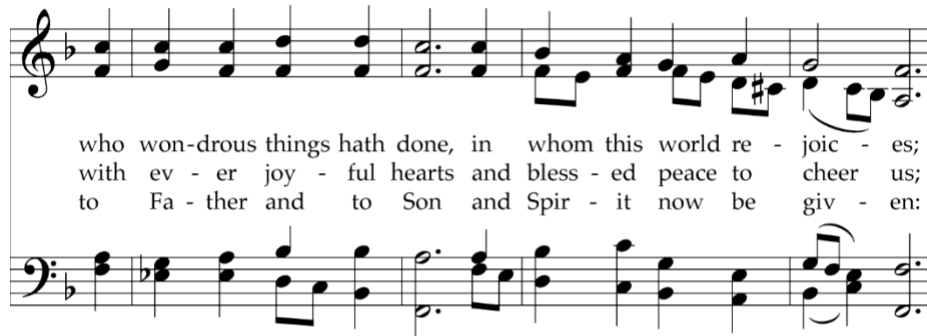
***Hymn 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

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

Heidelberg Catechism

Rev. Odom

One: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

All: My only comfort, in life and in death, is that I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Belinda Hull, cello

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

***Doxology**

Hymn 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**

Giving God, we thank you for every good gift and offer these gifts in gratitude. Use them to share your love, serve your people, and further your work in the world. Receive not only what we give, but our lives as well, that we may be people of gratitude, peace, and love. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 37**

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban-ished,
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

***Congregational Response**

Hymn 80

(choir sings once; all repeat)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands

while you go out with joy.

Postlude

Festive Postlude in D

John Dixon

Congregational Meeting

Worship Service Notes

Leading Worship this Morning

Dr. Sandy Hull, Transitional Pastor

Rev. Lindsey Odom, Associate Pastor of Youth & Missions/Outreach

Zach Bowyer, Director of Music & Organist

Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation

Chancel Choir

Belinda Hull, cello

Acolytes: Madelyn Gaul, Maddie Slagle

A/V Team: Jordan Booker, Chris Wilcox

Ushers: Bob Cushman, Mitchell Davis, Dan DeChant, Dick Engle, Curt Ireland, Tom Klecker

Welcome Team: Kathy Galati, Brynn Latzke, Betsy Leonard

A Congregational Meeting will be held today immediately following the Postlude for the purpose of electing officers.

If you are interested in learning more about our organ restoration and installation project and want to learn about the instrument's history and how it found its new home at SMPC, scan the QR code.



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. 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!

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 or 704-887-7488.

Congregational Notes (as of September 16, 2026)

Remember in Prayer

- Tom and Lori Schellin and their family as Tom's sister, Dodie Barton, entered the Church triumphant on September 10.
- The Mission Study Task Force as they work to discern God's calling for SMPC.
- 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.
- 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

today
SEPT. 20

Scout Troops 119 and 219 BBQ & Veggie Chili Sale Church Parking Lot, Before and After Worship

Order BBQ and veggie chili today in person or online anytime via the QR code. Pick up is at the church on Saturday, September 26, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 27, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Contact: Roy Bivens, troop119clt@gmail.com.



today
SEPT. 20
5:00 p.m. -
6:30 p.m.

SMPC Youth High School Small Group Dinner Home of Amy and Todd Zagora, High Schoolers

We hope every 9th-12th grader will join us for a small group dinner that includes food, fellowship and a short devotion. For more information and to register, visit Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.

tuesday
SEPT. 22
10:00 a.m.

Handiworkers Group Palmer Building, Room 104

All levels of knitters, needlepointers, quilters, cross-stitchers and crocheters are invited. This group meets weekly to work on projects. Contact: Judy Jameson, jgjameson@gmail.com.

tuesday
SEPT. 22
10:30 a.m. -
12:30 p.m.

SMPC Tuesday Mahjong Narthex

Players of all skill levels are invited to join this group, which meets weekly on Tuesdays. Contact: Mary Katheryne Zagora, mkzagora@smpchome.org, to be added to the email list.

tuesday
SEPT. 22
7:30 p.m.

Men's Evening Study Group Chapel 206

The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. New faces are always welcome! Contact: Jon Myers, jonmyers2@gmail.com.

wednesday
SEPT. 23
9:30 a.m.

Pastor's Weekday Bible Study McQueen Room or Zoom

This Bible study meets weekly with Transitional Pastor Sandy Hull. They will be studying the Sermon on the Mount. Contact Adrienne Jaquith, adrienne@smpchome.org, for Zoom information.

thursday
SEPT. 24
9:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast Group Big View Diner, 6637 Lancaster Hwy

This group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month to enjoy breakfast and conversation. Contact: Bob Tyler, Btyler@unitedskates.com.

thursday
SEPT. 24
1:15 p.m. -
3:15 p.m.

SMPC Thursday Mahjong Narthex

Players of all skill levels are invited to join this group, which meets weekly on Thursdays. Contact: Mary Katheryne Zagora, mkzagora@smpchome.org, to be added to the email list.

saturday
SEPT. 26
9:30 a.m.

Bag Lunches for Roof Above Drop off 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.



saturday
SEPT. 26
8:00 a.m. -
11:00 a.m.

Campus Cleanup

Come join fellow church members as we spruce up our campus in preparation for the fall season. The focus will be weeding and light trimming. Bring work gloves, gardening tools (if you have them), water and plenty of sunscreen! Contact: Andy Burke, handy.andy.nc@gmail.com.

saturday
SEPT. 26
4:00 p.m. -
6:00 p.m.

Hops and Vine Around Town
Middle James Brewery, Pineville

Join this group for fellowship and fun! Contact: Frank Graham, Frank.Graham@us.forvismazars.com.

sunday
SEPT. 27
9:00 a.m. -
10:00 a.m.

Adult Study: Christmaker: A Life of John the Baptist
McQueen Room or Zoom

Using James F. McGrath's *Christmaker*, we'll explore the historical John, his relationship with Jesus and what their ministries reveal about the kingdom of God. Register on Realm or via QR. Contact: Rebecca Guzman, rebecca@smpchome.org.



sunday
SEPT. 27
5:00 p.m. -
6:30 p.m.

BAM! (Bible and Music)
Palmer Building, Grades K-5th

During BAM!, children sing, creatively engage with Bible stories, explore instruments, and build friendships in age-based groups. Dinner is served. Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Rebecca Guzman, rebecca@smpchome.org.

sunday
SEPT. 27
5:00 p.m. -
6:30 p.m.

Middle School Small Group Dinner
Mecklenburg Hall, 6th-8th Graders

We hope all middle schoolers will join us for games, dinner, fellowship and a short devotion! Register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch on the Grounds, Sunday, October 4, 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Mecklenburg Hall and SMPC Parking Lot - All are invited for our fall Lunch on the Grounds! Catered by Brown Bag. Adults - \$12; Children 4-11 - \$6; Children 3 and under - free. Register on Realm or via QR code. Contact: Melissa White, melissa@smpchome.org.



Lunch Bunch Fall Gathering, Tuesday, October 6, 11:30 a.m., Trio Restaurant, 10709 McMullen Creek Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28226 - All are invited to join this group for lunch. Bring a friend! RSVP on Realm or via QR code. Contact: Ruth Ann Engle, raengle22@gmail.com, or Anita Schult, coachanita2001@yahoo.com.



New! SMPC Book Club - 'Pages and Fellowship' - All readers are invited to join the new SMPC book club! Their first meeting is Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m., or Tuesday, October 20, 1:30 p.m., in the McQueen Room. Both groups will read the same book, and participants can go to either meeting. They will read *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. Please register on Realm or smpchome.org/events. Contact: Freda Smith, fredasmithnc8@gmail.com, or Jane Brookshire, jane.t.brookshire@gmail.com.



Young Adults (20s & 30s)! If you missed the S'mores and Conversation last week and would like to connect with this group, we'd love to hear from you. You can fill out the short survey via the QR code! Contact: Katie Cushman, blue4navy@outlook.com, or Chloe Davis, chloedavis870@gmail.com

MISSION STORIES - SHELBY ULLMAN

As a new school year begins, we invite you to enjoy a four-minute video featuring education at the ICB school in Bayonnais, Haiti, as shared by SMPC member Shelby Ullman. Scan QR code to watch video; there is also a link to the transcript in the video description. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, contact Judy Jones, (704) 905-3971. Thank you to Judy and Donna Podgorny for their hard work on our Mission Stories!



A Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing elders and deacons will be held today, September 20, at 11:15 a.m. Nominations put forth by SMPC's Nominating Committee follow.

Nominations for the Office of Deacon to serve a two-year term beginning January 2027



Charlie Boldt and his wife, Ann, joined SMPC in 2017. Charlie was previously ordained as an elder in 1986 in Florida and is a member of the Worship Committee; Charlie and Ann currently coordinate communion sign-ups each month. Charlie is a retired Civil Engineering Construction Manager and enjoyed distance running and coaching cross-country and track. Charlie and Ann have two grown children, Aaron (Tampa) and Lindsay (Charlotte) and follow their two grandchildren to their sporting events every weekend.



Geena Woodard and her husband, Michael, joined SMPC in 2024. She serves on the Youth Committee and co-leads a Youth Group small group. Geena has also volunteered as the Elementary Art Lead at VBS and serves at Center of Hope. Geena and Michael have three daughters, Harper Leigh (13), Rue (12) and Jones (9). Geena is an artist and enjoys painting, cooking and being with her family.



Mary Ullman has attended SMPC for over 16 years and has been a member since 2019. She is actively involved in the Life Connections circle group as well as a variety of Mission/Outreach ministries including Roof Above bag lunches, Center of Hope desserts and Nourish Up. You can find her in the balcony most Sundays with her daughter-in-law, Shelby, and grandchildren, Elise (16) and Miles (12). Mary likes to read, garden, play bridge and spend time with her mini schnoodle, Ellie.



Andrew Gaul and his wife, Kaitlin, joined SMPC in 2018. Andrew is an original member of the Men's Evening Study Group and is also a member of the Sunday Usher Team. Andrew and Kaitlin have two children, Madelyn (7) and Ethan (5), who were both baptized at SMPC. Andrew is employed by Keach Construction and works in project management and preconstruction. Andrew enjoys beach trips, watching his favorite sports teams and is an active volunteer soccer coach for his son's team.



Jack Hess and his wife, Mary, joined SMPC in 2022. He previously served as a Stephen Minister/deacon at his prior church. Jack attends the Men's Friday Morning group and provides transportation for members to medical appointments as part of the Transportation Ministry. Jack and Mary have a daughter who lives in Chapel Hill. In his free time, Jack enjoys photography and bicycling.



Freda Smith is a charter member of SMPC. Freda is an ordained elder and has previously served as Clerk of Session and Church Administrator. She currently serves on the Property Committee and Worship Committee, is a member of the Chancel Choir and Book Club and enjoys mahjong at SMPC. Freda and her husband, Al, have two adult children, Angie (Jay) and Zachary, and two granddaughters, Jamie and Erin (Duncan). She enjoys serving with her SMPC family wherever needed!

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Nominations for the Office of Elder to serve a three-year term beginning January 2027



Greg Hobby and his wife, Julie, have been members of SMPC since 2002, with a gap from 2008 to 2012 when they lived in Los Angeles. They have two grown children, Alex and Rachel, who were baptized at SMPC. Greg previously served as an elder at SMPC from 2018 to 2020. He currently serves as co-chair of the Mission Study Task Force, chair of the Stewardship Committee, and serves on the Funds Management Committee. Greg also co-chaired the last capital campaign that paid off the mortgage for our sanctuary. In the community, Greg previously served on the board of Communities in Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg for 8 years. Greg retired from corporate life in banking and now spends his time playing tennis, hiking and enjoying family.



Janet Morgan and her husband, Tim, joined SMPC in 2000. Janet is an ordained elder and has previously served on the Session at SMPC. Janet has served on two capital campaigns and currently serves as the chairperson for the Personnel Committee. Janet previously served on the Youth Council and taught high school Sunday School. Janet and Tim have two adult children, Taylor and Bryce, who grew up at SMPC. Janet is a retired banking executive and enjoys traveling, cooking, sports and spending time with family.



Carla Jaynes and her husband, Chris, have lived in Charlotte for 10 years and joined SMPC in 2023. Carla currently serves as a co-chair of the Missions/Outreach Committee and volunteers with VBS and Mission Possible. Carla and Chris have two sons, Felix and Clark, who both participate in the Youth Group at SMPC. Carla works part-time as an urban planner and enjoys reading, playing tennis, and spending time with family and friends.



Steven Ritchie and his wife, Courtney, joined SMPC in 2023. He currently serves on the All-Church Retreat planning committee and as a parent volunteer for youth group activities. Steven and Courtney have two daughters, Tuuli (14) and Maddie (12). Steven is an attorney with McGuireWoods and enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling and being outdoors.



Luke Estes is a junior at Providence High School and joined the church in 2024 after going through Confirmation. Luke participates in the Youth Group, Youth Music Ministry, and Adult Chancel Choir. He also regularly volunteers as an A/V technician during worship services and for VBS. His other extracurricular activities include playing trombone, marching baritone, and playing baseball. As a youth elder, Luke will serve a one-year term beginning in January 2027.