

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word
July 12, 2026 at 11:00am

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” arr. Berry

The Introit

“Baptized in Water” Traditional Gaelic Melody

The Opening Prayer

**The Hymn of Praise*

“For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 92 (vv. 1, 4, 5, 6)

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

**The Congregational Hymn*

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” No. 420 (vv. 1, 2)

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Blessed Assurance” arr. Labenske

**The Doxology*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Children’s Moments

**The Prayer for Illumination*

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**The Scripture Lesson*

Galatians 3:26 – 4:7

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Down to the River to Pray” arr. McDonald

The Sermon

“Baptism: A New Family”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

**The Hymn of Response*

“Help Us Accept Each Other” No. 560 (v. 1 twice)

**The Apostles’ Creed*

No. 881

**The Gloria Patri*

SENDING FORTH

**The Hymn of Invitation*

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” No. 557 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

**The Choral Benediction*

“I’ve Just Come from the Fountain” Arr. Capers

**The Congregational Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Postlude*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Labenske

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving honor of
the Sunday School teachers and children
by Dr. Gracy Lavender Taylor.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming Ken Pickens – Please mark your calendars for a special meal this Wednesday, July 15, at 5:30 where you will have the opportunity to meet Ken Pickens and his family.

Mission Trip – Join us for a mission trip to El Salvador on March 6–13, 2027. The price is \$750 per person. A deposit of \$100.00 will be due on September 1 with the remaining balance due on December 31, 2026. The group will stay at the Methodist Mission, and projects will include church construction, food distribution and Vacation Bible School. Contact Julie, Stacy or Chad for more information.

Wednesday Bible Study – Join us for our Wednesday morning Bible study The Way of Salvation at 11:00am in the Wesley Fellowship Classroom. It will be held June 24 – July 29.

Annual Rummage Sale - We are accepting donations for our annual rummage sale which is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have items you would like to donate, please call the church office to arrange a time for drop-off. Please do not bring clothing or shoes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the church library

July 13 at 10:00am	–	Kitchen Committee Meeting
July 13 at 4:30pm	–	Student Ministry Meeting
July 20 at 4:30pm	–	CDC Board
July 28 at 6:00pm	–	Leadership Council

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

Wednesday

11:00am Mid-Week Bible Study (Library)

12:00pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:30pm UMYF (Bryan Youth Center)

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Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries
Kindal Gammill, Pianist