

International Student Breakfast

We served breakfast for **81** students this past Wednesday!

Thank you to all who prepped, baked, cooked, served, and cleaned! We are the hands and feet of Christ; how awesome to share and reflect God's love and grace.

Thank you for all who help!

Lunch Bunch

The next Lunch Bunch is **Tuesday, July 28th** at 11:30 AM at Abi's Diner, 10514 Racetrack Road, Berlin. Please RSVP to Jan Phillips

Bible Study

Pastor Jon is leading a Bible study on **Sunday mornings starting at 9 am**. Let him know if you plan to join, or just feel free to come! We will study the book of Genesis.

Fun and Fellowship for Free

Presbyterians from the Eastern Shore are invited to a New Castle Presbytery special night with the Delmarva Shorebirds in Salisbury. **The game starts at 7PM on Thursday, Augus 27th**. The Presbytery will pay for tickets for all church members. We can have a great time together—and meet people from our nearby churches!

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Sunday, July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost



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"Where Do We Go Next?"

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Order of Worship: Sunday, July 26, 2026

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

Our God says, "Obey my voice and keep my covenant, so you shall be my treasured possession with all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." (Exodus 19:5-6)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 67)

CRU Chloe Wallace

One: God is gracious to us all.

ALL: God blesses all peoples.

One: We gather so that we may see God's light,

ALL: And start from here to make God's way known.

One: We worship God to spread God's praise to the corners of the earth.

ALL: All the nations will sing and shout in joy.

One: When we praise God fully,

ALL: All the peoples will join with us, to the glory of God.

Choral Introit: "In the Garden"

*** Hymn: "We Gather Together"**

#559 (Blue Hymnal)

*** Passing the Peace** - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ*

Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Dawn Butler

Lydia Frasca

Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

Christine Ruskin- *friend of Marty*

Amy Etheridge- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Mark Payne- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Larry Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Pat and Ben Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Beth Miller — *Friend of the Hales*

Chuck Shorley — *Friend of the Hales*

Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*

Bob & Carol Reese

Maria Kontoyianni— *Friend of Carol Scott*

Gene Peavley - *friend of the Hales*

Brooke Cannell - *relative of the Hales.*

Janet Bischler - *sister-in-law of Rich and Nancy Wright*

Jonelle Jones

Nancy & Rich Wright

Patti Seaman— *sister of Jonelle Jones*

Roger Baker

We will keep each prayer request printed here for four weeks. If there is a continuing need or a chance of situation, please notify the church office.

Fellowship Hosts:

July 26 Ann Hales

Aug 2 Jonelle Jones

Aug 9 Betsy & Barbara Kipila

Aug 16 Lisa Bayles

Aug 23 Marci Russell

Aug 30 Jan Owens

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ☐

Sun	July	26	Bible Study in Genesis	9:00 AM
Sun	July	26	CRU Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM
Mon	July	27	CRU Outreach Training	6:00 PM
Tues	July	28	Lunch Bunch—Abi's	11:30 AM
Wed	July	29	Student Breakfast	7:30 AM
Fri	July	31	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sat	Aug	1	Sligo-by-the-Sea	9:00 AM

Birthdays: Dennis Sew (7/30), Reuben Wilkinson (7/31), Kim Brenner (8/1), Rich Wright (8/2)

Flowers:

~ The basket of pink flowers is placed by Bob and Dee Lebo in loving memory of our Daughter, Caitlyn as she celebrates her birthday July 28th with Jesus. Caitlyn left her earthly home way too soon to live with Jesus but we know she is alive and well in his arms.

~ The basket of blue flowers is in honor of God's only Son, Jesus and in memory of my Son, Shawn Michael Evans, whose birthday we remember July 30th. Shawn, many precious memories keep you alive in our hearts. Cindy Evans McNeilly.

~ Flowers in both chancel vases are placed by Pat Mitchell in memory of my loving Husband, Kent who passed away recently. We would have celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary on July 30th.

Chancel Vases open for dedications:

August 2nd—1 vase
August 16—1 vase
August 23—1 vase
August 30—2 vases

Call to Confession: (based on 1 Peter 2)

We are God's creatures, but are also fallen creatures. Our sin weighs us down. We come as infants, seeking nourishment to grow into God's force for good in this world. We have relied too much on ourselves and we have never trusted God enough. For these and all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Our God, we have sinned before you and in the presence of all your people. We have reacted to your children with anger. We have responded with indifference when you lead us toward compassion. When we feel insecure and underserving of your love, we blame others instead of taking the responsibility on ourselves. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

*** a time for silent meditation ***

Assurance of Pardon: (based on 1 Peter 2)

We have seen God's glories. We have tasted that God is good. We have felt God's miracles around us. We have heard the proclamation that we are God's chosen ones. God tells us that we will be built into a faithful people to serve others, wherever we are. Even if we do not trust God, God trusts us to move forward in God's power to serve those around us. Nothing will ever separate us from God's abiding love. Friends, filled with the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

* Gloria Patri (unison) #622

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology** (unison) **#625**

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "Without Him"

Faith Testimony from CRU:
Caitlin Kim

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, may our ears be open to your truth. May these words lead us to follow you.

May we learn of your everlasting life, and become courageous enough to live to our fullest in the midst of your teaching. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: Philippians 1: 1-6
Andrew Blackwell—CRU

2nd Reading: Acts 16:6-10, 13-15
Pastor Jon Berquist

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

Time with Children & Youth
Pastor Jon Berquist

Sermon "Where Do We Go Next?"
Pastor Jon Berquist

*** Hymn: "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"**

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(Blue Hymnal)

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed
(unison)

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.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation "**

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(Blue Hymnal)

Charge

Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Postlude

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

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