

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 6, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 89

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

PSALTER, 749

Psalms 17: 1-7, 15

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

\*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14: 13-21

\*GLORIA PATRI, 70

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.

\*HYMN STORY, 378 v. 1, 5, 6

*Amazing Grace*

SERMON

"The Mercy of God's Inclusion"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 8

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. All pray in silence.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY, 95 **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.**

Charles Ferguson

Buddy Butler

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Adam Turner

April Butler

Lynn Turner

HOLY COMMUNION

***Offerings left on the communion rail will go to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help people in our community.***

\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

\*POSTLUDE

Charles Ferguson

\*Congregation standing, as able

A brief called meeting of the **Church Council** held right after worship in the Sanctuary.

**Top of the Hill Rummage Sale Update:** Remaining items are available for a "special fill a box for a donation sale" after church today. **All proceeds from the sale will benefit local mission projects.** Copper Basin Elementary's Snack Pack Program is under consideration for funding. Thanks to all who brought donations for our sale!

All are invited to an **Organ Concert** today at 3 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 7 Ewing Street, Blue Ridge (near Kiwanis Club Fairgrounds). Guest organist Andrew Atkinson is a celebrated organist and pianist and is a member of the American Guild of Organists. Free admission—a retiring offering will be received.

If you can help a grandmother who is taking care of a newborn baby boy—donations of diapers, baby supplies, etc., are needed. Contact Elaine Minor at 561-795-0313 for info.

The **Community Meal** is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 162 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact volunteers at 423-241-2282.

**NewsLetter  
DEADLINE**

All news and calendar items for the **September issue** of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **Friday, August 11.**

**Scan here to give:** when you scan this image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will connect you to the mobile version of the FUMCC web page—a quick and easy way to access it. You can also donate securely online at [fumc-copperhill.org](https://secure.myvanco.com/YJXP/home).

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**Church Leadership**

**Pastor** Gilbert "Buddy" Butler  
**Secretary** Heidi Rule  
**Custodian** Christine Dowlin

**Sunday Servants**

**Ushers** Smokey Brooks, Shirley Russell  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane

**Our Prayer Concerns**

**Our Congregation:** \*the family of Lester Ruark (father of Evelyn Stemmann), T.J. Thompson (recovering from knee surgery), Sally Patterson (recovering after surgery), Ed Massengale, Cathryn McCarter, Jeane Kalchik, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Louise Arp, Barb Bender

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** ^Shirley Sheffer (recovering from back surgery), ^Elaine Crowe

**Others in our prayers:** Tiffany Deaver, Stewart Haslam (rare cancer), ^Don Loudermilk (brother in law of Loretta), Major Andy Lai (stationed in Taiwan, son-in-law of the Callihans), +Lee Womac (Copperhill Postmaster—motorcycle accident), McKinley Majors (requested by Tonya Callihan), Ann Record (recovering from car accident - good friend of Dura Montgomery), Emily Martin Bryant (niece of Joy Turner), Earthquake victims in Syria/Turkey, Kimberly Curcio (friend of Neila Pace), Bee Hicks, Junior Gwynn, ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, Hannah Geren, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine

\*new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

**If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.**

**Birthdays**

12 Lynn Turner

**Anniversaries**

6 John and Mary Mills 40<sup>th</sup>

**If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.**

Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - **canned meat, tuna, jelly, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup, chili**, etc. (We have enough peanut butter, canned vegetables, and macaroni and cheese.) *Thanks to all who contribute - recipients are grateful.*



My daughter is starting a pollinator garden if you have any butterfly bush seedlings, or other flowering perennial plants to share. Thanks! She has a limited supply of fresh eggs, \$3 dozen or 2 for \$5.00. Contact Heidi at 706-455-7941.

**Calendar**

**Today**  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
Brief called Church Council Meeting after Worship in Sanctuary  
For a donation Rummage Sale after Worship in Legacy Hall  
6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

**Monday**  
4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go"  
**Wednesday**  
No Choir Practice in July

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Secretary's Office Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



*Holy Communion*

*Everyone Welcome!*