

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(gluten free bread served)

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 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.

The Offering

Offertory

*Gloria Patri 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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

No. 700

***Benediction**

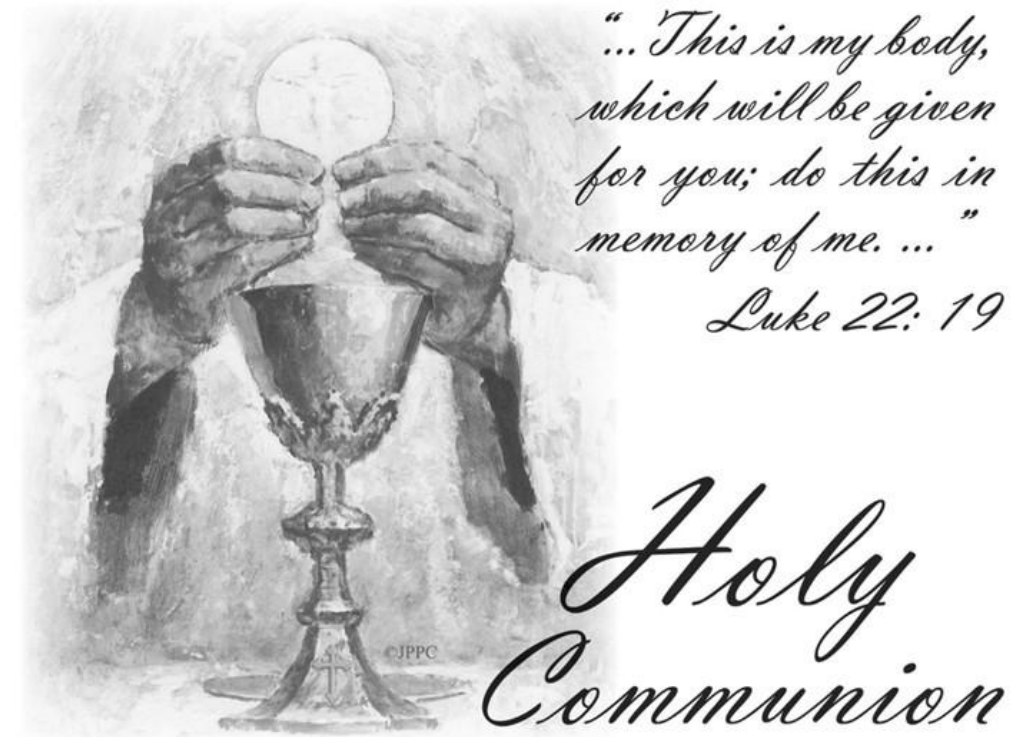
Postlude

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Special Thanks Today:

Lay Leader: Bill Johnson

Usher: Ginger Stapley



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

*Sunday Order of Worship
July 12, 2026*

**We are a community of believers, sharing God's love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

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* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshippers. **For sight impaired worshippers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshippers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

***Greeting One Another in Love**

Minute for Mission

StandUp for Kids

Tina Wright

***Greeting One Another in Love**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Let us sing to God and praise God with all our hearts.

Leader: God alone is Lord. God is Creator of all that is.

People: We belong to God. We are God’s sheep and He is our shepherd.

Leader: God is Love. God’s love is everlasting.

People: O God, Your presence is brilliant. O God, we sing to You!

***Hymn of Praise**

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 307

***Prayer of Confession**

Good and Gracious God: Your goodness and love fill all the earth. We confess that we resist Your good and do not always share Your love. We have fallen short of Your good will for us, and have chosen to follow our own ways over Your paths of kindness and generosity. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us with Your Spirit of goodness and holiness. Fill us with Your overflowing love, and transform us, little by little, into Your likeness, as we humbly pray, in our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Assurance of God’s Grace (Responsive)**

Leader: God loves us so much that He gave His very own Son, Jesus. Those who believe in Him have new life in Him. By his death and resurrection, we are forgiven and made new. Friends, trust the promise of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Word of God, Jesus Christ, we love You, we wait for You, we open our hearts to You. Holy Spirit, prepare us to hear God’s Word to us today. Plant Your Word deeply in our spirit, that we may be changed more and more into Your holy people. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

Pew Bible page 525

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23

Pew Bible pages 690-691

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

The Prodigal Sower

Rev. Joy Fisher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of the Day**

Blessed Assurance

No. 839

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.