

*Welcome...*



*Worship. Study. Serve.*

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# 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017 • 8:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Service

Welcome to Spanish Fort United Methodist Church!  
We pray that the Holy Spirit moves through you as it moves through this service of worship.

## Prelude

**“Come, Christians Join to Sing” ~ Dickens**

*Wanda Cooper, Organ*

## Welcome

### \*Greeting

**“Spirit of the Living God”**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

### \*Hymn

**“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” ~ No. 133**

## Baptism

*Ann Louise Hale, daughter of Lee and Susie Hale*

## Pastoral Prayer/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.

## Prayer Response

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ~ No. 526**

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**The Apostles’ Creed ~ No. 881**

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.

### \*Glory Be to the Father

**(Gloria Patri) ~ No. 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.

## Children's Time

Following Children's Time, the children ages 3 years (by September 1, 2016) through 2nd grade will be dismissed to the lower level Fellowship Hall, next to the Sanctuary, in MC106. Parents may pick up their children, after the worship service, in MC106.

## Offertory Prayer

### Offertory

**"There is a Savior" ~ Nelson & Farrell**

*Dr. Allanda Small Campbell*

### \*Dedication

**"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" ~ No. 95**

### \*Scripture

**Romans 8:26-39 ~ Pew Bible New Testament, Page 139**

### Message

**"Answering Some of Life's Hardest Questions"**

*Rev. Bill Price*

### \*Hymn

**"Be Thou My Vision" ~ No. 451**

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

**"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ~ Jordan**

*Wanda Cooper, Organ*

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

If you need to step out of the service with your child, the Mother's Room is available in the Sanctuary foyer. Please register your attendance in the binder distributed by the ushers during the announcements. If you need assistance during the service, please let one of the ushers know.

#### **Serving today in Traditional worship:**

Rev. Bill Price, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Rebecca Rutherford, Associate Minister  
Beth Allen, Director of Family Ministries  
Zack McCraw, Youth Director  
Jennifer Robertson, Children's Director  
Dr. Allanda Small Campbell, Guest Music Director  
Wanda Cooper, Accompanist

#### **Missionaries we support who are serving the Lord to the ends of the earth:**

John and Lisa Hamilton;  
OMS International in Montevideo, Uruguay  
Rob and Amy Ellis;  
New Tribes Missions in Tanzania, Africa  
Ronnie and Nanny Calvert; Quito, Ecuador  
Monica Maxwell; IMB Connecting, in Southern India

#### **Congregation Notes:**

Our condolences to Bernie and Laurie Eaton and family on the death of Laurie's brother, Lyle Owen, who passed away July 13, 2017.

# Weekly Bible Readings

Meet the challenge to read your entire Bible in one year by spending twelve and a half minutes each day.

You can start any time. This week's suggested readings: Sunday, Galatians 1-3; Monday, Exodus 33-36; Tuesday, 1 Kings 1-4; Wednesday, Psalms 63-65; Thursday, Proverbs 1; Friday, Jeremiah 47-52; Saturday, Luke 7-8.

## *This Week...*

### **SUNDAY, July 30**

- 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall, Main Campus)
- 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (Both Campuses)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Grades 9th-12th (West Campus)

### **MONDAY, July 31**

- 6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Bible Study (West Campus)

### **TUESDAY, August 1**

- 9:00-11:30 a.m. Prodissee Pantry Open (9315 Spanish Fort Blvd.)
- 6:00 p.m. Study Team Meeting (WD102, West Campus)

### **WEDNESDAY, August 2**

- 5:30 a.m. Men's Group (Fellowship Hall, Main Campus)
- 3:30 p.m. Bread of Life ChristCare Group (WD101, West Campus)

### **THURSDAY, August 3**

- 11:00 a.m. Communion Served at Westminster Village
- 7:00 p.m. TLC ChristCare Group (Parlor, Main Campus)

### **Upcoming Events...**

- August 6, Communion Served at Both Worship Services
- August 6, Nursery Baby Shower
- August 7, Trustees Meeting
- August 8, Church-Wide Pool Party
- August 9, Choir Practice Resumes
- August 12, Uniform Closet Open House
- August 12, United Methodist Men's Breakfast
- August 14, Finance Meeting
- August 14, Evangelism Team Meeting
- August 20, Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 20, Safe Sanctuary Meeting
- August 20, Remedy Back to School Bash
- August 23, Catapult Parent Meeting
- August 27, "Back to School, Back to Church" Series Begins
- August 27, Teacher/Leader Orientation for Adult Studies
- August 27, Promotion Sunday
- August 27, Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

### **Online Giving is Available...**

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**NURSERY SHOWER...** Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, **August 6**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Children's Leadership Team is holding a nursery shower to replenish items in the nurseries. Refreshments will be served. Please help us update and replace old, broken items with new. You can make a monetary donation labeling your check, "nursery shower", or go to Target.com or Walmart.com where you can select items from the Jennifer Robertson SFUMC nursery registry. You can bring items with you to the shower, or have them shipped to the church office. Please include your name on the gift. Thank you for helping our "Little Sprouts" nursery ministry. We will not hold children or youth Sunday school on August 6, so that families may participate in the Nursery Shower in the Fellowship Hall during discipleship hour. We will have nursery available. We encourage all adult Sunday school classes to consider joining us to celebrate our Nursery Ministry.

**FAMILY SWIM NIGHT...** Everyone is invited to this church wide event on Tuesday, **August 8**, from 6-9 p.m. at the Bay Minette Pool. Bring snacks for your family, or you may purchase food from the concession stand. See you there!

**UNIFORM CLOSET OPEN HOUSE...** We are collecting gently used Baldwin County school uniform items and especially need boys and girls navy or white shirts. Please bring items to the church office as soon as possible. We are preparing for our annual open house taking place on Saturday, **August 12**, from 8-Noon. To help, contact Jeff Comer at 251-401-4702.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS...** We are sending our students and educators back to school with our prayers and blessings. We will hold special Back to school worship services on Sunday, **August 20**. All students from pre-school through college are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and join us for this special time of blessing. There will be a special prayer for teachers, staff, and leaders, as well.

**SAFE SANCTUARY MEETING...** This training is required for all volunteers in the children and youth ministries, but is open to anyone. We will meet at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, **August 20**, in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.

**REMEDY YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL BASH...** Remedy Youth grades 9th-12th will hold a back a Back to School Bash on Sunday, **August 20**, at 5:30 p.m. in the youth area on the West Campus. Bring a friend and join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

**PROMOTION SUNDAY...** All children and youth will promote to the next grade level in Sunday School and activities on Sunday, **August 27**. A presentation of Bibles to all 3rd graders will be made at both worship services. The 3rd grade Sunday school year is devoted to learning to use the Bible.

**JOIN THE PUPPET TEAM...** All youth grades 7th-12th are invited to participate. All returning and potential new members are asked to join us Sunday, **August 27**, in WD104 on the West Campus at 3:00 p.m. A mandatory parent meeting will follow at 4:30 p.m. Questions may be directed to Beth Allen at [beth@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:beth@spanishfortumc.org) or 626-1334.