

The Falls Village Congregational Church

July 19, 2024, 2026 10 a.m.

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Lay Service

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude – *Prayer* - M. Larkin

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship –

We gather in your presence, O God

We come with our faith and our doubts.

We come with our hopes and our fears.

We come as we are, at your invitation

And you have promised never to turn us away..

Opening Prayer (Unison):

God our creator, we are held in your everlasting arms.

Jesus our Savior, we are healed by your wounded hands. Holy Spirit, be present as we reach to one another in love. God in three persons, be present that we might leave this place more ready to serve you with heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #452 “*Here I Am Lord*”

Prayer of Confession

O God, we live and move and have our being in you. Yet in the midst of the creation glory, we see sin’s shadow and feel death’s darkness: around us in the abuse of earth’s creation; beside us in the betrayal of one another; and often deep within us, a striving against your Spirit. O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another. Heal us that we may be people of healing. Renew us that we may be makers of peace. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (*repeat as guided*)

By God’s grace, you are created again.

In Christ, you are accepted, no matter what.

Through the Holy Spirit, you are freed to truly live.

Be at peace and know you are forgiven.

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 139:1-12, p. 765

Gloria Patri #35 in hymnal

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.

Passing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you

And, also, with you

Let us pass the peace

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8 Christine Wallace

Matthew 25:34-45 Mary Randolph

Prayer

Sermon: “Count your Blessings” Dick Heinz

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *Count Your Blessings* - Excell and Oatman

Pastoral 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #677 “*Peace on Earth*”

Benediction

Benediction Response- *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

(Forming a circle around the sanctuary, please sing)

*God be with you till we meet again; by His counsel guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet again, God be with you till we meet again.

Your tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary.

WELCOME: We welcome those who are visiting us today! We are grateful that you are here and encourage you to join us for a time of fellowship after worship in Miner Hall (the room through the door to the left of the pulpit).

We would love to know you better. Please know that whomever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are always welcome here.

OFFERINGS: Any tithes, offerings, and/or prayer requests may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary.

REV. RICHARD REIFSNYDER was made **PASTOR EMERITUS** of the **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** of Winchester, Virginia on July 12, 2026! Congratulations to Rich and Lynn!!!

Scripture Lessons for July 19, 2026

Micah 6:6-8

What God Requires

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has showed you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,^[a]
and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 25:34-45

34 Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? 38 And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? 39 And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?’ 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’