

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Back-to-School Blessing Sunday

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
August 10, 2025

**The asterisk indicates to stand, as you are able.*

Magnifying readers are available in the narthex. Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk.

BELL TOLL

WELCOME

(9:00) Dr. John Robbins
(11:00) Dr. Jeffery Hampton

OPENING VOLUNTARY

River of Peace
Sungyun Kim, organ

Maureen Howell

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 98:1-6)

Pastor: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**People: The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out for joy.

Pastor: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

* OPENING HYMN 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

Students, teachers, and educational staff are invited to come to the front for a blessing during the opening hymn.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

God of wisdom, we offer you our thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder. We pray for all those beginning the new journey of school, that this year might be rewarding for all and all may learn and grow. Be with those who face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, and the expectations of parents, friends, and self. May they know your gracious presence and seek to grow as your children in service to others and in love for your world. We thank you for your love and constant care for all your children. Lead us daily throughout our lives, in all we do and all we are. Amen.

THIS PLACE MATTERS

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

Rev. Ellen Rowland

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.

* GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jay Clark

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy God, your word is a light in darkness and a source of blessing.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us; enliven our hearts and minds
as we hear your word for us today, through Jesus Christ we pray:

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING

Rev. Rowland

OFFERTORY

Seek Ye First
Rev. Gail Hocott & Lulu Cols-Shownes, handbell duet

arr. Douglas Wagner

* DOXOLOGY 95

OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* (9:00) SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:57-62

Dr. Robbins

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Don't Be a Would-Be Follower

* (11:00) SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:11-13

Dr. Hampton

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Building Up the Body of Christ

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

* CLOSING HYMN 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

* WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in B-flat Major
Sungyun Kim, organ

Henry Dunham

Communion is available immediately following this service in the Chapel.

Classic Worship Sanctuary

August 10, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, *Pastor of Spiritual Care and Visitation*
Rev. Ellen Rowland, *Pastor of Youth & Families*
Rev. Jay Clark, *Chief of Staff*
Pam Lentz, *Director of Ministries to Children & Families*
Sungyun Kim, *Associate Music Director & Organist*

USHERS

(9:00) Darlette Ellis (*Lead*), Ann Bortz, Jesse Gibson, Jill Spradlin, Jeff Stotts
(11:00) Boo Jennings (*Lead*), Pat Crane, Daniel Hines

ACOLYTES

(9:00) Charlotte Stotts & Anderson Stotts
(11:00) Ann Ramsay Blankenship

ALTAR GUILD

Patti Coleman

SOUND

Ryan Eppinette

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

10:00-11:00AM

ARGUE GREAT HALL (GYM)

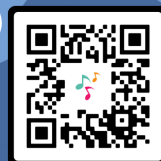
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