

## SERVICE THIS MORNING

8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

### Nursery:

**Infants:** Sylvia Coleman/Kisha Lockhart  
**Toddlers & Preschool:** Angie Benjamin/Carolyn Blair

### Ushers:

Bob Schaefer, Ashley Hogon,  
Earl & Valerie Pettit

Lauren Mobley, Brian Pope,  
Ted & Debbie Matthews  
Larry & Judy Terrell

### Offering Assistants:

TBD

### Greeters:

Maggie Bost

### Acolytes:

Meredith Welfare

Georgia Sharpless  
Cecelia Creech

### Children in Worship (CIW) – 11:00 a.m. only:

**Storyteller:** Anne Cardozo  
**Greeter/Helper:** Anne Hamilton

**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** are welcome in worship. If you find that you need to leave the service to care for your child, ask an usher in the Narthex for directions to an available room.

### **PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN IN FIRST GRADE & YOUNGER:**

Nurseries: (Pages are available for your convenience)

**Two (2) nurseries are offered during the summer months:**

- **Infant Nursery** (Room S104 – Ms. Sylvia/Ms. Kisha): Birth through 18 months.
- **Toddler/Preschool Nursery** (Room S102 – Ms. Carolyn & Ms. Angie): Children ages 18 months through 4 years (not attending CIW).
- If your child attends the Worship Service with you, s/he will be led to the appropriate nursery after the Children's Time.
- **Complete a *bright yellow* Child Identification Sticker**, found in the pew rack. Place it on your child's back. **Please check "nursery" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.**
- Children may be picked up in the above rooms on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Sunday school is offered for children in the Preschool Nursery.

**Children in Worship:** (children age 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

**Offered only at 11:00 a.m. during summer months:**

- Bring the child into the worship service and **complete a *bright yellow* Child Identification Sticker**, found in the pew racks. Place it on your child's back. **Please check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.**
- After the Children's Time, children will be led to **Room U319**. Please pick up your child following worship **at the front door of the Ministries Building near the church offices.**

## CALENDAR

### **TODAY:**

8:45 am Worship Service  
 10:00 am Summer Sunday School  
 10:30 am Family Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 12:00 pm HS Youth, Montreat Youth Conference  
 2:00 pm MS Youth, Asheville Youth Mission

### **MONDAY, July 9:**

10:00 am Unity Creative Connections, Room U321

### **TUESDAY, July 10:**

8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 am SM Supervision Group #1, Room M201  
 10:45 am Stephen Ministry Meeting, Room M210  
 12:00 pm SM Supervision Group #2, FH Parlor  
 6:30 pm Summer Handbells, Handbell Room  
 7:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting, Room M312

### **THURSDAY, July 12:**

1:00 pm Games & Fellowship Group, FH Parlor  
 5:30 pm Staff Team Meeting, Room M312

### **SUNDAY, July 15:**

8:45 am Worship Service  
 10:00 am Summer Sunday School  
 "Welcome to Unity" Coffee, Room M201  
 10:30 am Family Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 2:00 pm MS Youth, Asheville Youth Mission

### **Pastors:**

Rev. Mark Diehl  
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Rev. Jeannie Bickett  
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Rev. Lindsay White  
 Associate Pastor for Youth  
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## The Service for the Lord's Day Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 8, 2018

The Organ Prelude is a veil dropped between everyday life and the Sanctuary. It is a sign for prayerful meditation and silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude *Amazing Grace* Hobby

### **WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE**

Concerns of the Church

Introit (11:00 a.m.) *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Beach Spring

Call to Worship

LEADER: Return to the Lord your God,  
 for God is gracious and merciful.

**PEOPLE: God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

LEADER: God is worthy of all trust and worship and praise!

**PEOPLE: Let us worship God!**

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\* Hymn of Praise No. 356 Nettleton

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\* Call to Confession

LEADER: Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

\* Prayer of Confession

**UNISON: God of tender mercies, through Jesus you defeated death and disarmed all that destroys life. We confess forgetting the promises of your enlivening presence today and of the ultimate victory which the resurrection reveals for our tomorrows. We confess substituting visible and controllable powers for our faith in you. And when the winds of trial are strong and our flimsy faith is blown away, we become overwhelmed and we question your goodness. Forgive us, O God, and shake us free from false hope and shallow faith. Restore us again to deep trust in you and confidence in your promises, sharing with the world your mercies and love. Through Jesus we make our prayer. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

LEADER: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and he died for us, he rose for us, he reigns in power for us, he intercedes for us. If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come. Sisters and brothers, believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\* Gloria Patri No. 579

Choir and Congregation

**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.**

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### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

Bristol Janna Miller  
Quinn Robert Miller

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 32

Anthem (8:45 a.m.)

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hopson

Lynne and Brian Rayl

(11:00 a.m.)

Family Choir

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to save.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our souls now fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Rev. Mark Diehl

“Breathing Deeply the Air of Grace”

“How often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

And Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’”

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

\* Hymn of Response No. 298

In Babilone

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Commissioning of Youth (11:00 a.m.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**UNISON: 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.**

Offertory

*Our Father, Who Art in Heaven*

J. S. Bach

(Congregation is requested to sign the Welcome Pad at this time.)

Online giving option: [UnityOnlineGiving.org](http://UnityOnlineGiving.org) (QR Code on next panel)

\* Doxology No. 592

Old Hundredth

**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.**

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**UNISON: All that we have is a gift from you, O God, and your grace is our sufficiency. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may increase your blessings to others, through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

\* Hymn of Commitment No. 288

Ellacombe

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response (11:00 a.m.)

Strathdee

*The Lord Bless and Keep You*

Postlude

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Harmon

\* Congregation Standing

--:-- Ushers will seat those waiting

## NOTES ON THE SERVICE

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to those visiting with us this morning. We welcome you to Unity Presbyterian Church, its work and worship, its nurture and service, its comfort and ministry. Please sign the Welcome Pad as it comes to you, giving us your address and telephone number. We invite you to speak with one of the pastors, or check “wish to join” on the Welcome Pad, if you desire to be a part of this church family.

**WELCOME PADS** are located in each pew. Each person is requested to sign this pad and provide the appropriate information. Pass the pad to your neighbor and return it to its original position, so that everyone may learn the names of all on your pew.

**BIBLES ARE LOCATED** in racks underneath the pews.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available at the Information Center in the Narthex.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to turn off or silence your cell phone prior to the beginning of worship services.

**EVERYONE IS ASKED** to welcome late-comers to worship by making room for them in the pews.

**WORSHIP BAGS ARE AVAILABLE** for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools to help children engage in worship. Parents will find an instruction card included in the bag; please take time to read it. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, please put the used bag in the return basket.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Chris & Cheri Gall in the birth of their grandson, Elijah Brooks Almond, on June 27, 2018. Proud new parents are Katie (Gall) & Stephen Almond, and proud aunt is Kristen Gall.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Karen Wright and family in the death of her father, George Whitesides, on July 1, 2018.



