

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

July 5, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME – *A hearing assistance system and large print materials are available. See an usher.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (**Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Leader: We are gathered here not because we have seen fit to choose Christ,

People: but because he has looked upon us, and called us to be his own.

Leader: O God, you have searched me and known me, you read my every thought from afar,

People: There is not a word on my tongue that you do not know altogether.

Leader: The joy of those who hear the call of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

written by Bruce Prewer, on [Bruce Prewer's Homepage](#)

***HYMN** *America*

UMH 697

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:6-7

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

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. Amen.

***BLESSING THE OFFERING**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Where He Leads (vs 1,2,4)* UMH 338

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 23:25-28

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. ²⁷“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. ²⁸In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

MESSAGE Cleanliness/Godliness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son....” John 3:16

ALL: God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have life. Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice. Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our siblings in need. Amen.

Christine Longhurst, posted on the [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#) website

COMMUNION

UMH 13

HYMN *Majesty* (sing twice)

UMH 176

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *He Is Lord*

UMH 177

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

**Music Director: Mike Nelson
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift
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☞ Announcements ☞

PASTOR CELEBRATION DINNER – Please join us immediately after the service to enjoy dinner in celebration of Pastor Shannon.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS – Will be held every Tuesday in July from 6:00-7:30 p.m., featuring a free dinner and family activity. Everyone is welcome!

July 7: Tacos and Science

July 14: Breakfast and Bingo

July 21 – Pasta and Games

July 28 – Pizza. Popcorn and a Movie

FIRST BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Please read the special announcement on the back.

Monthly requests include diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, canned meat (chicken, corned beef, salmon, spam, tuna), snacks, and toilet paper. Donations due the first Sunday of the month.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FAMILY SUPPORT – Requests include: rice, beans, corn flour, vegetable oil, sugar, spaghetti noodles and sauce, and feminine hygiene products.

PRAYER CHAIN – For the next few weeks, please call or text Linda Stark at 410-726-2635. Wishing Pat a speedy recovery!

NEWSLETTER – Submit information by the 20th of the month to Paul Nelson at pnelson37@gmail.com

SOCIAL HOUR – See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.

Missions' Team Report First Baptist Food Pantry

At our last Missions' Team meeting we agreed to increase our monthly donations to First Baptist in three areas:

- Toilet paper – 2 large packages from Sam's Club
- Diapers – \$50 each month to buy diapers
- Personal Hygiene Items – \$50 each month to buy products

We are going to do this because we have more money in our account as the result of the Spring Food and Yard Sale and there is great need beyond food items.

First Baptist is grateful for these increases and told us that there is a continuing need for **toilet paper**. They indicated that infant size **diapers are in demand, especially sizes 1-3**. Additionally, **deodorant, body wash, and toothbrushes/toothpaste** are needed.

As your heart leads you to do so, please consider donating these items in addition to any food items.

This year First Baptist has helped:

- 976 people
- 294 households
- 389 children under the age of 18
- 595 people over the age of 18

There is a true need in our community and we are most grateful for whatever support you can provide.