

This Week @ SAPC

July 30 Worship

August 4 NLC Staff Workday (*no students*)

August 5 NLC Mulch Day (8 a.m.); Discipleship Team Meeting (9 a.m.)

Upcoming Events

August 6 Worship, Communion ; Potluck Luncheon for Zack

August 19 Games & Goodies (7 - 9 p.m.)

August 20 Worship, *Blessing of the Backpacks*; Session Meeting

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Prayers and Announcements

JOYS:

Pastor Nominating Committee's diligent work

Kay Scott, Mother of Deborah H., recovering incredibly well following surgery.

Grace F., sister of Clara F., is cancer-free!

Prayers and Announcements (Continued)

CONCERNS: Illnesses, Deaths, Disasters, Global

Colin, boyfriend of Liz H., in USCG basic training.

Adam L.'s dad, recovering from heart surgery.

Caleb, cousin of Kyle H., recovering from serious injuries sustained in a car accident.

Martha S., and her family, following the death of her cousin, Traci.

Randy, uncle of Erik S., coping with cancer & treatments.

Alli (Clark's sister) & Mark as they cope with health complications.

Kefira, great-niece of Beverly, and her family, as she begins radiation.

Kim P., treatment for lung issues

David D., serving in the International Legion for Defense of Ukraine

Daniel G., for his uncle battling brain cancer.

Betty W., for strength during a challenging recovery.

Les F., Don's father, coping with cancer

All those affected by recent tornadoes, fires, heat, and floods.

All those traveling for vacations.

Israel and the struggle for the court system.

Afghanistan & Pakistan enduring flooding.

The people of Greece, fleeing fires.

Worship Team Today

Liturgist: Marie Cahoon

Elder: Deborah Hill

Deacon: Sarah Sassak,

Pat Quinn

A/V crew: Tom Hill

PNC

Amber Gillispie

Deborah Hill

Evan Read

Kirsten Shields

Leslie Dragon

Maria Burel

Marie Cahoon

Elders

Ally Fetch, Discipleship

Clark Seipt, Youth

Daniel Gillispie, Finance

Deborah Hill, Communications

Josh Shields, Property

Lillian Brewer, Worship

Marcia Owens, Clerk

Priscilla O'Donnell, HR

Stephen Fike, Treasurer

Deacons

Evan Read

Katie Dunnigan

Katie Schwiager

Kim Peele

Marie Cahoon, co-chair,

Cong. Care

Mitch Seipt

Pat Quinn

Robin Laybourne

Sarah Sassak, co-chair,

Cong. Care

Staff

Beverly Friedlander, Interim Pastor

Zack Henderson, Dir., Music Ministry

JoAnna Rich, Dir., NLC

Ally Fetch, Bus. Mgr., NLC

Laura Westfall, Office Manager

Priscila Gardino, Nursery Attendant



July 30, 2023

The Lord's Day



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Beverly Friedlander

One: O give thanks to the LORD, call on the holy name of Christ, make known the deeds of Holy Spirit among the peoples.

Words of Welcome

One: Sing to God, sing praises to our Lord, tell of the wonderful works of the Spirit.

ALL: We remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgments uttered.

One: The LORD is our God. The LORD is mindful of his covenant forever,

ALL: for a thousand generations. We are children of God, the adopted hope of the Lord, for the glory of Jesus Christ. Let us praise the LORD!

*HYMN 637

O Sing to the Lord

CANTAI AO SENHOR

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Marie Cahoon

One: In the letter to the Romans, Paul reminds us, "the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." Come, let us pray in the Spirit that we may be one as our Lord is One.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: You, O Lord, are great. You alone are good. We have no words for the ways we shrink from your invitation to follow you. We are speechless when you say we will do even greater things than the works of Christ. Lord, in the mercy of the Living Word, Jesus Christ, speak your peace upon us. Forgive us that we may be set free.

(our prayer continues in silence...)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Romans 8)

One: Lord, hear our prayer, amen. Friends, we know that "all things work together for

good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

ALL: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. We are forgiven and free!

***HYMN 582** Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Please share Christ’s peace with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Romans 8: 31-39

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Rev Bev

NRSVUE

ANTHEM Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me Farren

SERMON Impossibly Unconditionally Loved Rev. Beverly Friedlander

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 658** God Is So Good GOD IS SO GOOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Brief Statement of Faith (excerpts)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbors
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN 607** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS SAPC

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE PC (USA)

PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE
WORLD**

***HYMN 743** O God, You Are My God STEP BY STEP

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

You may leave a financial offering in the plate as you exit, or online via the QR code

