

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Chiming of the Beginning of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Thom Shuman

We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,
knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

We gather, as God's people,
hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life,
knowing that while friends may turn against us,

God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,
knowing that even when life is no picnic,

God prepares a feast for us.

*Hymn *We Sing to You, O God* TFWS 2001

Gospel Reading **Luke 17:5-10**
The Word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God!

Special Music arr. James Curnow
Come Thou Almighty King

Epistle Lesson **2 Timothy 1:1-14**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Who Are Your People?**

Prayers of the People

Offertory Prayer

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Please note: an offering plate is located on the table
near the entrance of the sanctuary*

*Doxology UMH 95

Holy Communion

(Please see insert for World Communion Sunday Liturgy)

*Hymn *As the Deer (3x)* TFWS 2025

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Threefold Amen

Serving in Worship

Today: Ushers—John & Shirley Hedrick, Murray Sink;
Lector—Kathy Lisle; Financial Officer—Beth Dixon;
Trustee—Gloria McGurk

Next Sunday: Ushers—Taylor Crane, Terry & Lynn Blumenthal;
Lector—Greg Lisle; Financial Officer—Beth Dixon;
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Prayer Concerns and Praises

Shared the week of September 25: *the state of Florida and our families and friends in the path of Ian, Tom Sellers, Marge Serrano, Naomi Marks, those in need and not seen by society*

Shared the week of September 18: *John, Ben Coleman, Gwen Lytle, John Neighbors*

Shared the week of September 11: *Praises for our successful "in-house" picnic and the great attendance on that day. Prayers for the family of Larry Tant, Kaylee Dimitrijevic, Janie Mach*

Shared the week of September 4: *Terry Bott, all families undergoing stress and/or difficult times, Neal Walker, Ben Coleman, Howard Cheek, China Moore, Jerry Sullivan, Nancy Willard, Paul Powers, Arthur & Elaine Disher*

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Prayer concerns raised during our worship service
will be listed for four weeks

This Week at Burkhead UMC

Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm

Sunday, October 2

9:15 am New Life Sunday School
9:30 am Seekers Sunday School
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship Service and Holy Communion
5:00-7:00 pm “No Ordinary Wine,” outdoor play in Pilot Mountain, presented by the South Surry Missional Network of the Yadkin Valley District.

Tuesday, October 4

1:00 pm Lectionary Study
6:30 pm Lectionary Study
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 am Knitting Group
7:00 pm Charge Conference Worship Service with West Winston Missional Network, Wesley Memorial UMC, 1210 Bolton Street, Winston-Salem

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 9

9:15 am New Life Sunday School
9:30 am Seekers Sunday School
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday, October 11

1:00 pm Lectionary Study
6:30 pm Lectionary Study
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

Wednesday, October 12

6:00 pm Community Fellowship Meal; Trick or Treat bag stuffing following our meal

More information is available at www.burkheadumc.org.



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October 2, 2022

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Liturgy for World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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. AMEN.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Hymn

*Dismissal with Blessing

You were called to this table. You were fed at this table. You were united at this table. Now, you are sent from this table into all the world. Go therefore into the world, with courage. Set a place for all who hunger. Fill the cup of all who thirst. And as you go, May the Spirit of power and love attend you, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold you, and may the great faithfulness of our God sustain you, now and forever.

*Threefold Amen

Invitation

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's not a Burkhead table. It's not a United Methodist table. It's not an American table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called: come, let us share this meal together.

Call to Confession

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try to come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins, to God, and also, to each other.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:
You have called us to one table,
but we have pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our greed, and in our envy,
the world goes without.
You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our pride, and in our arrogance,
the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence, and in our discord,
the world goes thirsty.
And now we are famished, too, Lord.
Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.
Transform us, at this table, and for this table,
and send us from this table
as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Amen.

**By the power of God's love,
your sins have been forgiven. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. Even when we were dust, when our story begins in dust, you were there, your word was there, your breath into the lifeless void. And upon your word all creation sprang into life. When we were in the wilderness, terrified, timid, you were there, your word was there, with manna just enough for today, with water even from the driest rock, with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests. And when we fell short, slaves to power and greed, you were there, your word was there, on the lips of prophets, and in the hearts of servants, in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, O Christ, our Lord, for risking yourself among us, vulnerable and rejected; for teaching among us, teaching the radical hope of God; teaching grace to a world bent on vengeance, teaching love to a world bent on destruction, teaching peace to a world bent on tearing itself apart. You were there, your word was there, even to the point of death itself. Even faced with terror and hatred and the brokenness of the world, you rose again, to new life, to new creation, to resurrection, that we might know something other than the dust, that we might expect something other than the end, that we might work for something other than ourselves. And so you speak to us again, with these abundant gifts of bread and wine, with which we joyfully celebrate your dying and rising, as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come, and as we dedicate ourselves again to you, thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace together, in the communion of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, the one in whose life and death you have torn down our divisions. And so may we be one with all who share this feast, on this day, of all days, with all your children at every corner of your table. May we share this abundant cup with all those who thirst for your justice. May we share this abundant bread with all those who hunger for your righteousness, May we be united with every corner of your story, united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world. Send us with a spirit of courage, a spirit of power and love, that we may be witnesses in all creation to the unending story of your word breathing life into the dust. Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful,