

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

*Stand if you are able

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Chiming of the Beginning of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship **Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.**

We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

In the sight of their ancestors
he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

**He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.**

In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.
He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

**He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

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

Gospel Reading **Matthew 21:23-32**

The Word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God!

Special Music arr. Timothy Johnson
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Epistle Lesson **Philippians 2:1-13**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Proud to Be Humble?**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Holy Communion *see insert*

*Doxology and Offertory Prayer UMH 95

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

An offering plate is located on the table near the entrance of the sanctuary.

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Recognition of Lay Servant Ministry Award Recipient

*Hymn ***As the Deer (three times)*** TFWS 2025

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Threefold Amen

Prayers and Praises

Shared the week of September 24: *Ashton Vessel, Gary Slate, Shane Plott, Arthur and Elaine Disher, the continuing mass influx of immigrants into our country*
September 17: *David Disher, Bobby Davis, Debbie Canter & Gary Canter, Abby Miller*; Praises: *Kathy Lisle, Susan Disher*
September 10: *Connie Mende, the people & country of Morocco*; Praises: *Kathy Lisle, Church picnic with everyone and sunshine*
September 3: *Family of Robert Johnson, Kathy Lisle, Felix Depois*

Serving in Worship

Today: Ushers—Murray Sink, Nancy Flowers, Gloria McGurk, Brenda Raker; Liturgist—Becky DuBois; Financial Officer—Durwood Howell; Trustee—Mike Price

Next Sunday: Ushers—Taylor Crane, Terry & Lynn Blumenthal; Liturgist—Greg Lisle; Financial Officer—Rick Mende; Trustee—Mike Price

This Week at Burkhead United Methodist Church

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

Sunday, October 1 **World Communion Sunday**
9:15 am New Life Sunday School class
9:30 am Seekers Sunday School class
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship Service with Communion,
Lay Servant Ministry Award Recognition

Tuesday, October 3
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

Saturday, October 7
9:00 am **Kitchen & Pantry Cleanup**

Sunday, October 8
9:15 am New Life Sunday School class
9:30 am Seekers Sunday School class
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 10
10:30 am **Outreach Committee meeting**
6:30 pm **Trustees Committee meeting**

Wednesday, October 11
6:00 pm **Community Fellowship meal**

Sunday, October 15
2:00 pm Lay Service Ministry Award Ceremony,
Boonville UMC
5:00 pm **Burkhead Book Discussion & Dinner**

More information is available at www.burkheadumc.org.



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October 1, 2023

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Holy Communion

Call to Reconciliation

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment, when we tell our God of our failures and faithlessness, so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope. Join me as we pray:

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We would want to be fountains of hope for others,
God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts.
We would like to be transformed people,
but our stubborn pride prevents us
from bending a knee to you.
We long to stand with those who are in need,
but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.
Forgive us, God who came down to us.
Humble us, that we might be true servants
to the broken and lost.
Split open our frozen hearts,
that compassion might flow freely
to those who are hurting.
Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,
that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior,
into that kingdom of grace and hope.**

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news:
in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished.
You are forgiven, you are made new.

**We will complete God's joy
by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope,
with everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise You and we give you thanks for Your diverse creation, filled with purposeful interdependence...

This is why we join with all heaven and earth to praise You in an endless chorus of praise:

Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, who teaches us the way of mercy, not sacrifice...

So we, subjects of God's mercy in Christ, and no longer objects of sacrifice despite the world's labelling, give you ourselves, our differently abled souls and bodies, a fragrant offering of praise and thanksgiving, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Fount of Courage, Breeze of Hope, Breath of Mercy,
Stir into these imperfect gifts of bread and wine the merciful presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ to bless our lives...

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion