12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM August 31st, 2025

⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" Hebrews 13:6

PRELUDE Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: He is the One who sustains the universe by the power of his command;

P: The One who gave himself to free us from the grip of sin and death;

L: The One who, even now, reigns in the heavens, seated at the right hand of God.

P: This is our God who is worthy of our worship!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" No. 43
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 33

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, We confess that we often seek immediate satisfaction, even when it costs us our relationship with You and with others. Too often, we are self-centered—chasing quick fixes without considering the lasting impact of our choices. Forgive us, loving God. Lead us from selfishness and brokenness into lives marked by mercy, compassion, and love. Make us useful to You and to the world around us. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Behold the Lamb"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Trumpet: Shelley Patrick

*OFFERING RESPONSE: "Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

ANTHEM "The Old Rugged Cross" Trumpet: Shelley Patrick

Psalm 45:6-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 1:1-14

SERMON "The Supremacy of Christ" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***HYMN "From Everlasting"**

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Jesse & Journee Titus Greeters: Cora Murtha & Graceyn McKain

Welcome Desk: Kathy Kriebel Fellowship Hour: Kathy Kriebel

Liturgist: Peg Morrison Childcare: Sarah Murtha

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR			
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship	
	5 PM	Fishbone Dinner	
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting	
	5:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting	
	6:30 PM	Trustees Meeting	
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation	
	6:30 PM	Choir	
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship & Communion	
	11 AM	Sunday School	
	6-8 PM	Youth Group	

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF-</u> Sunday School will resume next Sunday, September 7th at 11 AM after worship. There will be communion class for 2nd grade and up, confirmation class for 5th grade and up, as well as classes for all children and teens. Please see Laura Franklin if you would like to help teach!

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF- Sunday, September 7th from 6-8 PM at the church. Bring a swimsuit (as long as it's warm) as we will be playing slip n slide kickball, ending with a bonfire and a look at our year together. Preview our first lesson series on Romans.

HYGIENE KITS- We will be collecting items (individually packaged toothbrushes, full size toothpaste, hand towels, bar of soap, 3-4 oz shampoo, 3-4 oz conditioner, combs, & full size stick deodorant) for 200 hygiene kits for Convoy of Hope. There is a signup sheet with more info. Please place all items in the bin in the rear narthex by Sept 14th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY- We will be starting a new women's bible study on the book of Habakkuk on Thursday September 11th at 6 PM or Friday, September 12th at 10 AM. Please signup in the fellowship room so we know how many books to order.

<u>CHOIR & HAND BELLS-</u>Anyone interested in joining the choir or hand bell choir please see Debbe Picerno. Choir practice resumed at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings.

<u>FISHBONE DINNER</u>- Reminder, if you signed up to bring supplies for the Fishbone dinner please drop them off in the kitchen by 4 PM today.

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"The Supremacy of Christ"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin