

*FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



**5th Sunday after Pentecost  
Independence Day  
Sunday, July 2, 2023  
10:00 A.M.**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 13

Liturgist

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- <sup>1</sup> How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?
- <sup>2</sup> **How long must I bear pain<sup>[a]</sup> in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**
- <sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
- <sup>4</sup> **and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**
- <sup>5</sup> But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> **I will sing to the Lord  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Gen. 22:1-19

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SERMON

*"An Unthinkable Trial"*

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #525

*"Here I Am Lord"*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son  
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended  
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe  
in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory "To a Wild Rose" Edward MacDowell

\*Doxology

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #525 "Here I Am Lord"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we  
are absent, one from another. Amen. (Mizpah Benediction)**

POSTLUDE

"The Stars and Stripes Forever" John Philip Sousa  
Beverly Pugh Corry – flute & piccolo

- - Those who are able, please stand.
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**LITURGIST-** Yvonne Custis

**USHERS-** Team 6 Ron Schultz, captain; Beth Schultz

**COUNTERS - Team A -** Debbie Fooks and Sherry Macpherson

The Parish Life Committee

cordially invites you to



**PIZZA and ICE CREAM**

**Saturday, July 15**

**6:00 to 9:00**

The Homans at 1118 Roadstown Rd in Stow Creek

Please RSVP to Debbie Homan 856-305-1793

Come hungry for food and fellowship!

Rain or shine

## Announcements



**Rev. Norlita** will be on **vacation and out of town** from **Sunday after worship July 2nd** and will be **back on July 7th**



## INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Office Closed Tuesday, July 4th**

### IN OUR PRAYERS

We are praying and ask you to pray also. Please pray for those who are sick, isolated, living in fear and with high anxiety; those with medical issues, which put them at high risk; those making hard decisions; those who are serving on the front lines in the medical profession and first-responders; those who do not know Jesus and feel they are facing this on their own.

#### In our ongoing prayers:

- Al Finlaw  
(friend of Richard King)
- Patrick Deopp  
(friend of Darlene Freitag & brother-in-law of Abby Freitag)
- Richard King
- Ronald Coombs  
(friend of Ray Rodriguez & Richard King)
- Jim Hurley
- Mel Bergmann
- William Fairer  
(Bill Fairer's father)



- Beverly Pugh Corry
- Shannon Willis
- Bobby Greenberg  
(Debbi BG husband)
- Unspoken Request
- Louis (Cancer)
- Louise Robertson
- Charles Pickard  
(Bri Pampuch's Grandfather)
- Ben (Darlene Freitag's Dad)

#### In Care/Home bound:

- Bebe DeLussa

#### Those Who Mourn:

- The Hurley Family
- The Bickings Family

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Those wishing to add or remove people or prayer concerns to or from the prayer list, please contact the church office (856) 455-0809. Please make sure you have permission to have their name published before doing so. Thank You!

### **Session Members**

Debbi  
Boykin-Greenberg

Albert Fooks

Curtis Homan

Debbie Homan

Franz Pampuch

Sandy Zimmerman

Rev. Norlita Kaul,  
Moderator

### **Deacons**

Linda Ambrose

Amy Brewer

Robert Dragotta

Marie Dunham

Debbie Fooks

Darlene Freitag

Robin Freitag

Jane Hankins

Jody Husted

Heather Newkirk

Marge Pampuch

### **Trustees**

Yvonne Custis

Bill Freitag

Ken Freitag

Bruce Hankins

Sandra Huster

Sherry Macpherson

Caroline Owens

Beth Schultz

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