

Sunday Morning Worship Service

August 23, 2026

Today, we welcome Kable Dale

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship** *(based on Romans 8:31–39, 9:14–16)*

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: Nothing in death or life, height or depth, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Christ Jesus intercedes for us; the Spirit sighs on our behalf.

People: We are not alone in our weakness — the Spirit prays within us.

Leader: In all these things, we are more than conquerors.

People: Through the One who loved us, we stand secure.

Leader: It does not depend on human will or human effort.

People: It depends on God, who shows mercy.

Leader: Come, then, not in your own strength, but trusting in God's mercy.

People: Let us worship the God whose love will not let us go!

All: Come, let us worship God together!

***Hymn** “To God Be the Glory” #56

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have declared that nothing can separate us from your love — yet we live as though we must earn what you have already given.

We doubt your intercession when we cannot find words to pray; we forget that your Spirit groans within us even in our silence.

Like Paul, we carry anguish for those we love who feel far from you, but we confuse our anxiety for faith, and we misuse the mystery of your mercy to draw lines between who is in and who is out.

Forgive us for making ourselves judges of your compassion.

We confess that we trust our own will and exertion more than we trust your free and sovereign mercy.

We elevate our own righteousness and forget that mercy depends on you alone, O God, who shows mercy.

Silence us long enough to hear the Spirit's groaning on our behalf. Turn us back toward your unshakable love in Christ Jesus, who intercedes for us and will not let us go.

(Silence for personal reflection)

Hear our plea, O God, according to your lovingkindness. Have mercy on us. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri #812

Children's Sermon

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Give

Offertory

*The Doxology #815

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #151

Scripture reading Romans 8:27-9:16

Sermon Series Being Presbyterian: The 5 Points

Sermon Title “Unconditional Election”

*Hymn	“Trust and Obey”	#571
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***Benediction**

*Postlude

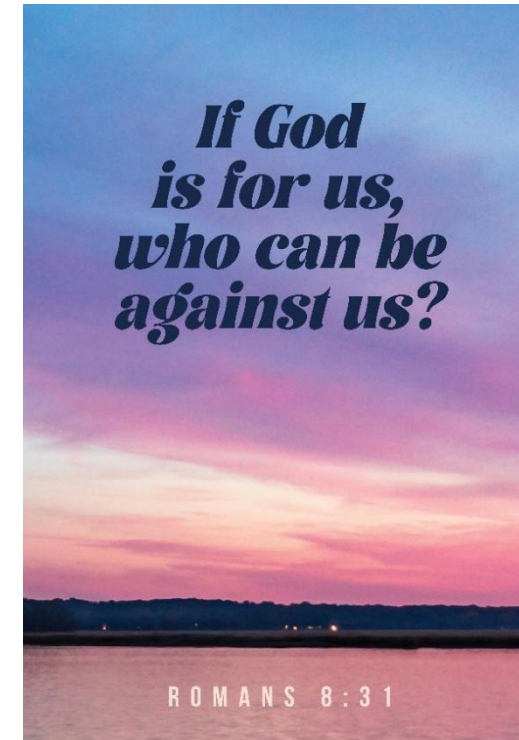
*Please stand, if able.

Announcements

Pat O'Brien will join us August 30th for a "Minute for Mission" time. He will be speaking about the Washington County Prayer Gathering to be held Sunday, September 30th from 1-6pm at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Brochures are in the back of the sanctuary. For more information visit prayergathering.com

This year's "Worship at the Fair" will be September 6th at 6pm in the show tent. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors.

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