

The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is
to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

Welcome to this morning's service of worship!

Restrooms are available in Claiborne Parish House,
the building directly behind the church.

Nursery care is available (more information in Announcements).

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude I love to tell the story Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

Hymn 410 (*blue book*): “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven” *Lauda anima*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity Prayer Book (*red*) page 355

Song of Praise: S280

Collect of the Day (*insert*)

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15 (*insert*)

Psalms 133 (*insert*)

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (*insert*)

Sequence Hymn 533: “How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise” *Lyons*

Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 (*insert*)

Sermon The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn

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Prayers of the People Form VI page 392

The Peace

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Offertory Hymn 529: “In Christ there is no East or West”

McKee

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Sanctus: Wonder, Love & Praise (green book) 858

The Lord’s Prayer (Contemporary)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem: S155

Communion of the People:
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors (when needed)
(in unison) In the name of this parish, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.
We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Hymn 539: “O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling”

Tidings

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude

Postlude on O Zion, haste

Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God by Alex and Kathryn Bruce in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Altar Guild — Robin Bates, Julia Bates
Bread Baker — Andrea Sanders
Tellers — John Gatta, Kathryn Bruce
Flowers — Cheryl Lankhaar
Coffee Hour — Cara & Everest Kitzrow

8:30 service
Vestry — Julia Bates
Server — Drew Richaud
Chalice Bearer — Julia Bates
Readers — Diane Jones, John Solomon
Intercessor — Robin Bates
Acolytes — Ben Richaud
Usher(s) -- Diane Jones

11:00 service
Cheryl Lankhaar
Jaxon Rudder
Beth Wiley
Jennifer Michael, Chris Asmussen
John Gatta
Theo Leffler-Mitchell
Alex & Kathryn Bruce

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Ann’s Church, Nashville

Prayer Requests: Nancy Burnett, Camilla, Edward Curry, Ann Gildemeister, Brady Hall, Emily Shrader Hauze, Frieda Hawkins, Kim Heitzenrater, Phebe Hethcock, Rebecca Gayle Howell, Mike Jones, Duane, Mary Ming Lynch, Brenda Matthews, Mike Mattei, Greg McNair, Emmelia Leffler-Mitchell, Wayne Pack, Susan Pontak, Rick Reuhling, Doug Seiders, Isaiah Shelby, Lynda Stephenson, Lynn Stubblefield, Evelyn Taylor, Ken Taylor, Freddy Tucker, those injured or harmed in the earthquake in Colombia, and those who are suffering the effects of war or violence.

Birthdays: Andrea Sanders, Peggy Ward, Julia Gatta, Nicole Noffsinger-Frazier, Dixon Myers, Lynn Taylor, and Elizabeth Grammer.

Departed: Those killed in the earthquake in Colombia

Announcements

Sunday the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 and 11am. The 11am service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather on the playground or downstairs in Claiborne Hall. Cara Kitzrow supervises the nursery.

Morning and Evening prayer services: are held at 8:30 and 4:45pm, Monday through Thursday in the sanctuary.



Church Picnic

Welcome Picnic is Coming August 23rd!

Everyone is invited to kick off a new program year and welcome neighbors new and old.

There will be fried chicken, and all kinds of salads, sides and desserts. Please sign up on the sheet in Kennerly to bring your favorite salad,

side dish, or dessert. There is also a need for volunteers to help with setup and take down. We will be on the lawn (weather permitting) after the second service. All are welcome!

Colombian Earthquake Relief— Disaster relief efforts are coordinated by **Episcopal Relief & Development** (episcopalrelief.org). ERD is a trustworthy charity that provides aid for disasters worldwide.

Important Fall Firsts — 2026

In August we resume our regular schedule:

8:30 First Service

9:45 Sunday School*

11:00 Second Service

Nursery 8:20-12:00

**Start dates vary, see below*

Aug 23 — Fall Kick-off:

Youth Sunday School begins (Brooks Hall)

Sunday Forum begins

Welcome picnic after Second Service

Rite 13 and J2A begin (Sunday afternoons)

Aug 30 — Adult Choir rehearsals begin.

From Dawn: I am very much looking forward to meeting the Adult Choir on August 30 for rehearsal after 11:00 Eucharist. We'll tentatively plan to sing for the services beginning September 6. Please bring your calendars. I hope to see you all on the last Sunday of August.

EfM Path: registering now: To join our seminar, simply use our cohort registration link: https://engage.theology.sewanee.edu/register/participant_registration_form?form_group_id=5554



Bishop Deon Johnson's essays as the Spiritual So-journer for EfM Path 26–27: *Following Jesus* views discipleship as a life shaped by love, community, and a commitment to justice. His compelling texts emphasize that following Jesus begins with curiosity, grows through vocation and is sustained through community, worship, and shared practices. It moves beyond personal faith into active participation in God's work of liberation, calling believers to embody love, confront injustice, and become sources of hope, healing, and transformation in the world. For questions contact Wendy Prothro Howard at: wendyprothrohoward@gmail.com

August Book Study — Stronger than You Think: Building Lifelong Resilience

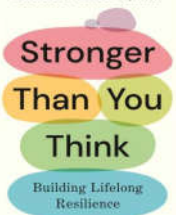
by Sherry Hamby

Tuesdays Aug 4-25, 5:30-6:30 in Brooks Hall

Please bring a drink or snack to share.

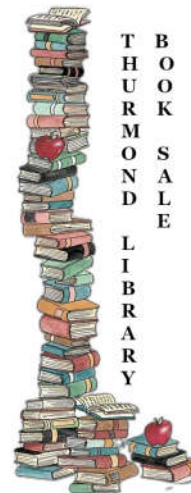
On the final night (August 25th) we will be joined by the author herself. Get your copy of the book now, and join us in August for an enriching experience.

SHERRY HAMBY, PhD



Calling Sewanee's Senior Community Members:

Help us welcome some of Sewanee's newest students with lunch, fun games, and stories about Sewanee! We would love for them to hear why you love Sewanee and what makes this place so special! Friday August 21st, 11:30am, Sewanee Senior Center, 5 Ball Park Rd. RSVP to 931-598-0771 no later than Wednesday August 19th. Suggested lunch donation \$5.



Thurmond Library Book Sale : Thurmond Library needs volunteers for its annual book sale on Labor Day weekend. Volunteers are needed set up for the sale beginning at 3 p.m. on Tuesday (9/1) and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Additionally, volunteers are needed from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 7, to pack unsold books.

The four-day sale, runs from Friday, Sept. 4, to noon on Monday, Sept. 7, opening at 8 a.m. and closing about 6 p.m. Donations may be dropped off at the Kennerly Hall Tuesday-, Wednesday or Thursday, Sept. 1 -3. Hardbacks will cost \$2 each or three for \$5 while paperbacks will cost \$1 each or three for \$2. For more information on donating books or to volunteer to help with the sale, contact Trudy Cunningham at (931) 636-4637.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.

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COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry

and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.