

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Let us bring forth our offerings that we might offer a way to one another. Through our giving and receiving, let us illuminate the path to collective thriving.

Offertory

Reggie Berg

Doxology #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a
continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

*Closing Hymn #157

I Danced in the Morning

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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*A Service for the Lord's Day
September 12, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
16th Sunday after Pentecost*

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.
Parts with an **asterisk *** mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

GATHERING TOGETHER

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Prayer of the Day

Lord, I ask only this: that you would meet me on the road; and that I, expectant, would recognize and know you in your coming and so find my life transformed. ~ Pat Bennett

Gathering Music

Reggie Berg

Welcome

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Reggie Berg

*Call to Worship

Liturgist Marsha Morton

Leader: Creator of the World, eternal God,

All: We have come from many places for a little while.

Leader: Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

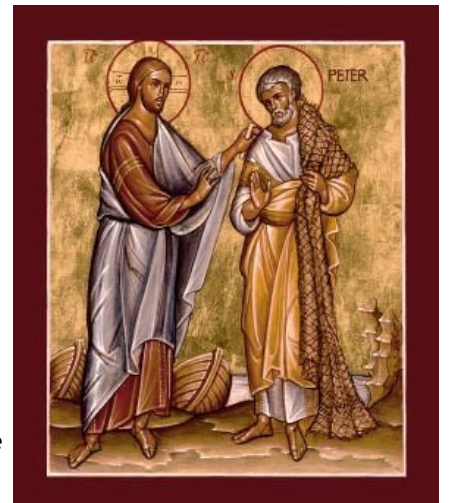
All: We have come with all our differences, seeking common ground.

Leader: Spirit of unity, go-between God,

All: We have come on journeys of our own, to a place where journeys meet.

Leader: So here, in this shelter house, let us take time together. For when paths cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate.

All: In your name, three-in-one God, pattern of community. Amen.



Lighting the Christ Candle (unison) Marsha Morton
It is God, in the dawning, in the renewal, in the arrival, in the new day. Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life and let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come.

*Opening Hymn #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*Prayer of Confession (unison) Rev. Sheri Fry
Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand. You call us to declare who Jesus is for us, but we can't seem to get the right words out. Our tongues engage before our brains do. We want to be a people who are faithful to your word and led by your guidance, but we are easily distracted by the cacophony of words and sounds. Forgive us when we are quick to speak and slow to understand. Forgive us when we do not hear your wisdom in all the ways you speak to us. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love Rev. Sheri Fry

*Response of Praise *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Marsha Morton
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light in your truth and in your will discover peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Lesson Psalm 19 Marsha Morton
Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Take My Hand* by Patsy Ford Simms Chancel Choir



Second Lesson Mark 8:27-38
Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon *Who Do You Say That I Am?*
Rev. Sheri Fry

Moment of Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Affirmation of Faith (unison)
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call to Prayer Reggie Berg

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)
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.

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Barbara "Barb" Wilkison

March 8, 1932 ~ August 30, 2021 (age 89)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday

September 16, 2021

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, Thornton, CO

Barbara Jean Carter Wilkison, age 89, died at Denver Hospice August 30, 2021.

Born of Floyd and Beth Carter March 8, 1932 in Salina, KS. She lived in Wilson, KS; Tribune, KS; Northglenn, CO; and Thornton, CO. She worked as a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO. She married Wesley Wilkison in 1954. Birthed seven children, and became a homemaker and mother for several years. She also worked as a school nurse for a portion of time once all the children were school age. She re-certified as an RN and worked at Platte Valley Hospital in Brighton, CO. She was a long-time member of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Northglenn, CO.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Carter and Beth Carter. She is survived by her brother, Larry Carter (Robin Pilus); her children, Vic Wilkison, Lynn Monahan, Stan (Brenda) Wilkison, Gail (Scott) King, Diane Wilkison, Jim (Kellee) Wilkison, and Kirk Wilkison; her Nephew and Niece, Mike Carter, Rhonda Argabright; her grandchildren, Misty O'Reilly (Ariana Kurtz), Lars Wilkison, Dustin (Japera) Wilkison, Kayla Monahan, Lauren Wilkison, Lindsey (Jimmy) White, James DeWitt, Nick DeWitt, Tony DeWitt, Grant Haskins, Devin Wilkison, Alaycia Wilkison, and Breanne Wilkison; her great grandchildren, Justis Neal, Oriah Rumley, Kira Wilkison, Nadia Wilkison, Naomi Wilkison, Payton Maes, Stanley James Maes, Emersyn Maes, Victoria DeWitt, Gabriel DeWitt, Toby DeWitt, Luke DeWitt, and Licy DeWitt.

Services will be held at Horan and McConaty, 9998 Grant St., Thornton, CO on September 16, 2021 at 1 PM with reception at 2 PM. Relatives and friends are welcome. For guests unable to attend, Barb's service will be live-streamed. Please click on the following link, which will begin 10 minutes prior to services: <https://bxcited.com/barbwilkison/> (<https://bxcited.com/barbwilkison/>)

The family requests guests wear Barbara's favorite color, Purple, if possible.



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SERMON MUSINGS

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Words, words, words, words — collection of letters, but what power they have. The readings today all speak to the effects and consequences of what we say, what we proclaim, and how we use our tongues. We can praise God, confess Jesus as the Christ, speak words of wisdom — or we can ignore wisdom and speak folly, curse God, and deny the costs of discipleship. What we listen to and what we proclaim make all the difference in our lives.



Joys and Concerns

Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Jane S.; for Gil and Karen Siebel; for Martha S.; for Maxine K; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Julie K.'s family; ; Sue H.'s family; Sue C.'s family; the Burress' family; for the families of Barb W. and of Burton K., who are in memory care; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

Here's What's Happening

September 9-15 - Teddie away on vacation

September 15 - Choir Practice 7 - 8:15 pm

September 16 - Sometimes Circle at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall

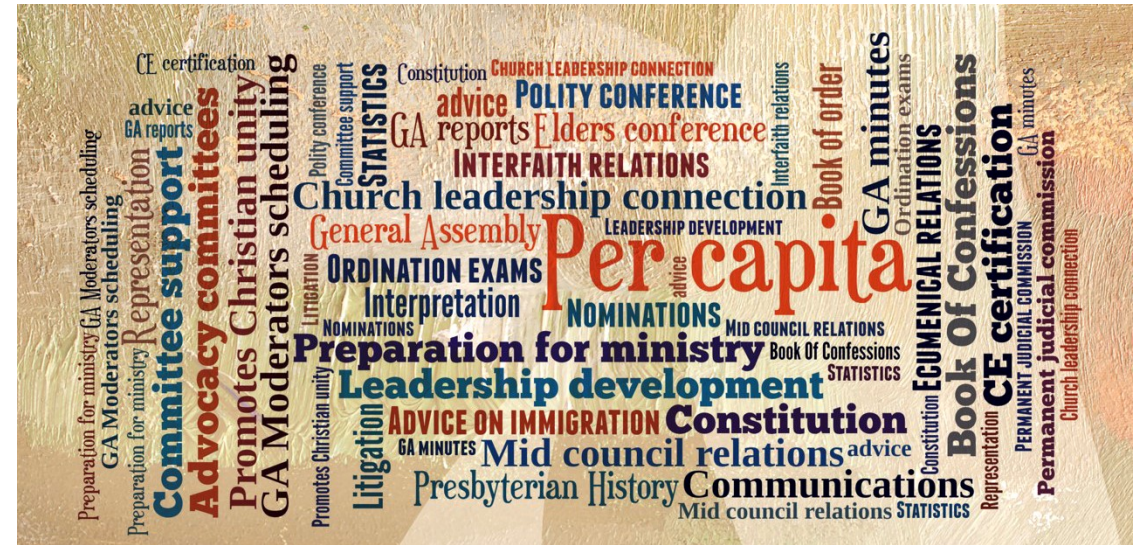
September 18 - Food Bank open 9 - 12

SOMETIME CIRCLE

Sometimes Circle's first fall meeting will be at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Sept. 16th. All women are invited to attend. Mary McCarron has copies of the new Study book. Please see her or the church office about getting your copy! **If possible, please bring photos of one or both of your grandmothers to the meeting.**

Coffee hour needs YOU!

Coffee hour after church is a great opportunity to get to know each other better and catch up with friends. We need people to sign up to provide snacks and start the coffee before church so coffee hour will be a success. The sign up sheet is on the wall in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen. Please consider hosting this fellowship time.



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Thank You!

Pastor Sheri