SERVICE OF WORSHIP
July 26th, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude — ***Gail Meeks***
Chiming of the Trinity
Welcome and Announcements — ***Johnie Marion***
Call to Worship (responsive) — ***Rev. David Julian***

Rejoice in the Lord!
Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!
God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God's love.
Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our Creator.
God's love endures forever.
Amen! Let us worship together.

Opening Prayer
*Hymn of Praise **"Fairest Lord Jesus"** ***#87***

Call to Confession

Jesus tends the wounds of a broken world and binds up the broken-hearted. By faith, let us confess our need for healing.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we confess, a bit pridefully, that we appreciate decency and order, forgetting that we seek the order that is of our own making. We confess that clear rules and social norms give us comfort, forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded by them. We confess that we place our trust and ability, strength, and the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace. Forgive us God, and free us to live in courageous faith, that we may abide in your righteousness. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." We have been blessed with God's grace and mercy in abundance, through Jesus Christ. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading **I Samuel 16:1-13 (Pew Bible OT Pg. 253)**
Chancel Choir **"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"** ***arr. Russell Mauldin***
Children's Message — ***Mary Ruth Whitaker***
Second Reading **1 Corinthians 13:12 (Pew Bible NT Pg.165)** ***Rev. Julian***

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination
Sermon **"Call Me Lucky"** ***Rev. David Julian***
Moment of Reflection
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer — ***Rev. David Julian***
Offering
*Doxology ***#815***

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Sending **"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"** ***#581***
*Blessing and Charge — ***Rev. David Julian***
Postlude — ***Gail Meeks***

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Military	**Ongoing**	New
Tony Cox	Ray & Connie Barber	**Interim Pastor**
Heather Hess	Lester Bailey	**Full-Time Pastor**
Andrew Roberts	Wilma Gray Blue	Floyd Black
Kasey Spry	Lauren Bobo	Richard Blue
Jaiden Washington	Macey Craven	Jerry Cole
Henry Weaver	Phil & Mary Fisher	Bonnie Garner
	Pearl Frye	Edwina Halverstadt
	Norman Harris	L.C. King
	Jimmy & Carolyn Lea	Kemille McKenzie
	Susan McCrimmon	Josh McKenzie
	Aurora McKenzie	Otis Patterson
	Robin McKenzie	Larry & Catherine Sears
	Dot Monroe	Sandra Turbeville
	Blaine Moricle	
	Justin & Rebekah Ritter	
	Donald Robinson	
	Mike & Cathy Salargo	
	Carolyn Smith	

Elder for the month of July: Robert Barber 910-690-8851

Today we welcome Rev. David Julian as our guest preacher. See the insert for his biography.

This is the last week for **Christmas in July**. All boxes are due back by July 31st. The suggested shipping cost is $10.00 per box. Remember to pray for the child who will be receiving your box and have fun filling it.

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Circle 3.

"I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and texts with words of support and encouragement for a speedy recovery." Wes Cole

Biography of Rev. David R. Julian

Rev. David R Julian is a member of the First Baptist Church of Southern Pines and Minister of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. As a young man, he attended Highland United Methodist Church in Hickory, NC and the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, NC. He is a graduate of Wingate College, Wingate, North Carolina, (1979) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, (1982).

He is Clinical Member of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, and did supervisory training in Wilmington, NC., Kansas City, Missouri, Baptist Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina and the McFarland Institute in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is a certified Clinical Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains, the College of Supervision and Psychotherapy and the National Association of Veterans Affairs.

In September 2019, he retired as a Clinical Chaplain from the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, Georgia, where he led groups in PTSD, substance, abuse, grief, and complicated grief, ethics, self-esteem, and served as the hospice chaplain. He has served on church staffs with the First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA, First Baptist Church, Ridgeway, VA and Warsaw, Baptist Church, Warsaw, NC.

He served as a Chaplain in US Army Chaplain Airborne at Fort Bragg, NC, during the Gulf War and Operation Uphold Democracy from 1990 to 1997. He also served as a Campus Minister Intern at Gardner Webb University and was the summer Chaplain for the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell Beach. He likes to read, write, preach and play golf.