

Welcome! We are glad you are here. You are invited to share your joys and concerns with the congregation. At the back of the sanctuary, you will find a prayer request form to fill out and place in the prayer basket in the back of the sanctuary. For online worshippers, please use Zoom Chat or Facebook Comments. Prayer requests will be included in the Sunday prayer email unless marked for the Pastor alone. Financial offerings can be placed in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are near the kitchen, to the left as you exit the Sanctuary. Where you see "please rise" – please do so in body and/or spirit.



Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church

Pastor – Rev. Diane Hoppe Hugo

*The mission of Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church is to be in partnership with God
to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world.*

Service for the Lord's Day – September 27, 2026 – 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's service of worship is led by your elders currently serving on Session

Welcome: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle & a Time of Silence

Prelude

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Come, bless the Lord who guides us; whose wise teaching directs our days
and focuses our minds at night; whose presence sustains us and surrounds us here.

We bless the Lord who is present among us.

**We will not be shaken or live in fear, but we will sing God's praise
and we will worship with joy!**

Hymn of Praise GTG #817 *(please rise)* **"We Walk by Faith"**

Invitation to a Time of Confession: God's grace and providence surrounds us always. We, however, doubt in such divine abundance. Draw near with boldness, that we might see how we are and imagine what God might do through us. Let us pray responsively,

Prayer of Confession

God you have given each of us many gifts,

but at times we fail to recognize the gifts among us, we feel there is not enough.

God you remind us that all gifts are needed,

but at times we let ourselves be convinced that our gifts are not important.

God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,

but at times we prefer independence over mutuality.

For the times we have ignored, neglected, or doubted your will and your provisions,

hear our individual words of repentance as we ask for your forgiveness and grace...

-Silent Confession-

Assurance of Forgiveness: The Lord is merciful and gracious. When we stumble, God forgives our sins and gives us strength for the road ahead. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Prayer for Illumination *(together)*: Guide us, O God, as your word is read and reflected upon, that in your light we may see our path, in your truth we may discover wisdom for this day, and by your will we may know your amazing grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's Provisions for the Journey, Part II Scripture Lessons and Reflections

2 Kings 2:1-15, Reflection by Elder George Huggins

Acts 1:21-26, Reflection by Elder Mark Bergeron

John 21: 15-17, 19, Reflection by Elder Balinda Washington

Profession of the Church's Faith *(responsively)* From the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: Question 55, "What do you understand by "the communion of saints?"

First, that believers, one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.

Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Hymn of Response GTG #819 *(please rise)* *Be Still, My Soul*

Joys and Concerns, including a Letter from Elder Shirley Reese, Clerk of Session

We resolve to pray for each other, our community and our world at 10:10 am or pm –

10:10 being the time we worship on the Lord's Day. Join us as you are able.

Pastoral Prayer by Elder Flo MacMullen and the Lord's Prayer, using debts/debtors, Glory to God. p.35

Offering Invitation *followed by silence for reflection*

Prayer of Dedication *(together)* Holy God, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. Shape us for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Amen.

Hymn GTG # 821 *(Please rise)* *My Life Flows On*

Charge to the Congregation: God is Good—**All the Time.** All the Time—**God is Good.**

Postlude

Benediction

Worship is followed by refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, please join us!!

We are an Earth-care church so, unless you plan on taking your Order of Worship home or to share with others, please be so kind as to recycle it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

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