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Daily Lectionary Readings

- **Monday, August 17, 2026:**
[Psalm 87](#); [2 Kings 5:1-14](#); [Acts 15:1-21](#);
- **Tuesday, August 18, 2026:**
[Psalm 87](#); [Isaiah 43:8-13](#); [Romans 11:13-29](#);
- **Wednesday, August 19, 2026:**
[Psalm 87](#); [Isaiah 66:18-23](#); [Matthew 8:1-13](#);
- **Thursday, August 20, 2026:**
[Psalm 138](#); [Ezekiel 28:11-19](#); [1 Corinthians 6:1-11](#);
- **Friday, August 21, 2026:**
[Psalm 138](#); [Ezekiel 31:15-18](#); [2 Corinthians 10:12-18](#);
- **Saturday, August 22, 2026:**
[Psalm 138](#); [Ezekiel 36:33-38](#); [Matthew 16:5-12](#);

Land Acknowledgement

We are on land that was faithfully stewarded and kept by indigenous people for countless generations. We honor and acknowledge that the following Nations and Tribes were present in the area now known as Montgomery County: Chippewa; Delaware; Eel River (Miami; Kaskaskia (Miami, Peoria); Kickapoo; Miami; Ottawa; Piankishaw (Miami, Peoria); Potawatomi; Shawnee; Wea (Peoria); and Wyandot. We acknowledge that the land was taken from these people with violence and without treaty. We recognize, too, that this was often done under cover of Christianity and the doctrine of discovery, which we renounce. We lament the misuse of our religion to oppress and kill. We honor the Indigenous people's ongoing work for recognition and their fight to recover that relationship with the land that has been so damaged by centuries of violence and oppression. We also want to acknowledge that as we continue to honor the land and her people, we have amongst us who are indigenous people displaced from other places. We care and acknowledge them in this statement of joy.



***But she came and knelt before him,
saying,
"Lord, help me."
Matthew 15:25***

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“Serving the God who loves and values all.”

ORDER OF SERVICE

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Youth Sunday

PRELUDE *José LaMont Jones*

ACOLYTE *Serenity Schiessler-Benson*

GATHERING PRAYER: In Unison

Magnificent God!!

Loving and giving creator!! We are so thankful today because you keep on looking out for us, you never give up on us. And, your constant love for us and your faithfulness are the cause of our joy and our hope. As we gather on this beautiful summer morning, we thank you for the wonder and the miracle of another day of life. We praise you that you woke us up this morning and started us on our way. You have spared our lives one more time and you have allowed us again to witness and to perceive the astounding and incredible works of your hand. We are gratified that you have called us together yet again as siblings in Christ Jesus, that we might praise and worship you and to give thanks for the gifts and blessings you have faithfully and steadfastly bestowed upon us even when we are unfit and unworthy. We pray all this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen and Asé.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *We Gather Together (insert)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: *The Son of man came not to be served*

P: **but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.** (Mark 10:45)

L: *The word of God is living and active.*

P: **It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.** (Heb. 4:12)

L: *Shine like stars in the world*

P: **holding fast to the word of life** (Phil. 2:15, 16)

All: Let us joyfully worship God!

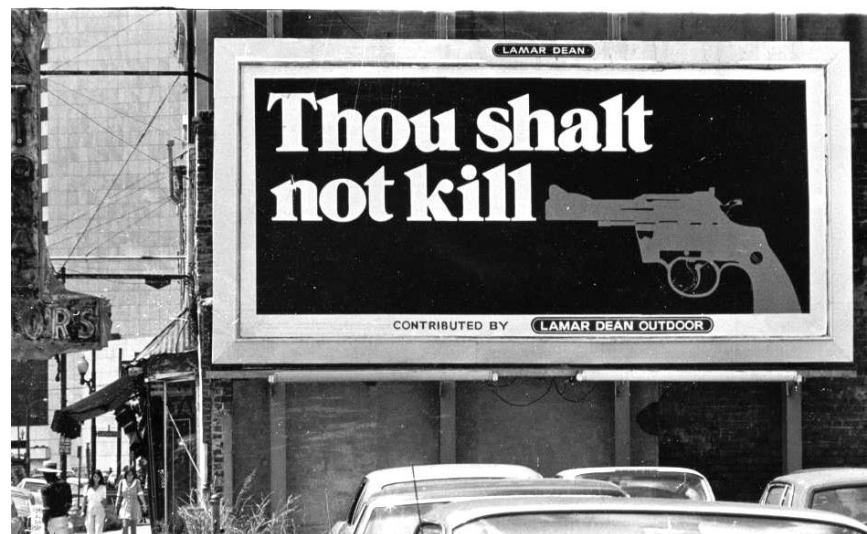
ANOUNCEMENTS

***Presbyterian response to gun violence
across the decades***

July 15, 2026

McKenna Britton, Presbyterian Historical Society

Presbyterian News Service



Billboard over New Orleans

(From the Religious News Service photograph collection at the Presbyterian Historical Society)

<https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2026/7/15/response-gun-violence-across-decades>

Session

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Stan Hirtle	Larry Hollar	José Jones
Jacqueline McKenzie	Obie Harris	Ivy Young

Board of Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Marcus Johnson	Pat Townsel	Bernetha Pulliam
Diann Harris	Marjorie Baker	MacArthur Lakes

Clerk of Session

Ivy Young

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Whose kingdom calls all to the love which endures.
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
You, Lord, were at our side; all glory be Yours!
3. We all do extol You, our leader triumphant,
And pray that You still our defender wilt be.
Let Your congregation escape tribulation:
Your name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Leader: *College Hill Community Church seeks to serve God in all that we do, and in how we live our lives. These are weekly announcements describing some of our faithful actions as God's people.*

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

CHOIR ANTHEM *In the Sanctuary*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: *The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18) Let us admit our brokenness to God.*

All: *Merciful God, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the daily-ness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

A moment of silent reflection is kept

Leader: *Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:18-19). The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

All: *Thanks be to God. Amen*

GLORIA PATRI PH 579

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US

Leader: *College Hill Community Church welcomes diversity in our worship and above all in the works of ministry that we do in our community and throughout the world. We welcome everyone to join in serving God and neighbor.*

Líder: *La Iglesia Comunitaria de College Hill acoge la diversidad en nuestro culto y, sobre*

todo, en las obras ministeriales que realizamos en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

Invitamos a todos a unirse al servicio de Dios y al prójimo.

Leader: *If you are worshipping with us for the first time today—or are back with us after a long time away—please share your name with us so we can welcome you.*

Lider: *Si usted está participando hoy en este servicio con nosotros por primera vez--o está de regreso con nosotros después de un largo tiempo fuera--por favor comparta su nombre con nosotros para que podamos darle la bienvenida.*

COLLECT PRAYER SHEETS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: *If you have written out prayer requests on the sheets in your pews, the ushers will collect those requests now and they will be read during our prayer time.*

Lider: *Si usted ha preparado una oración escrita en los papeles en su banco, en este momento los ujieres vienen para recogerlas, y serán leídas durante el tiempo de oración.*

Leader: *Please stand now in body or in spirit and share the peace of Christ by saying: “The peace of Christ be with you.” And in Spanish we say:*

Líder: *“La paz de Cristo esté contigo.”*

Kiongozi: *And in Swahili we say: “Amani ya Kristo iwe nanyi.”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 45:1-15 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:10-28

SERMON: “ ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting...’ ”

Rev. Dr. Charles D. Tinsley, IV

HYMN *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (insert)

TOGETHER WE CONFIRM THE MISSION OF THIS CHURCH:

All: The mission of College Hill Community Church is
“Serving the God who loves and values all.”

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY PH 592

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHARGE

Líder: *Nos hemos reunido para adorar. Ahora vamos a servir a los demás con la gracia y el amor de Dios. Fuimos llamados a este lugar como miembros de la familia de Dios. Ahora salimos a descubrir que los desconocidos son hermanos y hermanas de Jesús, al igual que nosotros. Se nos ha recordado que no hay diferencias entre nosotros. Ahora caminamos junto al Espíritu para acoger a cada persona en el abrazo de la esperanza y la justicia.*

Todos: Amén.

Leader: *We came together to worship. Now we go to serve others with God’s grace and love. We were called to this place as members of God’s family. Now we head out to discover that strangers are siblings of Jesus, just like us. We have been reminded that there are no differences between any of us. Now we journey with the Spirit to welcome each person into the embrace of hope and justice.*

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *GO WITH GOD* LBH 138

POSTLUDE

“Lord, we have pushed so many of our children into the tumultuous sea of life in leaky boats without survival gear. Help us to give all our children the anchor of faith, the rudder of hope, the sails of education, and the paddles of family to keep them going when life’s sea gets rough.”

--Marian Wright Edelman

