

### Flower Dedication

The flowers in the worship area this week are offered to the Glory of God and by Judy Styles.

### WORSHIP LEADERS for today September 17

**9 AM Service** Greeter: Savanna Harris  
Host: Nicole Harris  
Worship Leader: Don Barnhart  
Power Point: Tennent Lee

**11 AM Service** Usher: Larry Clark  
Worship Leader: Tennent Lee  
Reader: Larry Clark

### BIG COVE MINISTRIES this coming week September 17-23:

CARE Center Pick-up: Gary Bass  
WAVE Team: Neva Beasley

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Members:** Larry Clark; Edith Cropp; Betty Finley; Ray Waldrop; Pat Burke; Mary Burnette; Sandy Young; Merrie Duncan  
**Friends & Relatives: the family and friends of Amanda Vernon; Cozette O'Neal** (friend of Big Cove, owner of Cozy Cove Llama Farm); all those affected by hurricanes; Rev. Houston & Pat Hodges; Rev. Bill & Sarah Shouse; Becky Marshall (mother of Melinda Harvey); Jillian Shandra (daughter of Melinda Harvey); Janie Putnam (friend of Gail Birdsong)  
**The Church:** North Alabama Presbytery  
**Military & International:** The nation's service men and women  
**Our Nation:** Our President; Our Representatives  
**Big Cove Missions & Ministries:** CARE Center; Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; Presbyterian Home for Children

Note: Our CCLI Music license allows *only the lyrics* (and not the musical score for the tunes) to be printed or projected during worship.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcomed into the Church Triumphant:*

**Amanda Susan Vernon**

March 9, 1960 – September 11, 2017

### This Week:

**Monday –6:00 Centering Prayer** (Classroom 3)  
**Tuesday – 10:00 am –Steady for Life** (Worship Center)  
**Tuesday – 11:00 am – Prayer Group** (Classroom 3)  
**Wednesday – 6:00 pm –Current Conversations** (Classroom 2)  
**Wednesday – 7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)  
**Thursday – 10:00 am –Steady for Life** (Worship Center)

All Christian Exploration gatherings will meet today between worship services.

**You can help our neighbors affected by the Hurricanes.** It appears that a great many more people will need help after Irma. If you can give several times, please do! Place a check in the offering on Sundays or leave one at the church with "Hurricane relief" in the memo line. The session will continue to review the best ways to share with those who need help.

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## WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



*...how often should  
I forgive?  
"Not SEVEN times,  
but, I tell you,  
SEVENTY-  
SEVEN  
times."*

*Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV*

**September 17, 2017**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Pastor:** Rev. Candice L Klein

**"First Light" Worship – Sundays at 9 AM**

**Guitarist:** Julian Palmer

**Percussionist:** Jimmy Jones

**Traditional Worship – Sundays at 11 AM**  
**Music Director and Pianist:** Jervon Niska

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## 9:00 am - First Light Worship on the Lord's Day

Our Creator surrounds and upholds us. The Christ walks beside and before us. The Holy Spirit moves within and among us. Our world is alive with the glory of God!

### Gathering

\*Call to Worship

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Preparation for Message

### Proclaiming

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings Genesis 50: 15-21 40  
Matthew 18: 21-35 695-696

The Message "Intended for Good" Rev. Candice L. Klein

### Responding

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests~~Announcements

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (A Time for Silent Reflection)

### Sending

\*Sending Song

Blessing and Sending

\*Please stand if you are able

## 11:00 am - Traditional Worship on the Lord's Day

Our Creator surrounds and upholds us. The Christ walks beside and before us. The Holy Spirit moves within and among us. Our world is alive with the glory of God!

Amen

Prelude "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord" Arr. Nathan DiGesare

Welcome and Announcements

### Gathering

\*Call to Worship

Disciples and doubters, faithful and those who show uncertainty,  
**we are the people of God, who welcomes us all.**

Followers and those who lag behind, open-hearted and close-minded,

**we are the Lord's, who is always patient with us.**

Reconcilers and stubborn mules, foolish and sensible,

**we belong to the Holy Spirit, who encourages us in every moment.**

People of God, called as disciples

**We belong to the Holy God, and we have come to worship!**

\*Hymn of Praise "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" 598

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Lord, we have sought material things, but we have not sought you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown it to others. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have been closed minded in our beliefs and judgmental in our opinions. Forgive us once again today, and fill our hearts with true gratitude. Help us to share our gifts with your people, and rest in the peace of your unending mercy. We pray in the powerful name of the Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, show to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus the Christ, I declare that we are forgiven,

**Thanks be to God! We are never forgotten or abandoned, but take heart in the forgiving love of our God. Amen.**

Response Gloria Patri 734

Passing the Peace of Christ

### Proclaiming

Anthem

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 50: 15-21 40

\*Hymn of Reflection "At the Name of Jesus" 321

Gospel Matthew 18: 21-35 695-696

Sermon "Intended for Good" Rev. Candice L. Klein

### Responding

\*Affirmation of Faith

**"We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others. Amen." This we believe. Amen.** (Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Near to the Heart of God" Arr. Roger House

\*Doxology 34

Offertory Prayer

### Sending

\*Song of Sending "We Are Called to be God's People" 580  
(Stanzas 1-2)

Blessing and Sending

Benediction Response "We Are Called to be God's People" 580  
(Stanza 3)

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able