

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Creator of an intricately woven creation, we don't always make or see the connections we should. We forget that we are part of an interconnected world and that our actions impact that world. Help us to remember that you call us to relationship with one another. When our attention rests for too long on our own needs and wants, help to turn our gaze out, up and around so that we might be the people you created us to be.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

**We believe in a God whose very existence is connectional,  
Father, Son, Holy Ghost.  
Mother, Child, Holy Spirit.  
Creator, Christ, Sustainer.  
We believe that we are connected to God and to one another.  
We affirm that our actions impact all of God's good creation.  
Our choices affect our neighbors.  
We do not exist in isolation.  
We trust that God loves all of us, in all of our connections  
And in our unique identities and personalities.  
God calls us to care for all God's creatures,  
To remember our deep interconnectedness,  
To be ourselves, to wonder,  
To journey, to receive Good News,  
And to share the Good News with everyone around us. Amen.**

**RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**                    “Rock of Ages” (arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.)  
Rick Robertson, piano

**\*RESPONSE**                    “Give Thanks”

***Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son. (Repeat)***

***And now let the weak say, “I am strong”,  
Let the poor say “I am rich”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)***

***Give thanks, give thanks.***

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 10:38-42

***Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts.  
Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love.***

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Chase Davis

***(Refrain) Shout to the north and the south;  
sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.***

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**    “Sanctuary”

***Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You. (Repeat)***

***Rise up church, with broken wings; fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high; by God's grace again we'll fly.***

***(Refrain) Shout to the north and the south;  
sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.  
He is Lord of heaven and earth.***

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Excerpts from John 11

**MESSAGE**    “God's People are Well-Connected”    Mike Pauley

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

**Our Father, who are 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.**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

***“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”***

***I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.***

**\*POSTLUDE**                    “Toccata Lyrica”                    (Rick Robertson)  
Rick Robertson, piano

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

**\*HYMN**                    “Shout to the North”

***Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.***

***(Refrain) Shout to the north and the south;  
sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.***

*A gift has been given by Terry & Lynn Baker  
in loving memory of Hiram Darden.*

*Gifts have been given by Brenda Spradley, Trent & Sandy Mann,  
Mack & Cynthia Tidwell, Gary & Patti Knox, Vince & Ansley Scoglietti,  
Elaine Partin, Rae Loyd, Jeff & Karen Darden, Terry & Lynn Baker,  
Donna Schilly, Pamela Ramsay, Charlene Spinks, and David & Gail Wood-  
ward in loving memory of Jo Loyd.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

Blake, Robert and Lynn Alford  
The Marvin Arrington Family  
Buddy Baker  
David & Kathy Beasley  
The Butler Family  
People of Afghanistan  
Brenda Cooley  
Fred Corley  
Ian Couch  
Carolyn Durden  
Evangelism Committee  
Tess Gladney  
Healthcare Workers of Troup Co.  
Le Ann Hennecke  
Vickie Hill  
Randy Janney  
Calvin Johnson

Mike Kisler  
Gary Knox  
Family of Jo Loyd  
Rae Loyd  
The Marc McClain Family  
Wiley & Jeff Nelson  
P.N.C.  
The Greg Pike Family  
Positive spirit of Loyd P.C.  
Joyce & Bill Rowden  
Harris Satterfield  
Angie Smith  
Kathy & Mike Smith  
Dr. and Mrs. Walt Stewart  
Dalton Tate  
Denny Thomas  
Unchurched of Troup Co.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Happy Birthday this week to:** (8/29) Lee Cline; (8/30) Ann Cathey; (8/31) Ellen Taylor; (9/3) Randy Darden, Anne Hall; (9/4) Jake Bailey

**The Session** will meet Sunday, September 19 at 12:15 in Darden Hall.

**A Greeter training session** will be held Sunday, September 19 in the Core 13 classroom from 12:10-1:10pm.

**LifeSouth** will hold a blood drive on Sunday, September 19 from 8am-3pm.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Liturgist:** Madison Cauthen & Chase Davis

**Greeters:** Youth

**Elders on Duty:** Pat Briggs, Gary Knox

**USHER/GREETER ROTATION:**

**1st Sunday:** Eugene Turner, Trudy Calhoun  
**2nd Sunday:** Veronica & Brock Sirmons  
**3rd Sunday:** Mark Davis, Trent Mann  
**4th Sunday:** Elaine Howard, Alesia Nixon  
**5th Sunday:** Youth

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Today	9:45 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship
Sept. 19	8:00AM-3:00PM 12:10PM-1:10PM 12:15PM	LifeSouth Blood Drive Greeter Training Session Session Meeting in Darden Hall

**LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROGRAM TEAM:**

Adrienne Hardie, Church Secretary  
Shelley Skinner, Financial Secretary  
Rick Robertson, Pianist  
Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator  
Pam Darden, God's Promised Land Coordinator  
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*If you are interested in church membership,  
or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation,  
please speak with one of our elders.*



**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER:**

	<b>Liturgists:</b>	<b>Elders on Duty:</b>
<b>Sept. 5</b>	John Darden	Doug Pauley, Stacie Hart
<b>Sept. 12</b>	Karen McBride	Peggy Darden, Jolene Davis
<b>Sept. 19</b>	Elaine Partin	Jim Allen Bradfield, John Darden
<b>Sept. 26</b>	Jayne Pauley	Sandy Mann, Elliott Lamb

*LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



**GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**PRELUDE** "I Need Thee Every Hour" (arr. Mary McDonald)  
Black Mountain, NC Rick Robertson, piano

**GREETING, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather as people who know what it is to have days, weeks and even years when nothing is going right.

**All: We gather as people who know what it is to be discouraged.**

Leader: We gather as people who know how hard it can be to hope.

**All: We also gather as people who believe in a God more powerful than we can imagine.**

Leader: We gather as people of Jesus Christ-the one the tomb could not hold.

**All: We gather as people of the Holy Spirit who swoops in and upends our lives with joy and newness at the most unexpected times.**

Leader: We gather to lift one another up

**All: To encourage each other along the way.**

Leader: To remind one another just Whose we are.

**All: We gather to worship God.**

\*HYMN #356 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"