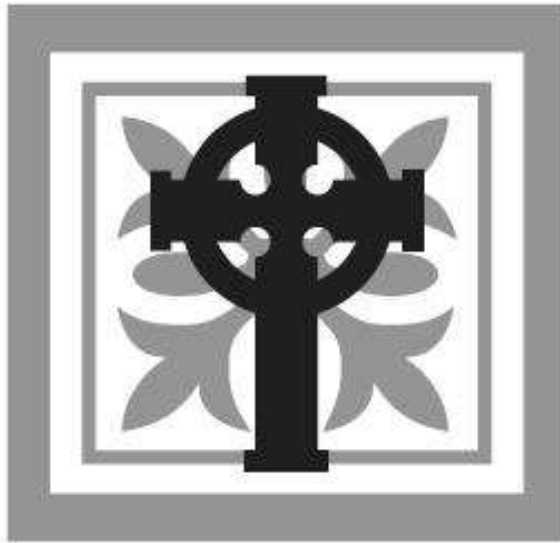




KIRKPATRICK
MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

**Sunday, August 16, 2026
9:30am**

Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 63

Liturgist: Come, all who have waited through dry seasons.

People: **We come trusting that God is faithful.**

Liturgist: Though the land was parched and the skies were empty,

People: **God heard the prayers of the faithful.**

Liturgist: Though hope seemed distant,

People: **God was already preparing the blessing.**

Liturgist: Let us worship the God who sends rain upon the earth and renewal to our souls.

People: **We will praise the Lord, whose steadfast love never fails.**

***GATHERING SONGS**

"All The People Said Amen"

Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan and Paul Moak

"Go Down Moses"

Spiritual

CALL TO CONFESSION

The drought in Elijah's day reflected a people who had wandered from God. We, too, have seasons when our trust falters, our prayers weaken, and our hope fades. Yet God is merciful and invites us to return with honest hearts. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we often lose heart when answers do not come quickly. We grow impatient in waiting and doubtful in uncertainty. We look at dry circumstances and forget your power to bring new life. We hesitate to pray afraid that they will not be answered the way we want.

Silent Confession

Forgive us for relying on our own strength rather than trusting your promises. Forgive us when we stop praying because we cannot yet see results. Renew our faith when hope seems distant. Teach us to persevere like Elijah, who continued to pray even when the sky remained empty. By your grace, restore us. Send the refreshing rain of your Spirit upon our hearts, that we may trust you more fully and serve you more faithfully. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #813

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, as Elijah watched the horizon for signs of rain, help us watch and listen for your word. Open our hearts to receive the hope you offer. Give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and lives ready to respond in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 65
1 Kings 18:41–46

p. 569
p. 353

SERMON

“When the Rain Comes”

Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, who created the world and continues to sustain it. We trust in Jesus Christ, who reveals God's love and brings hope to the hopeless. We trust in the Holy Spirit, who renews the church, comforts us in difficult seasons, and strengthens us to persevere in faith.

**God calls us to hope, even when we cannot yet see the outcome; to pray, even when answers seem delayed;
and to trust, for God is always at work.**

To God be glory forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

***SENDING HYMN**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns - If you are worshiping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

Welcome Back! Ray Dix returned to work as KMPC's custodian on 8/12.

Good New Home Golf Fundraiser: The Rev. Ernestine Winfrey Golf Invitational will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough on 9/22/26 to support Good News Home, dedicated to providing faith based support for women facing chemical dependencies, mental health challenges, and trauma. Contact Regan for additional information.

Staff Vacation: Jim H. is on vacation Aug. 16, 30 and Sept. 6

Project Backpack: The Deacons are collecting school supplies for our young friends—kindergarten thru 3rd grade—at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings. Please take a shopping list on the table in the Sanctuary and donate what you can by **August 16**. See Kim Fulper with questions.

Food Ministry: Thank you to the Lambertville Baptist Church for food donations. Our next Grocery Giveaway is August 22.

🔔 **The Bells of Kirkpatrick** Please contact Sharyn at (908) 399-3468 or sharydan@gmail.com if you'd like to join them next time they play.

Flowers: If you would like to beautify our worship space by contribution flowers, Gilded Lily will provide them for \$20 each; choose if you'd like 1 or 2 arrangements. Please contact Sharyn to make arrangements.

Subscribe to receive our newsletter and announcements: <http://eepurl.com/buadKn>

If you wish to donate virtually, you may use the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin. It will take you to PayPal. Thank you.

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