

*The Power of
Persevering Prayer*
Luke 18:1-8

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon
October 19 2025
9:30am**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Psalm 121 p. 612

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 121

Liturgist: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Liturgist: The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the One who keeps you will not slumber.

People: **The Lord is our keeper, our shade at our right hand.**

Liturgist: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

People: **Let us lift our eyes and hearts to the Lord, our Maker, our Helper, and our Hope!**

All: Let us worship God!

***GATHERING SONGS**

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Paul Baloche

"Lord I Need You"

Christy Nockels, et al.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to be faithful in prayer and steadfast in truth, but we confess that we grow weary. We lose heart in the face of injustice and doubt your presence when answers delay. We choose convenience over conviction and comfort over calling.

Silent Confession

Forgive us, Lord. Renew our faith, teach us to pray without ceasing, and strengthen us to persist in your righteousness until your kingdom comes in fullness and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #813

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of truth and grace, by your Spirit open our hearts to receive your Word. Teach us what we need to learn and give us courage to live it out with faith and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"Don't Give Up on God"

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

p. 1179
p. 1038

SERMON

"Faith That Won't Give Up"

Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

#638

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession (1560)

We confess and acknowledge this our God to have created Man of whom also God formed the Woman to his own image and similitude; to whom he gave wisdom, lordship, justice, free-will, and clear knowledge of himself; so that in the whole nature of man there could be noted no imperfection: From which honor and perfection man and woman did both fall; the woman being deceived by the Serpent, and man obeying to the voice of the woman, both conspiring against the Sovereign Majesty of God, who in expressed words of before had threatened death, if they presumed to eat of the forbidden tree.

CALL TO OFFERING

Like the woman who never gave up asking, we bring our gifts with steady faith, trusting that God hears, God sees, and God acts through us. Let us offer our gifts to the God who is faithful and just.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, you call us to pray and not lose heart, to trust that you hear us when we pray. With these gifts, we bring our prayers in action. Bless what we offer today, and strengthen us to keep believing, keep giving, and keep working for your kingdom until Christ comes in fullness and all things are made new. In Christ we pray. Amen

***DOXOLOGY**

#815

Sending

***SENDING HYMN**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#630

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please stand if you are able **Bold – Congregants speak.**

Announcements

Today's flowers are given in recognition, honor and memory of all Fulper Family Wedding Anniversaries by Fred & Kim Fulper.

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

Bible Study with Pastor is on Mondays at 6:30pm.
Topic: People of the New Testament, Peter.
Zoom address: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78136532296?>

Food Ministry: Our next Grocery Giveaway is October 25. Thank you for your generosity.

Bell choir meets every Wednesday from 6 to 7 PM. Please join us in the sanctuary for one hour of camaraderie, stress reduction, improved memory, increased creativity and so much more! Want more info?
Please contact Sharyn at (908) 399-3468 or sharydan@gmail.com.

Fellowship Events: View our calendar on the Website for updated information
Christmas Table Flower Arrangement: Dec. 14th following worship. Stay tuned.

2026 Offering Envelopes are available in the connector for pick up. If you do not have assigned envelopes but would like them, please take a box labeled 2026 and fill out the yellow instruction card. Thank you for your support of our church!

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