

August 16, 2026

Pennies for Hunger: September 6
Special Missions Offering for August:
Diaper Bank of NC

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from www.alamancechurch.org.

APC POOL PARTY at the SE Swim Club is at **8p today, Sun, Aug. 16**. This event is for the APC family, though children are welcome to invite their friends.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE SE SWIM CLUB: **Sat., Aug. 22, 7-9p** at 4301 SE School Rd. Kyle Goodman and Andrew Long host. Open to the community — admission for non-members is \$5.

MEETS meets **Sat., Aug. 22, 7-9p** at SESC for Trivia Night (\$5 entry fee for nonmembers). This adults-only fellowship group invites you to join them — if you are at least 21 years old. Let Kathy Fay know you plan to attend.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS is during worship on **Sun., Aug. 23**. First day back to school is **Mon., Aug. 24**!

STATED SESSION MEETING: Session meets in person on the **fourth Sun. of each month at 2p**, in the Bible Seekers classroom — unless otherwise noted. Otherwise noted: Next meeting is on **Sun., Aug. 23**.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months at 11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. **Otherwise noted:** Next meal is **Mon., Aug. 24**.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Deadline for the **September, 2026** issue of *The Relay* is **Mon., August 24**.

MUM SALE: Fundraiser for children’s and youth ministries. See insert for details — sale runs through **Aug. 28**.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Annual Kirby Ward Missions Tournament at Forest Oaks Country Club is **Thurs., Sep. 10. 1p** “shotgun start.” Sponsorships available; cost for individual player is \$115. Benefits the APC Food Pantry.

TOUCH A TRUCK: The Fellowship Team invites any and all to a free event from **10a-1p on Sat., Sep. 19**. Come to the parking lots and explore some fascinating vehicles — not the least of which will be a fire truck. Greensboro Gargoyles hockey team mascot Doyle the Gargoyle promised to be there, too.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., Sep. 19** is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to help (336-362-0584).

A LOG COLLEGE AT ALAMANCE event, *APC Voices of the Past: A Living History Cemetery Walk!* will be held on **Sat., Sept. 26 at 9a**. Stay tuned for details.

BIG MEETING SUNDAY is **Sep. 27**. Guest speaker is the Rev. Joel Long. Covered-dish meal in Brown Fellowship Hall is **immediately after worship** that day.

MISSIONS POSSIBLE: *A Black & White Affair* is **6p, Sat., Oct. 3** at the Moose Lodge. Multitudinous details are sure to follow, as the date draws nearer. Tickets are on sale in the Thin Place, after worship each Sunday.

FULLER CENTER MISSION TRIP TO WESTERN NC is **Nov. 8-14**. Stay in Montreat; work in Black Mountain/Swannanoa area. Register on-line at fullercenter.org/disaster-rebuilder. Questions or problems? Contact Tommy Causey (336-706-8007).

CHURCH NURSERY is in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up to help there at [Children's Ministries Volunteer](#) (Please contact Dana Adams for a background check: **you MUST have one** to work with children in this church.

Congratulations
to Graham & Angela Hobbs,
who were married on August 8, 2026.

Christian sympathy is expressed
to the family and friends of
Lillie Jobe Sizemore Snider,
who died on August 13, 2026.

MEN’S GROUP meets on the **third Tuesday of each month**, at the home of Kirby Ward, unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is **Tues., Aug. 18**.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Golf Tournament is **Thurs., Sep. 10**. *Touch a Truck* is **Sat., Sep. 19**. Red Cross blood drive is **Fri., Sep. 25**. *Voices of the Past - A Living History Cemetery Walk!* is **Sat., Sep. 26, 2026**. Big Meeting Sunday is **Sep. 27**. Silent Auction “Missions Possible” is **Sat., Oct. 3**. *Trunk or Treat* is **Sun., Oct. 25**. Soup & Salad lunch fundraiser is **Sun., Nov. 8**. Thanksgiving luncheon and *Hanging of the Greens* is **Sun., Nov. 22**. Christmas Eve is **Thurs., Dec. 24**.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet: **Red Hat: Mon., Sep 14, 6:30p** in the Coble House. **Agapé: Tues., Sep. 8; 11a** to go eat, **12p** in Uffman room for Bible study. **L.I.F.T.: Tues., Sep. 15, 7p** in the Coble House.

OPEN MEETING: 12-step recovery program (AA) meets **7p every Thursday** in the Gathering Place. All are welcome.

ONLINE GIVING: Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, *in addition* to a processing fee for each transaction. Easy Tithe recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations: this significantly lowers processing fees. **To give by text:** Text the word “give” to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving. **To make changes to your account**, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org)

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Otherwise noted: Next meal is **tomorrow, Mon., Aug. 24**.

Read the Bible in Two Years
Bobbie Black leads this Sunday school class in the Uffman classroom from **9-9:30a** on the **first Sunday each month**, unless otherwise noted. **Next meeting: September 6**.

Food Pantry
August special collection: Canned pasta
The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible.
Do, please, continue to donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.
VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL.
Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2026 10 a.m.



Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Dianne Clapp.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: Come, all who seek God.
All: We come with faith and with questions.
One: Come, all who have wandered.
All: God welcomes us home.
One: Come, all who rejoice.
All: God prepares a feast for us.
One: Come and worship the one whose love never fails.
All: Let us worship the God of amazing grace and steadfast love.

* Opening Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, like the prodigal son, we often wander from your ways. Like the older brother, we sometimes struggle to rejoice in your grace. We confess that we have questioned your goodness, withheld forgiveness, judged others, and resisted your extravagant mercy. Forgive us. When we are far from you, draw us home. When we refuse to welcome others, soften our hearts. When we doubt whether we belong, remind us that your love never ends. In Jesus’ name, amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ’s peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line, we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace. If you are here in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

*** Sung Response** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading *Luke 15:11-20*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Crowded Table* - The Hiwomen

You can hold my hand when you need to let go.
I can be a mountain when you’re feeling valley low.
I can be a streetlight showing you the way home,
if you hold my hand when you need to let go.

I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for everyone.
Let us take on the world while we’re young and able,
and bring us back together when the day is done.

If we want a garden, we’re gonna have to sow the seed,
plant a little happiness, let the roots run deep.
If it’s love that we give, then it’s love that we reap.
If we want a garden, we’re gonna have to sow the seeds.

The door is always open, your picture’s on my wall.
Everyone’s a little broken, and everyone belongs.

Children’s Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Luke 15:21-32*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message *Prone to Wander, Lord, I Feel It* Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer King James version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor’s.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

*** Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn *For Everyone Born* Song sheet

Prayer after Communion Sending

*** Sending Hymn** *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone* Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ.

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

*One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

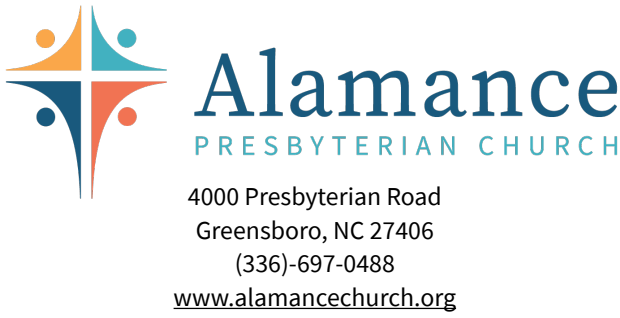
The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.

Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is at the back of the sanctuary.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the minister, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year A, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **August 16:**
Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 67, Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-32.

Lectionary Year A, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **August 23:**
Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124, Psalm 138; Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.



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We are a Hunger Action Congregation.
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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