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**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B-19 AND PSALM 24 • AMOS 7:7-15 AND  
PSALM 85:8-13 • EPHESIANS 1:3-14 • MARK 6:14-29

**WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP.**

**WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:**

- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm the sanctity of every stage of human life from conception to death.
- The Biblical guidelines for human sexuality: marriage as the union of one man and one woman, fidelity and holiness in marriage and chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel of Salvation in every word and deed. We are sent by Christ into all the world to proclaim His atoning death and resurrection and to call every person into a life of faith, discipleship and submission to His Lordship.

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**FIRST**

**CONGREGATIONAL**

**CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS**

*"Big Enough to Serve - Small Enough to Care!"*



In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 4:8

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## OUR MISSION

TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,  
EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.

## OUR VISION

TO BE A LOVING, CARING CHURCH  
WHOSE ARMS EMBRACE ALL THAT COME.



**The Flowers on the  
Altar are placed by:**

*Doris Turner in loving Memory  
of her Husband, David*

Our Missions Committee has teamed up with **Chester Taylor**  
and **West Elementary Schools** to hold Our Annual

*“Christmas in July.”*

**BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION.**

### NEEDS LIST

Backpacks • 3 Ring Binders • Black Dry Erase Markers  
Safety Scissors • Box of 24 Crayola Crayons  
Boxes of #2 Pencils • Large Pink Erasers  
Package of Loose Leaf Wide Ruled Notebook Paper  
Pencil Case • Red Ballpoint Pens  
Spiral Bound Notebooks • Yellow Highlighters

**We will be collecting supplies  
every Sunday from July 8th – July 29th**



In this constantly changing world our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a Biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith.

*If you are visiting with us today we're glad you're here. We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey, learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with us!*

### THE LORD'S DAY

**JULY 15, 2018 ~ 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

### MONTHLY CALENDAR

07/18.....Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
07/21.....Men's Breakfast.....8:30 PM  
07/26.....Pat Beach Memorial.....11:00 AM @ Church  
08/06. ...Ken Scott Memorial.....2:30 PM @ Bushnell

**Deacon of the Month:** Mr. Gene Rigotti

**Ushers:** Betty Strauss, Helen Dunn  
Barbara Murphy, Ed Murphy

**Offering Last Sunday:**.....\$2471.00

**Attendance Last Sunday:**.....95

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Why does our Pastor wear a robe?

Contrary to what many people might assume, pulpit robes did not originate with the Roman Catholic Church; rather, they were initially worn by ministers in the early church, and again by Protestant pastors from the time of the Reformation and for hundreds of years thereafter. These garments were different, however, from those of

Roman Catholic priests. It was not until Rome began to teach an unbiblical view of the priesthood that certain abuses came into being. Instead of a plain robe worn in the pulpit, Roman Catholic priests began wearing very elaborate and overly ornate robes. This promoted the notion of the priest being above the congregation, rather than merely set apart as an officer of Word and Sacrament. During the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, the Reformers sought to correct this unbiblical view of the priesthood. They argued from Scripture in their preaching, teaching and writing that the pastor is a divinely appointed servant of the church, not an exalted individual with a greater spiritual status than the people. To that end, the Reformers sought to do away with excessively lavish vestments and simply wore plain preaching robes, later known as 'Geneva gowns.' But the Protestant Reformers did not throw the baby out with the bathwater either. They would never have considered it acceptable for a minister to wear his ordinary street clothes or even fashionable business attire while conducting the worship service and so the importance of the pulpit robe was universally understood. Both written and artistic observation reveals that men like John Owen, George Whitefield, and Jonathan Edwards from the eighteenth century as well as countless others, all wore pulpit robes whenever they led worship. It was simply the norm in Protestant congregations. Even in more modern times, men like Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, one of the most gifted preachers of the twentieth century, wore a Geneva robe. In his famous 1969 lectures to students at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Lloyd-Jones exhorted those entering the ministry "to wear a robe when they preached as a sign of their call to the office."

French theologian Richard Paquier wrote:

*"It is natural that the man who officiates in the worship of the Church be clothed in a manner corresponding to the task assigned to him. Moreover, whoever leads in the act of worship does not perform as a private party but as a minister of the church; he is the representative of the community - hence, an especially prescribed robe, a sort of ecclesiastical "uniform," is useful for reminding both the people and the pastor himself that, in the act of leading worship, he is not Mr. So-And-So, but a minister of the church in the midst of a multitude of others whom he is to serve."*

In Hebrews 12.28b-29, we are commanded: "let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." The pulpit robe compliments a reverent atmosphere. It helps set the tone of the service.

By following this practice we are: 1.) Taking a stand against the current tendency to transform the pastorate into something like an executive position (the CEO of the church!) by mimicking American corporate big business, and: 2.) Seeking to bring our practice in line with what the Bible implies. 3.) Back in line with what the historic Church has practiced, and: 4.) In line with what other Evangelical & Reformed churches do worldwide.



*I'm challenging myself (and you!) to invite one friend, family member, or neighbor to church next Sunday. Your invite will be an act of faith (who knows how they will respond?), but when it's done relying on God's resources and not our own, great things can happen.*

*Ready to take the plunge and invite someone? I promise this will be easy.*

*Send this short Email or Text.*

Hi \_\_\_\_\_, I'm not sure if you'd be interested, but I wanted to extend an invite to our church this coming Sunday. It starts at 10am at 7900 Fort King Road, Zhills. No pressure, just wanted you to know that there was an open invite... then maybe we can spend some time together at our coffee fellowship right after. If you have any questions about the service or our church, let me know. 😊