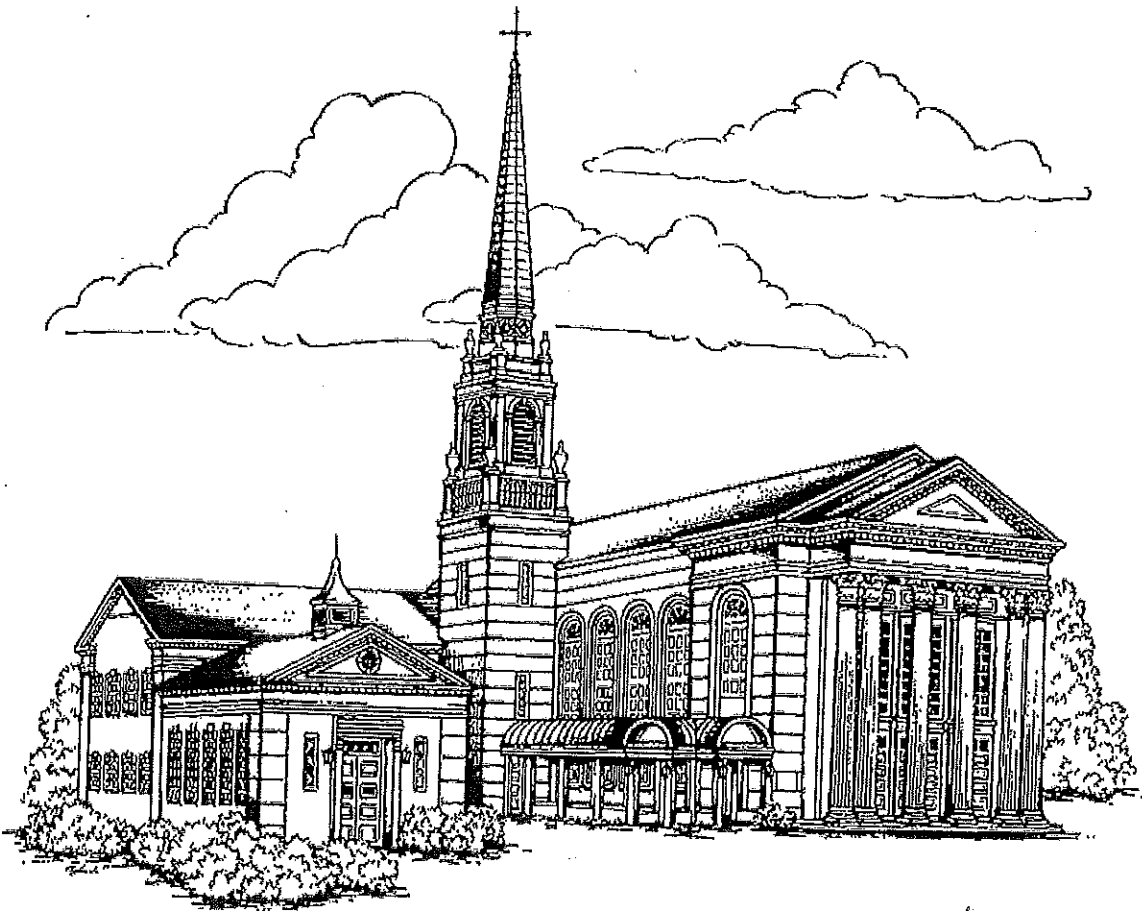


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The Worship of God

October 2, 2016

World Communion Sunday

The Gathering

In the wee hours of the morning, while all was quiet and dark here at our home, the sun was rising on the other side of the world. And with the dawn of this new day, God's people began gathering for worship amid the sounds of drums or pipes, stringed instruments or pianos and organs. And now we, too, join in this worldwide chorus of those who call upon the name of the Lord remembering the Scripture: "People will come from east and west and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God."

The Church Gathers to Worship

Jim Tate

Prelude

My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

Peter Stearns

Choral Introit

Shall We Gather At the River?

arr. Freeman

Opening of the Bible

Sydney Hall

The Ordinance of Christian Baptism

Introductions

Baptismal Processional

The Baptism of David Colescott

Hymn No. 96

Praise Him! Praise Him!

JOYFUL SONG

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Jen Fuller-Allen

Christian Greetings

Ken Auman

Special Music

Morning Has Broken

arr. Hayden

Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 11: 23-26

Litany for World Communion

Ethan Fulbright

Leader: The Lord, who is in this place, invites us to his table, calling us into communion with God and with each other

People: **Calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ's work in our world.**

Leader: So we come together here on World Communion Sunday, joining hands with sisters and brothers around the globe and close to home in this great quest:

People: **To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.**

Hymn No. 611	<i>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i>	BALM IN GILEAD
Offertory Prayer		Mark Lambros
The Offertory	<i>Offertory on "Bread of Life"</i>	Gordon Young
Doxology No. 809		OLD HUNDREDTH

Communion at the Lord's Table

Scripture Lesson Luke 13: 18-21,29-30

Invitation to the Table

Minister: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
 People: They will come from east and west and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.
 Minister: This is the Lord's table.
 People: Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 776	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	LET US BREAK BREAD
Communion Homily	<i>"The Whole Wide World"</i>	Dr. Ray Howell III
The Gift of the Bread:	Christ's Body Broken for Us	
Anthem	<i>We Gather At Your Table Lord</i>	Walter Ehret
The Gift of the Cup:	The New Covenant Sealed in Christ's Blood	
Hymn No. 291	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Benediction

Minister: You have witnessed new life in Christ through baptism.
 People: We have gathered at the Lord's Table receiving mercy and grace.
 Minister: Christ is among us, now and forever.
 People: We go forth to be the presence of Christ in the world.
 Minister: As you go, share the Peace of Christ with those around you and with those you meet along the way. The Peace of Christ be with you!
 People: And also with you!

Postlude	<i>Voluntary</i>	Robert Broderip
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The church has individual hearing assistance devices for anyone to use during services; just ask an usher.

Today's Lay Reader is Brian Walker.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ

Sanctuary Choir

Jim Barton - Alto Saxophone

Alex Upton - Alto Saxophone

Senior Adult Luncheon

Next Sunday, October 9

Our annual Senior Adult Luncheon is scheduled for next Sunday, October 9 at 12:15 p.m. (immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship Service) in the Fellowship Hall. We will have Brunswick Stew prepared by Paul and Debra Freeman with cornbread and desserts. Deadline to make reservations is this Wednesday, October 5.

Operation Christmas Child

November 16

We can bless the life of a child this Christmas through Operation Christmas Child: "The Shoebox Ministry." Barbara Epley is coordinating our effort this year and has challenged us to pack at least 125 shoeboxes. Shoeboxes are now available for you to pick up along with instructions. The deadline is November 16. If you are unable to participate but would like to help, call Barbara at 336-249-1331. Working together, we can easily exceed our goal of 125 shoeboxes. Our efforts will be multiplied with joy in the lives of children around the globe.

Extended Sessions:

October 2: Bed Babies: M/M Dale Lambeth Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dave Thornhill 3 & 4 Year Olds: Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill

October 9: Bed Babies: Libby & Courtney Foster Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Christy Clark 3 & 4 Year Olds: Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck

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Wednesday Night Academy

October 5, 12, and 19

6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

The Reformation - Instructor Ashley Whitfield
Fellowship Hall

Where is God in Mental Illness? - Dr. Beverly Fulbright
Parlor

Chrismon Ministry
Room 212 - Second Floor

Sue Brown Knitting Ministry
Room 105 - Randy Hall SS Classroom

Emotion Freedom Techniques Opportunity

Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) is a simple, easy-to-learn means to clear negative emotions. Most people deal with overwhelm, grief, anger, and other emotions on a regular basis. FBC has offered EFT classes in the past. For members who want to learn or continue practicing this technique, commonly called "Tapping," we are planning a monthly tapping session. The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 18, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the parlor. Everyone is welcome. No prior EFT knowledge is necessary. For further information, contact Betty Jane Honeycutt at 336-249-3526.

Week's Schedule

Sunday, 10/2		
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Elevator Lobby
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper (Hall)	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Middle/High School Youth Activities	The Attic
Monday, 10/3		
1:45 p.m.	Frady/Johnson Mission Group	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Fall Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 10/4		
10:30 a.m.	Fall Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m.	Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	Yarborough's
Wednesday, 10/5		
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Childcare Babies (Inform church if childcare is needed)	Nursery
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	*Dinner (Children Eat First)	Fellowship Hall
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's (Grades 1- 5)	Room 212
	RA's	Room 226
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 206
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4- Grade 1)	Room 206
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2- 5)	Music Suite
Wednesday		
	Academy	
	The Reformation	Fellowship Hall
	Where is God in Mental Illness	Parlor
	Sue Brown Knitting Ministry	Randy Hall Class
	Chrismon Ministry	Room 212
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

*Menu: Chicken & Dumplings, Slaw, Salad Bar, Dessert