

The Worship of God

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

The Gathering

Life and faith are lived between moments of waiting. God acts, Jesus is born, the Spirit given, yet we still wait. We look forward to a better day. And when the wait is finally over, we are invited to testify. We wait for this hour of worship..... what will God do today?

Invitation to Worship

Prelude "Voluntary" Leon Boellmann

Choral Introit "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" Freeman
Opening of the Bible Sydney Hall

Call to Worship Drew Lingerfelt

Leader: Open the gate! The Shepherd is coming!

People: We hear His glad voice, calling us by name, leading us to green pastures.

Leader: We will not follow a stranger's voice. We will only follow the one who brings us safely home.

People: One door, one flock, one fold, one Shepherd.

Leader: Savior, like a shepherd lead us.

People: Much we need Thy tender care.

Hymn No. 522 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY
Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings Kim Lingerfelt

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 34: 11-16

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 542 "Near to the Heart of God" McAfee

Gospel Lesson John 10: 7-8

Anthem "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Rutter

Sermon "Keeping Up With the Children" Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 441 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" THOMPSON

Offertory Prayer Tim Michael

The Offertory "Prelude" Alexandre Guilmant

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God the source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.

Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen

Choral Benediction "As You Go' O Live for Him" Blankenship

Postlude "Allegro" Moisenet

Today's Lay Reader is Kim Lingerfelt

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Clara Mize in the death of her daughter Belinda M. Caudle on February 13, 2017.

Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani – Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Lexington, NC

The Underground Church

We are joining with all of our downtown youth groups tonight in collaboration with the YMCA for an exciting adventure into “Underground Church”. All youth need to bring a flashlight and meet at the YMCA Event Center at 5:30 p.m.

Missional Leadership Conference—March 3-4

Dr. Terry Hamrick is leading a conference on Missional Leadership Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4 in our Fellowship Hall. Sessions are Friday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. – noon.

March 19 – Chili Cook-off Youth Fundraiser

Reservations can be purchased today for the Youth Chili Cook-off. We also need volunteers to make chili and desserts. Adults are \$8.00, children \$6.00 with a \$25.00 family limit.

No Wednesday Night Meal or Activities This Week

Jr/Sr Chili Supper is Saturday February 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Extended Sessions: February 19: Bed Babies-M/M Nathan Houser: Toddler/2 Year Olds-Sandra Blackwelder/Crystal Alexander: 3 and 4 Year Olds-Brenda Sprinkle/Sarah & Spencer Hall

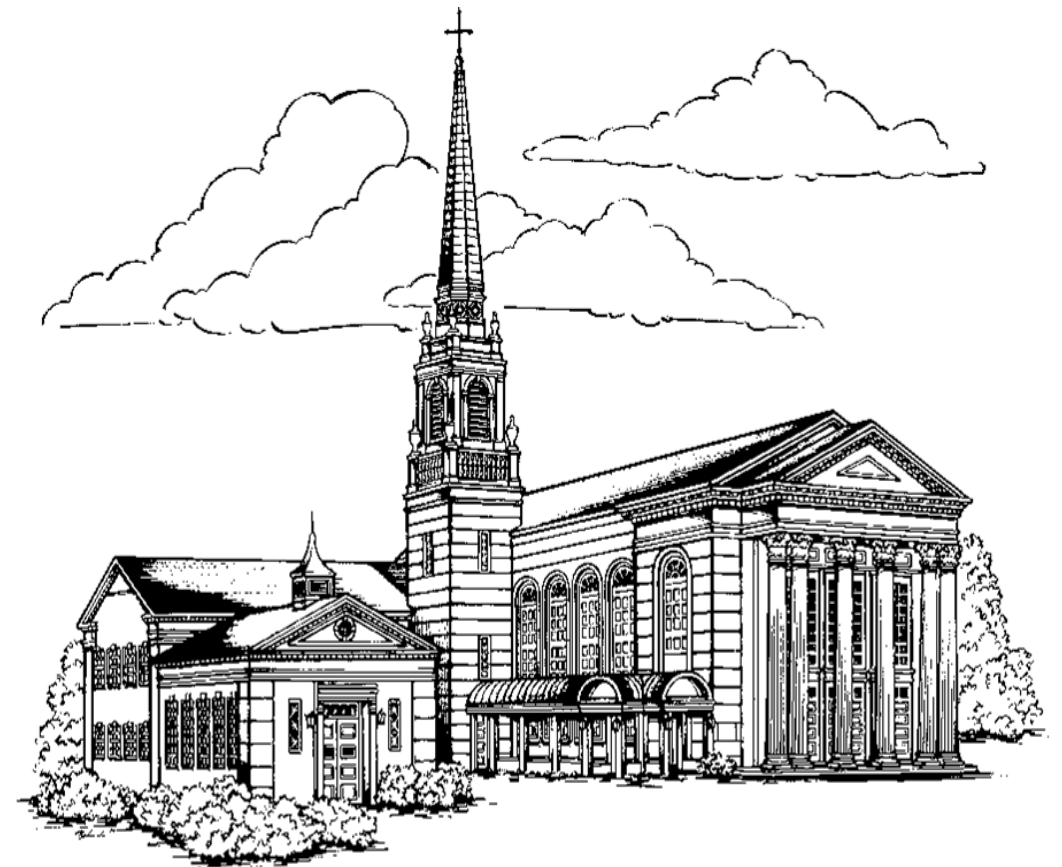
February 26: Bed Babies-Jen Fuller Allen, Brooke Williams: Toddler/2 Year Olds-M/M Kevin Brown: 3 and 4 Year Olds-Margaret Ann Maddox, Kelly Mitcham

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