

The Worship of God

July 16, 2017

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Transfigured by light, Jesus was changed. James, John, and Peter experienced it and they were changed. Come away to the mountaintop; be still, be yourself, be who God created you to be. Be changed.

Preparing for Worship

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Janet Linker

Choral Introit "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" arr. Freeman
Opening of the Bible Ava Leigh Fulbright

Call to Worship Spencer Hall

Leader: Let us worship on God's holy mountain.

People: For the Lord, our God, is holy.

Leader: Join in a song with sweet accord.

People: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.

Leader: We're marching upward to Zion.

People: This beautiful city of God.

Hymn No. 596 "We're Marching to Zion" MARCHING TO ZION
Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children's Time VBS: Finding Your Strength in God

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 125

Call to Confession Meagan Smith

Minister: Gracious God, we have seen your light and glory in the work of the church, in the faces of children, and in the story of Jesus.

People: Yet, our memories are short, and we soon start complaining about things that are not important.

Minister: Forgive us when we stay too long in the valley and lose perspective in life.

People: May we follow your Spirit to the mountains.

Minister: May we experience the life-changing power of your radiant presence and worship you always.

Morning Prayer

Anthem "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" Lanny Wolfe

Gospel Lesson Mark 9: 2-8

Hymn No. 115 "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADER'S HYMN

Sermon "Higher Ground" Dr. Ray N. Howell III

Hymn "Higher Ground" HIGHER GROUND

Offertory Prayer Mark Lambros

The Offertory "Vorspiel" Anton Bruckner

The Gloria Patri No. 805 GREATOREX

Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" arr. Freeman

Postlude "Sing a New Song" Edward Broughton

Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani, Organist Sanctuary Choir

Today's Lay Reader is Paul Epley

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sue Brown by her family.

Passport 2017

Tomorrow morning twenty-two youth and eight chaperones depart for Passport Missions in Greenville, South Carolina on the campus of Furman University. Our youth will be involved in an exciting week of Bible study, worship, mission outreach, team building and fun. Our Passport team returns on Saturday and will share highlights of the week in next Sunday's worship service.

Upcoming Events

Prayer Ministry in Conference Room	Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship	Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on the 2 nd floor
Service of Blessing for College Students	July 30
Meagan Smith Preaches	August 6
Annual Church Meeting	August 23
FBC Block Party	September 10
Wednesday Night Kickoff with Matthew Weaver and Clay Lunsford	September 13
"The Class" led by Ray and Meagan	September 10, 17, & 24

Office Hours for Jim Skotthy are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Telephone Contacts

The church office number is (336) 245-1261. Extensions are: Main Office 102, Ray 104, Meagan 100, Jim 101, Paul 105, Jean 108 and Sherri 103. If you need to reach our ministers directly: Ray's cell is (336) 239-4828; Meagan's cell is (334) 703-0496.

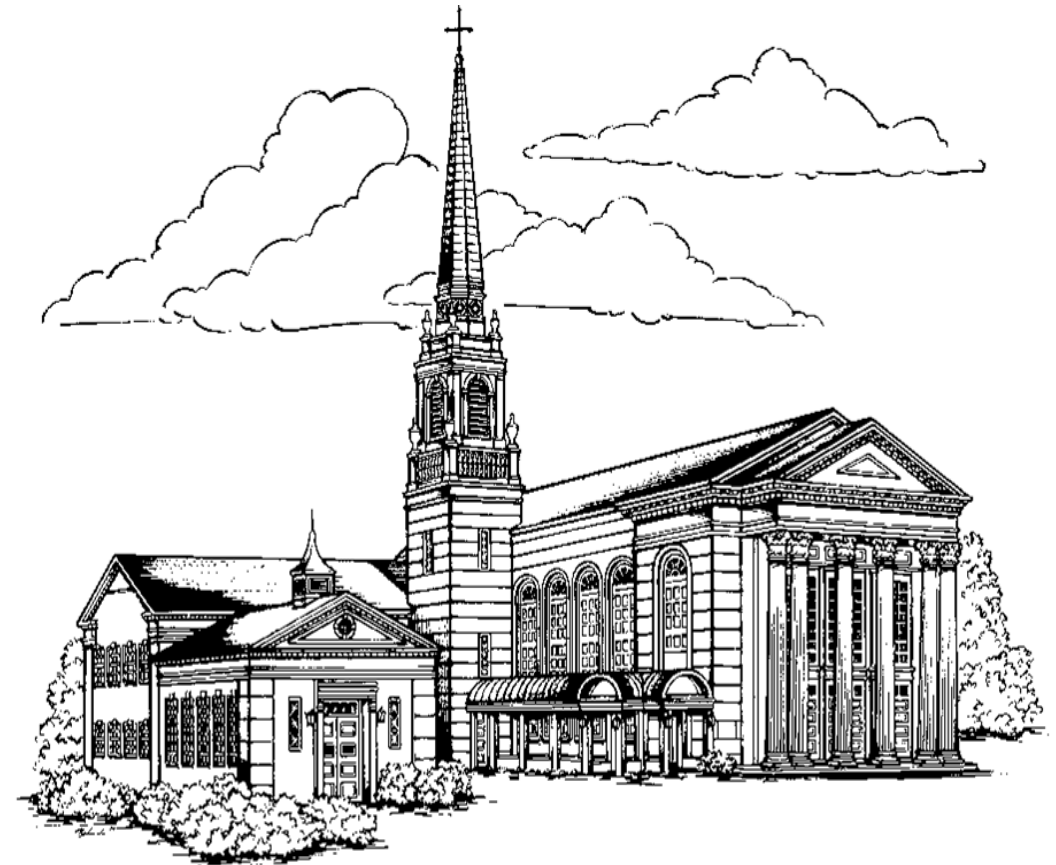
Extended Sessions: July 16: Bed Babies-Jen Fuller Allen/Brooke Williams: **Toddler/2 Year-Olds-** M/M Cory Kehl: **3 and 4 Year-Olds-**Catherine Pyle/Adriana Ortiz
July 23: Bed Babies-M/M Jim Skotthy: **Toddler/2 Year-Olds-**M/M Lee Davis: **3 and 4 year-olds-**Alyson Honeycutt/Grace Upton

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