

The Worship of God

July 2, 2017

Religious Liberty

Morning Prayer

The Gathering

**It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand;
It is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;
It is God who builds his city on the rock and not on sand;
The living God be praised**

Early Announcements

Prelude "Eternal Father Strong to Save" arr. Robert Hughes

Choral Introit "O God of Every Nation" arr. Freeman Zowe Lily
Opening of the Bible

Call to Worship Grace Myers

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is Lord.
People: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
Leader: God, who has been our help in ages past,
People: Is our hope for years to come.
Leader: Let us sing praise to our Eternal Father.
People: Strong to save!

Hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA
(See Insert)
Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings Alyson Honeycutt

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 12: 1-4

Hymn No. 418 "America, the Beautiful" MATERNA

New Testament Lesson 1 Timothy 2: 1-2

Anthem "America, the Beautiful" arr. Buryl Red

Sermon "Living by Faith" Chaplain Bruce Hill

Hymn No. 417 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" AMERICA

Offertory Prayer Don Watson

The Offertory "Battle Hymn of the Republic" Dunbar

Doxology No. 809 Old Hundredth

Choral Benediction No. 423 "The Star-Spangled Banner" (Verse 1)
(with congregation)

Postlude "God Bless Our Land" John Sciveyner

Today's Lay Reader is Connie Russell

Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani, Organist Jim Barton, Saxophone Sanctuary Choir

Christian sympathy is extended to Kelly Lambeth and her family on the death of her father, Paul Miller on June 27, 2017 in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Ministry (Everyone is welcome.)	Conference Room
Tuesday	July 4	Church Office Closed	
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Bible School Preparation	Fellowship Hall

Welcome New Business Administrator

We welcome Jim Skotthy as our new part-time Business Administrator. Jim was recommended for the position by the Personnel Committee and approved by the Deacons. He brings a wealth of experience in administration and finances to us. Jim started as Business Administrator on June 26 and will announce office hours soon. Our thanks go to Phil Mickey and Jim Tate who served as interim administrators during the past year.

Next Sunday – July 9, 2017

Next Sunday, July 9, we will welcome our new associate minister, Meagan Smith to our church during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will also celebrate Communion during the service. Our annual church picnic will follow after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a bountiful basket for this wonderful occasion.

Church Security

Beginning today, we will be locking all external doors to the church other than the Sanctuary Doors at 11:10 a.m. This includes the Fellowship Hall doors, the elevator lobby entrance, and the MBCC entrance and the bell tower door. Ushers will have access to doors if needed during the worship service. We apologize for any inconvenience, but the safety and security of our congregation is our number one priority.

Called Deacons Meeting

There will be a called meeting of our Deacons on July 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Extended Sessions: July 2: Bed Babies-M/M Dale Lambeth: Toddler/2 Year-Olds-M/M Dave Thornhill: 3 and 4 Year-Olds-Tina Wall and Lily Thornhill

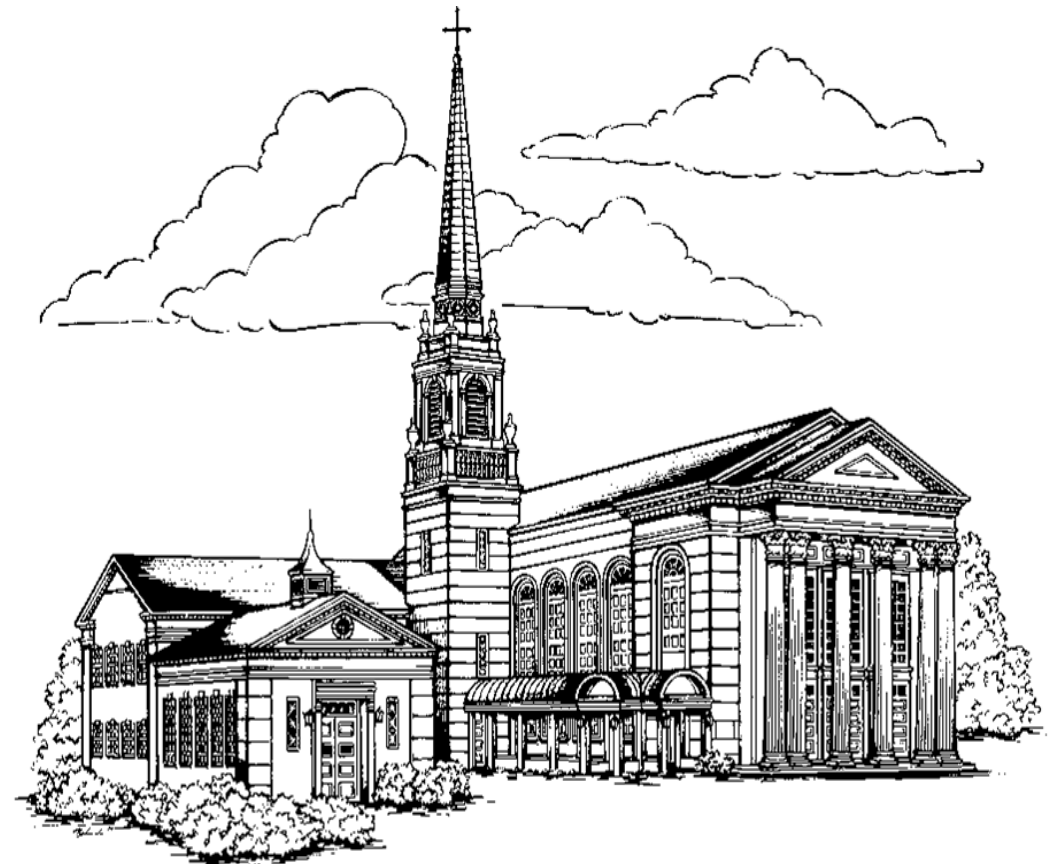
July 9: Bed Babies-Libby Foster and Courtney Foster: Toddler/2 Year-Olds-M/M Kyle Kepley: 3 and 4 year-olds-Anna Phillips and Kacie Beck

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