

# The Worship of God

July 3, 2016

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## The Gathering

“Almighty God hath created the mind free, and manifested his supreme will that free it shall remain...The God who gave us life gave us liberty.”

Thomas Jefferson

## Announcements of the Church

Prelude *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Robert J. Hughes

Choral Introit *My Country 'Tis of Thee* arr. Freeman

Call To Worship Austin Sams

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**People: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy!**

Leader: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!

**People: Stand firm and be true to our freedom**

Leader: For God who has been our help in ages past,

**People: Is our hope for years to come.**

Hymn No. 78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

## The Children's Time

Christian Greetings Paul Epley

Scripture Lesson John 8: 31-36: Galatians 5:1

## Morning Prayer

Hymn *Free to Worship, Free to Know* HENDEN

*Free to worship, free to know,  
Bound by Spirit wind that flows,  
Free to dream, to think and live  
In the freedom Jesus gives,  
In the freedom Jesus gives.*

*Free to worship, free to know,  
Freedom's gift to all bestowed.  
Free to speak a dissenting voice,  
Trusting each to make the choice,  
Trusting each to make the choice.*

*Free to worship, free to know,  
Truth that stings but makes us grow.  
Free to lay old dogmas down,  
Choose a path to common ground,  
Choose a path to common ground.*

(Words by David Burroughs - founder of Passport)

Offertory Prayer Dan Hamrick

Offertory *Communion on Two American Folk Hymns* arr. Alice Jordan

Doxology No. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

Reflection “Our Declaration of Dependence” Dr. Ray Howell III

Scripture in Unison Psalm 23

Anthem *The Lord is My Shepherd* Allen Pote

## 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.**

Hymn No. 776 *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

You are invited to come to the front to receive the elements. If you are unable to come forward and receive communion, please let us know and we will come to you. As we receive communion you are invited to join in singing the first stanzas of several of our grand old Gospel hymns.

Hymn No. 291 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Postlude *God Bless Our Land* John Sciveyner

*The church has individual hearing assistance devices for anyone to use during services; just ask an usher.*

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

*Christian sympathy is extended to Edith Honeycutt and family upon the death of her sister Ruby Delk Harris, on June 23.*

**First Baptist Office and MBCC will be closed July 4 for the Holiday**

**Budget Catch-up Sunday - Next Sunday, July 10**

As we are now in the summer months, we need to remember our financial obligations. The church is currently behind on our budget and commitment efforts. We need giving of \$13,672 weekly to meet our budget of \$710,981 (annually). Through the first half of the year, we are approximately \$40,000 behind in our budget. We want to be able to meet all of our obligations of our missions budget. Please plan to catch-up and give a special gift on Sunday, July 10.

**Vacation Bible School - July 25 - 29**

**Church Picnic and Bible School Celebration July 31**

Exciting plans are underway for "Deep Sea Discovery," this year's Bible School theme. Kelly Mitcham and her leaders are working hard to make this year's VBS the best ever! We want the entire church to be involved in Bible School. If you have nautical equipment, scuba diving gear, fishing nets, or anything else related to the water that we could borrow, we would be grateful. This year we will have a Middle School class and we will also offer an adult class. The insert has a list of items we need to enhance the children's experience. Check the web site for more information.

Registration forms are in the SS classrooms and available in the church office and on the table outside the elevator on the first floor. More volunteers are also needed.

**Extended Sessions:**

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

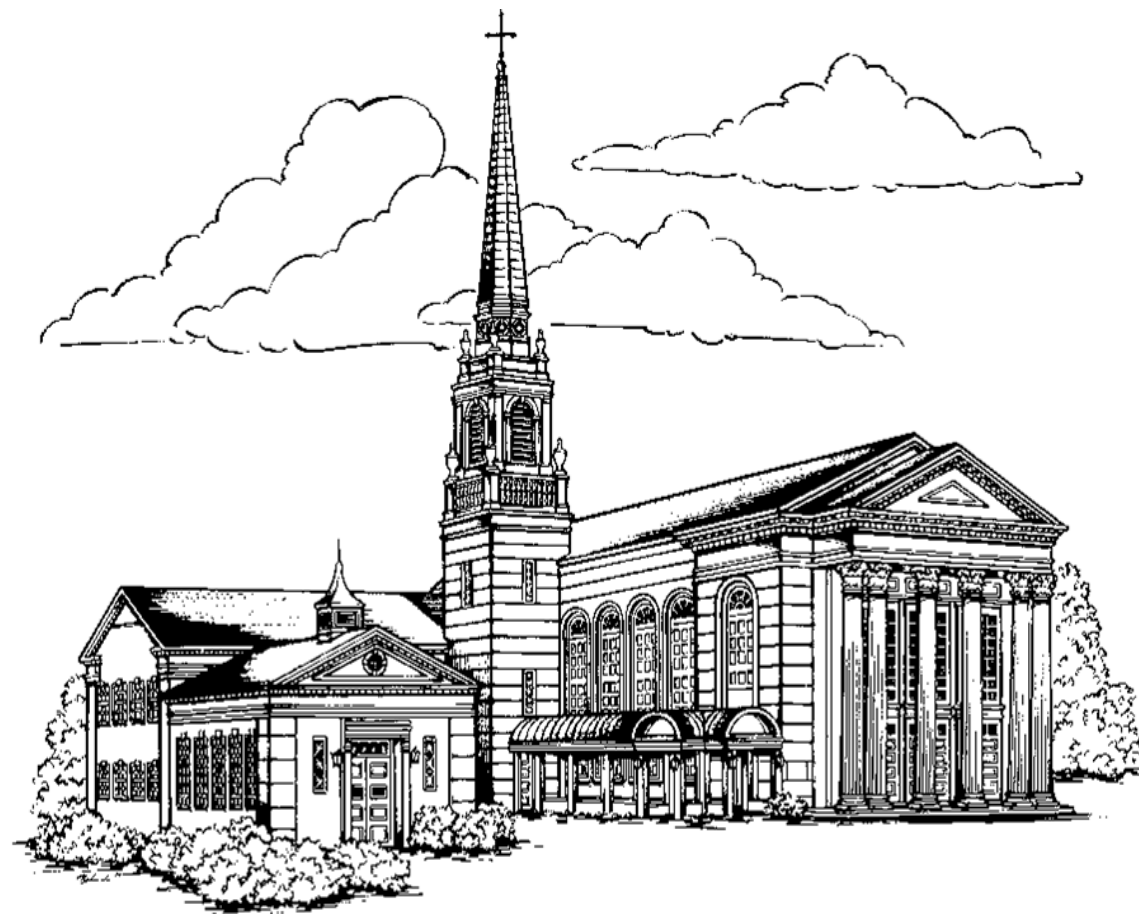
**July: Bed Babies:** Libby & Courtney Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** **4 & 4 Year Olds:** Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck

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## Deep Sea Discovery

### VBS Items Needed

Needs: New Pool Noodles, Blue Plastic Tablecloths, Clear Shower Caps, Different Hues of Blue and Green Streamers

(A Supply Donation Box has been placed in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall.) We would appreciate any donations for supplies.

Borrow: Scuba Diving Gear, Shipwreck, Large Anchors, Life Rings with Rope, Large Deep Sea Ocean Displays, Submarine

New: Teen Study, youth entering 6-8th grades

Adult Study, open to any adults interested

Registration: Kids entering into preschool, K/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, 6th/8th

Volunteers: Youth entering 9th grade and above, adults

Leaders: Bible, Service Projects, Kitchen, A/V

\*Decorating crew needed for small and large projects, day and evening work days.

Building Supplies and Assistance: PVC Pipe Signs, Shipwreck  
Contact Kelly Mitcham: 336-596-6581

## Passport

A total of 40 youth and adults will be leaving next Sunday for Passport in Danville, VA. This year's theme is "This Wild Life" based on John 10:10. "I came so that everyone would have life and have it in its fullest." God created us to live full and beautiful lives! We are made to live free like a fish swimming in the ocean or a bird flying in the sky! Choosing to follow Jesus helps us find freedom in the midst of deep struggles and offer grace where community is lacking. Trusting Jesus can help us to turn living day after ordinary day into a wild and precious life.

### Chaplain Bruce Hill to Preach Next Sunday

Chaplain Bruce Hill will preach next Sunday while Ray travels with the youth to Passport. His sermon is "Rejoice in the Lord!" based on Habakkuk 3 and Philippians 4.

### Lay Readers and Bible Openers

We are updating our list of lay readers and Bible openers. The Bible opener is normally a child in kindergarten through the fifth grade. Anyone can be a lay reader. Please provide your name and the best email address and phone number to contact you. You can fill out the form below or email the information to the church office at [fbclxington@fbclx.org](mailto:fbclxington@fbclx.org).

#### Bible Opener

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Lay Reader

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email and Phone \_\_\_\_\_