

The Worship of God

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

“A Day of Celebration and Calling”

The Gathering

The Christian life is not so much a destination as a journey. True worship is found when we experience God’s providence and faithfulness along the way. Today is a celebration of praise and joy as we affirm God’s leadership in our search for an Associate Minister. We welcome Meagan Smith as we join hands together in the great quest of building the Kingdom as we worship God, love each other, and serve the world.

Preparing for Worship

Prelude “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” arr. John Carter

Choral Introit “Lead Me to Calvary” arr. Freeman
Opening of the Bible Jazmine Bishop

Call to Worship Sarah Hall

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we gather in the warm embrace of God’s love.

People: We gather in the joy of fellowship in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We gather in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: We have come to listen for the voice of God.

Leader: We have come to encounter the Word, calling us into communion with God and His creation.

People: Let us worship God who is rich in mercy!

Leader: Let us worship God who makes all things new.

People: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hymn No. 20 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ODE TO JOY
Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children’s Time

Christian Greetings Brannon Gilliam

Old Testament Lesson I Samuel 3: 1-10

Search Committee Witness Barbara Epley

New Testament Lesson Romans 10: 9-15

Morning Prayer Rev. Tommy Wilson

Search Committee Witness Brian Walker

Anthem “This Wild Life” Burroughs

Chorus: What will you do with this wild life?
Where will you go to follow your soul?
What will you dream for God’s Kingdom?
Leaving your mark, when will you start?
I can hear God whispering, “Come follow me,
look and you’ll see.”
I can see God’s vision; a world full of love from
Heaven above today.

Search Committee Witness Margaret Ann Maddox

Hymn No. 115 “Fairest Lord Jesus” **CRUSADER’S HYMN**

Offertory Prayer Sparky Brooks

The Offertory “Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed” arr. George Brandon

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Anthem “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” Fettke

Reflection “Holy Connections” Dr. Ray Howell III

The Calling of God’s Servant for Ministry in First Baptist Church

Scripture Lesson Acts 13: 1-3

Search Committee Witness Kathy Hinkle

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 566 “Take My Life, Lead Me Lord” LANGLEY

Recommendation Kathy Hinkle, Search Committee Chair

Congregational Affirmation and Blessing Brannon Gilliam, Moderator

Response Meagan Smith

Hymn [insert] “Here I Am, Lord” Schutte

Benediction “Alleluia” Gattlin

Postlude “Passion Chorale” arr. John Carter

Musicians for Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani – Organist Youth Choir Sanctuary Choir
Brian Walker, Tenor Ralph Ashley, Tenor Paul Freeman, Tenor

Youth Chili Cookoff

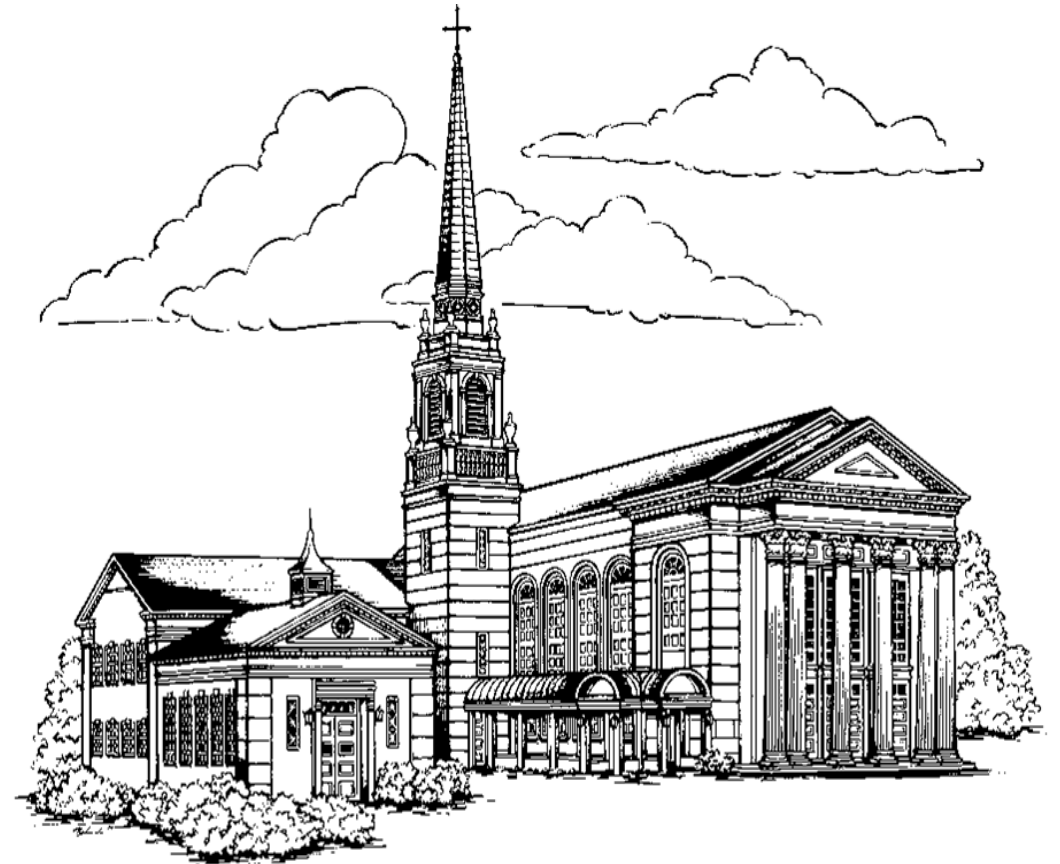
You are invited to the fellowship hall for a delicious lunch of homemade chili and dessert. Our youth are sponsoring the lunch to offset the cost of passport this summer. Adults are \$8.00, children \$6.00. and there is a \$25.00 family limit.

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