

# *The Worship of God*

May 14, 2017

Mother's Day Worship

## The Gathering

Within these hallowed walls children have been dedicated and blessed, faith has been shared and professed, baptisms have been witnessed and celebrated and graduations have been joyfully commemorated. Within these walls the sacred vows of marriage have been heard and the pain of grief has been shared. We are God's people, members of his family, who have gathered to worship and dedicate our children here today. Come let us worship God.

## Invitation to Worship

**Prelude** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" C. S. Lang

**Choral Introit** "Lead Me Lord" arr. Freeman

Opening of the Bible Sydney Hall

**Call to Worship** Ethan Fulbright

Leader: God, who is like a mother, gathers us as children

**People: To comfort us with strong arms of love.**

Leader: God, who is like a mother, is always there for us.

**People: In good times and in bad, God is faithful.**

Leader: God, who is like a mother, calls us into the family of faith

**People: Through God's great salvation, perfectly restored in thee.**

**Hymn No. 558** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Beecher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

## The Children's Time

## Christian Greetings

**Feature** "An American Epidemic" Macon Dunn

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 139: 1-18

## *The Dedication of Sophia Claire Tate*

### Litany of Dedication

Minister: In presenting Sophia to the Lord, do you promise to depend on God's grace and with the help of the church to teach her the gifts and claims of the Christian faith through prayer, word, and example to bring Sophia up in the family of faith.

Parents: We do.

Minister: Members of the family of faith, I commend to you Will and Chelsea Tate and their daughter, Sophia. Your love, care and example are as necessary to this covenant as their faithfulness in keeping their promise. Will you do all in your power to be a spiritual example for them and will you pray for them by asking God to bless them and love and grace?

**Congregation: We will.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**Presentation from the Sue Brown Knitting Ministry** Virginia Flippin

**Hymn No. 470** "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" Jesus Loves Me

**Gospel Lesson** John 14: 15-18

**Solo** "For Everyone Born" Murray/Mann-arr. Freeman

### Morning Prayer

**Anthem** "Sing Them Over Again to Me" Gilbert Martin

**Sermon** "Becoming an Orphan" Dr. Ray N. Howell III

**Hymn No. 392** "When Love Is Found" O WALY WALY

**Offertory Prayer** Greg Briggs

**The Offertory**      "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"      Austin C. Lovelace

**Doxology**      (Tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King")

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Choral Benediction**      "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"      arr. Freeman

**Postlude**      "Allegro"      J. Bernards

**Today's Lay Reader is Wendy Skotthy**

**Flowers**

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cindy McNeill by Robert and Tanya Leonard and family and Greg and Wendy McNeill and family.

**Today's Service**

Jackson McCarthy, Soloist      Beverly Khemlani, Organist/Pianist  
Sanctuary Choir

**This Week's Schedule**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Ministry (Everyone is welcome.) No Youth Activities Tonight	Conference Room
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30 p.m.	Addiction and Alcoholism Seminar	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Bus Departs for WS Dash Baseball	Winston-Salem

**Extended Sessions: May 7: Bed Babies-**Jen Fuller Allen/ Brooke Williams: **Toddler/2 Year-Olds-** M/M Zak Young: **3 and 4 Year-Olds-** M/M William Fulbright

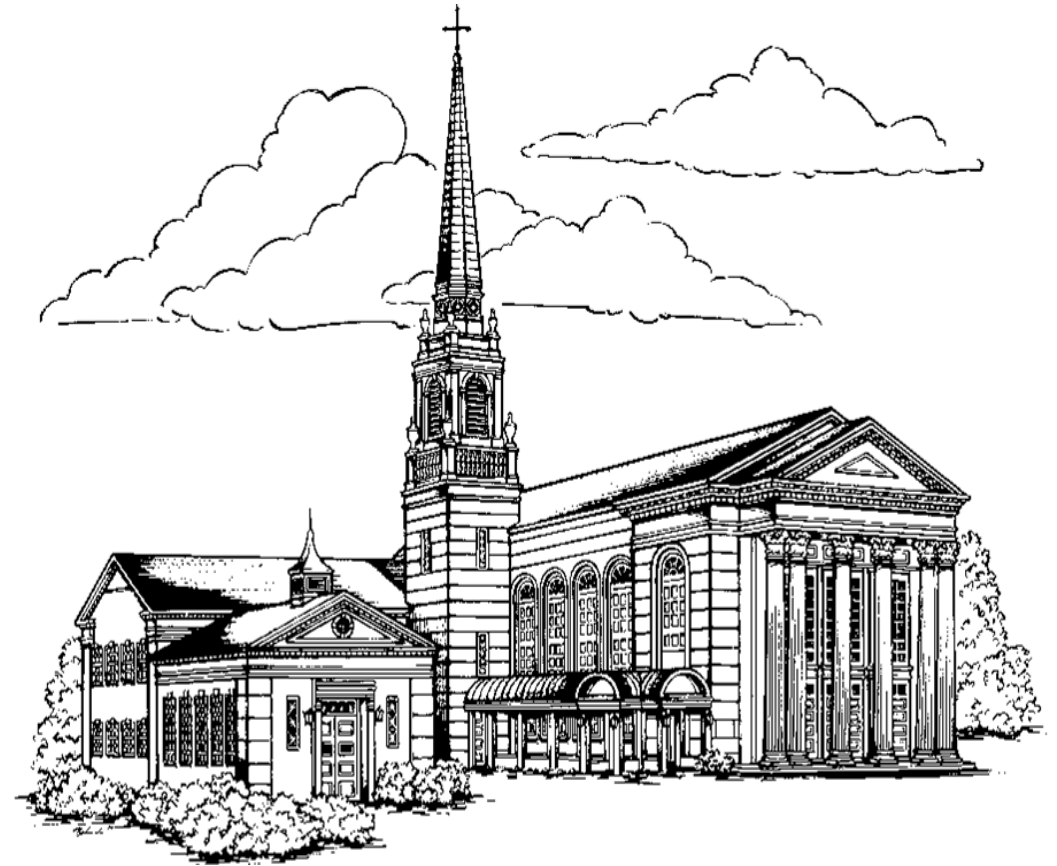
**May 21: Bed Babies-**M/M Nathan Houser: **Toddler/2 Year-Olds-**Sandra Blackwelder/Crystal Alexander: **3 and 4 year-olds-**Brenda Sprinkle/Sarah and Spencer Hall

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