

The Worship of God

November 20, 2016

Thanksgiving Sunday

The Gathering

The German mystic Meister Eckhart is reputed to have said that if the only prayer you ever said was "Thank You," that would be enough.

Early Announcements as the Church Gathers for Worship

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

Prelude	Now Thank We All Our God	Sigrid Karg -Elert
Choral Introit	"O Worship The Lord"	Robert McCuthan
Opening of the Bible		Brooke Lambeth
Call To Worship		Hailey Walker

Leader: To the Thanksgiving table of plenty,

People: Come, ye thankful people, come!

Leader: To the kitchen where familiar hands prepare with love,

People: Come, ye thankful people, come!

Leader: To the farm where calloused hands plant and tend,

People: Come, ye thankful people, come!

Leader: To the rich earth, where roots stretch and seeds grow,

People: Come, ye thankful people, come!

Leader: To this service of worship and praise of the God of creation,

People: Come, ye thankful people, come!

RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME

Hymn No. 381	"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"	ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Lighting the Christ Candle		

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings Vinnon Williams

Christmas Angels Catherine Bowers

GOD OUR MAKER DOES PROVIDE

Old Testament Scripture		Psalm 100
Hymn No. 374	"Now Thank We All Our God"	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Baptist Children's Home Update		Sam Barefoot
Hymn No. 376	"We Gather Together"	KREMSER
Morning Prayer		

ALL THE WORLD IS GOD'S OWN FIELD

New Testament Scripture		Philippians 1:3-11
Anthem	"Autumn Carol"	Widmar
Sermon	"The Harvest for All"	Dr. Ray Howell III
Hymn No. 384	"This Is My Father's World"	TERRA BEATA

ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN

Offertory Prayer		Johnny Beck
The Offertory	A Prelude for Harvest	Robert Groves
Doxology		

RAISE THE GLORIOUS HARVEST HOME

Choral Benediction	May the Peace of God Go With You	arr. Freeman
Postlude	Voluntary	F. Walczynski

Today's Lay Reader is Courtney Brown

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ Sanctuary Choir Sr. Adult Choir

Handbells - Brenda Barton, Cindy Fulbright and Eryn Myers

Sanctuary Poinsettias

The deadline for ordering Sanctuary Poinsettias is this Wednesday, November 23.

Christmas Angels

Salvation Army Christmas Angels are available today. Our church goal is 125 angels!

Dollar Offerings

We continue our Dollar Offerings today and each Sunday through December.

Youth Schedule

Our youth will meet at 5:00 p.m. for Youth Choir, followed by a snack supper at 6:00 p.m. and youth activities.

No Wednesday Night Activities

As Thanksgiving Eve is a time for families to gather, we will not have any Wednesday night activities this week.

New Sunday School Class

Dr. Beverly Fulbright will teach a new Sunday School class beginning next Sunday in the Chapel with a focus on the Bible and Mental Health.

MBCC Fundraiser

The Children's Center is holding a Christmas stocking fundraiser. There are 4 stockings: two 5 – foot stockings – one for a boy and one for a girl valued at \$225 each; two regular stockings for a gentleman and a lady valued at \$100 each. Raffle tickets will be sold through December 14 for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds will go toward providing extraordinary care for the children of MBCC!

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

Extended Sessions:

November 20: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah & Spencer Hall

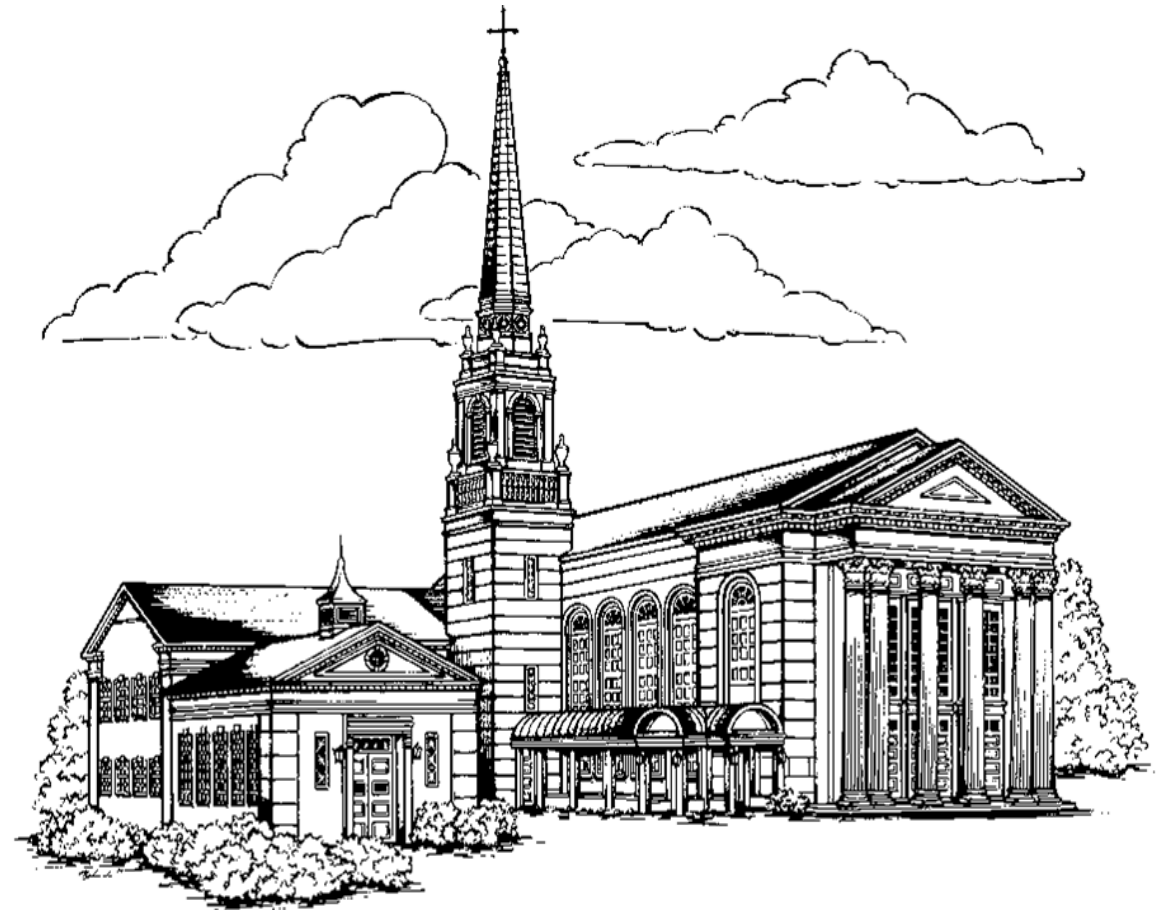
November 27: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Brian & Elizabeth Lancaster **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

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