

The Worship of God

February 22, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The First Sunday of Lent

THE GATHERING

In this place of friendship there is freedom. Let the light of God's presence that we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. John Carter

CHORAL INTROIT *Near the Cross* Fanny J. Crosby 1869
Opening of the Bible Rachel Huneycutt

CALL TO WORSHIP Ethan Houser

Leader: Welcome, travelers, to the journey of faith.

People: The faith journey is the best route through the land called life.

Leader: Then come and continue the quest.

People: As we engage our faith by living life to the fullest.

Leader: We will let our spirits soar like eagles!

People: We will walk and not be weary, run and not faint.

Leader: As we seek the Lord's will in all that we do.

People: This is the way we worship God.

HYMN NO. 77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DENHERREN
Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40: 28-31

CALL TO CONFESSION

Minister: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

Minister: You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;

People: And free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior.

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 526 *Trusting Jesus* TRUSTING JESUS

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1: 9-15

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* Parker

SERMON *Seeking God's Will in All That We Do* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 689 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tim Michael

OFFERTORY *Deep River* arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Near the Cross* Fanny J. Crosby 1869

PRELUDE *There Is a Green Hill Far Away* arr. Henry Coleman

Today's Lay Reader is Jamie Young.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

Christian sympathy is extended to Don and Deb Watson upon the death of David McKown, brother of Deb, on February 17

The Deacons of the Week are Rod Penry and Sandye Saintsing.

Community Lenten Services - 12 Noon

Join the community for a weekly, ecumenical time of worship each Wednesday at noon at First United Methodist Church. A light lunch of soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage will follow the service at a cost of \$5.00.

Gospel Without Borders - Adriana Ortiz Wednesday, February 25 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

A few weeks ago we introduced the video "Gospel Without Borders" that shared a perspective on immigration. One scene showed the path through Arizona that many coming from Mexico attempt to cross into the United States. We learned how some lost their lives. On Wednesday you will have the opportunity to see and hear a personal perspective.

Adriana Ortiz, a member of First Baptist, will share her journey and all that she experienced in coming to the United States. Marilyn Taylor, a good friend and Mentor, will be interviewing Adriana. You will not want to miss hearing her!

**“Marching to Holy Week”
Begins Next Sunday**

Announcements

Sunday, 2/22	9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
	9:30 a.m. Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Lobby
	5:00 p.m. Belize Youth Meeting	FUMC
	6:00 p.m. Youth Snack Supper	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study	
	7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting	Parlor
Monday, 2/23	5:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
	7:00 p.m. Winter Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 2/24	10:30 a.m. Winter Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 2/25	12:00 Noon Community Lenten Worship Service	FUMC
	4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
	5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Child Care Babies	Nursery
	(inform church if you need childcare)	
	5:15 - 6:15 p.m. *Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
	5:45 - 6:30 p.m. GA's (Grades 1st thru 5th)	Room 212
	RA's	Room 202
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 206
	6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st Grade)	Room 206
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5)	Music Suite
	Gospel Without Borders (Special Speaker)	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

*Menu: Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Cookie

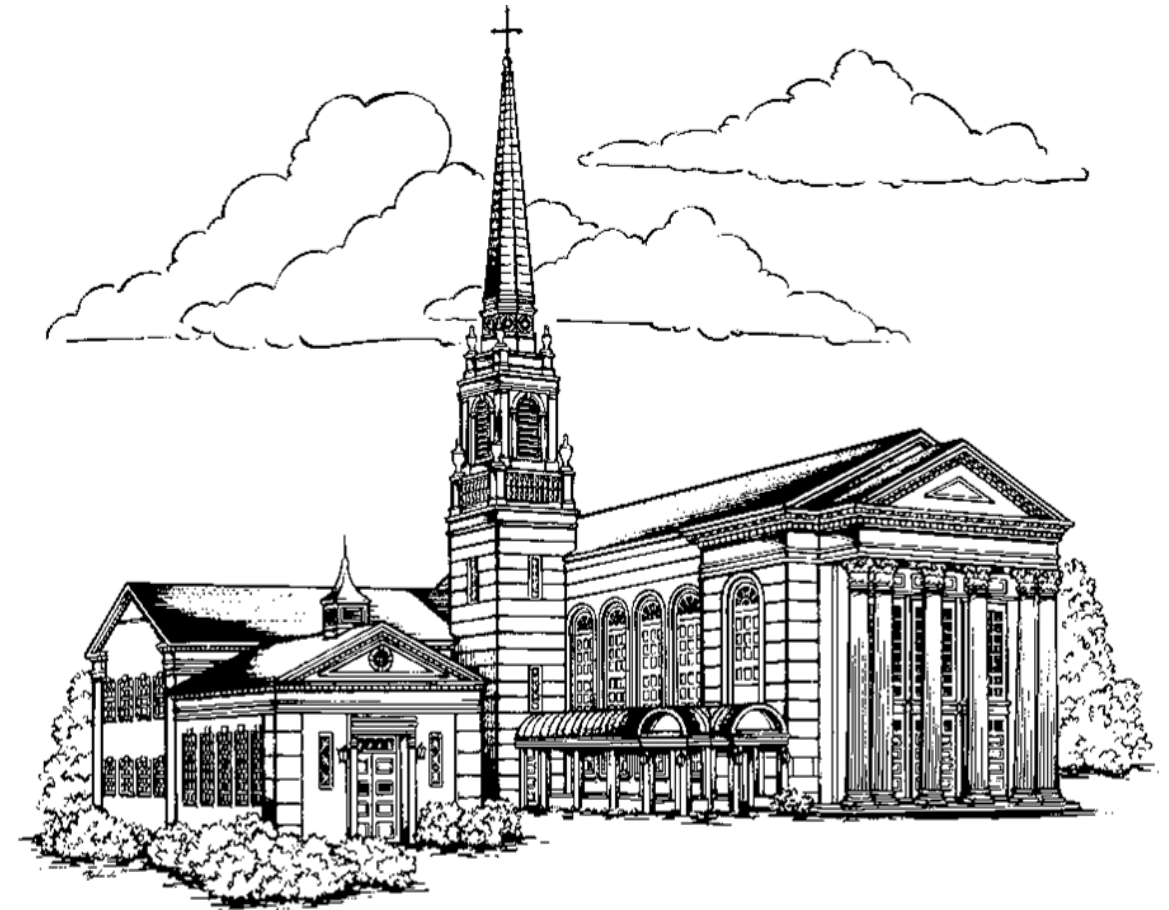
RSVP by noon Monday

Extended Sessions:

February 22: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Courtney Sams & Sarah Hall

March 1: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kevin Brown **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

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