

The Worship of God

February 8, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

THE GATHERING

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come; this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus Christ her Lord.

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* C.S. Lang

CHORAL INTROIT *This Is God's Beloved Son* MOWSLEY
Opening of the Bible Natalee Mitcham

CALL TO WORSHIP Grace Myers

Leader: O God, like a thunderstorm in the desert,
People: Your grace restores our parched souls.
Leader: We are redeemed not because we are good,
People: But because you are merciful.
Leader: We rejoice in the saving power of Jesus the Christ,
People: Who delivers us from the death of sin.
All: May Jesus Christ be Praised!

HYMN NO. 99 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI
Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 3: 12-17

HYMN NO. 696 *The Bond of Love* BOND OF LOVE

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Minister: We have promised to seek to grow as Christian persons in a joyful, missional community.
People: We have been faithful and we have been unfaithful.
Minister: We have promised to worship God.
People: We have been faithful and we have been unfaithful.
Minister: We have promised to love and care for others in and out of our congregation.
People: We have been faithful and we have been unfaithful.

Minister: We have promised to support the ministry of our church with our prayers, talents, energy, and money.

People: We have been faithful and we have been unfaithful.

Minister: We have promised to be witnesses for God's justice in our lives: at work, at home, at play - in economics, politics, law and our personal lives.

People: We have been faithful and we have been unfaithful. O God, hear our confession and forgive our sin.

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 702 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 26

ANTHEM *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Shelley

SERMON *We Are Committed to Nurturing One Another* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

OFFERTORY PRAYER Johnny Beck

OFFERTORY *Prelude on MANNHEIM* Andrew Fletcher

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 (Stand In Unison) OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace* Freeman

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune* Johann Fischer

Today's Lay Reader is Sidney Minner.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ Sanctuary Choir Dolly Skinner - director

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harold McNeill by Cindy McNeill and family.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Jim Underwood upon his death on February 1 and to Cindy McNeill and family upon the death of her husband Harold McNeill on February 3 and Molly Bailey and Karen McGinn and family upon the death of their brother Rob McGinn on February 5.

The Deacons of the Week are Newell Davis and Paul Epley.

25th Annual Birthday Banquet

Wednesday, February 11 - 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall - Reservations Required

Entertainment: Ken Davis

MBCC Fundraiser - Valentine Luncheon

Friday, February 13 - 12:00 - 1:00 p. m. - FBC Fellowship Hall
Ham or Turkey Sandwich, Potato or Pasta Salad, Fruit Cup, Tea and Dessert

Cost: \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children

Tickets are on sale now. Silent Auction for Baskets opens today
and runs through lunch on Friday February 13

Announcements

Sunday, 2/8

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Lobby
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper	MBCC Dining Area
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study	MBCC Dining Area

Monday, 2/9

7:00 p.m.	Winter Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, 2/10

10:30 a.m.	Winter Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, 2/11

5:45 p.m.	Birthday Banquet (reservations required)	Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

February Worship

Our church mission statement will be the focus of our worship in February. We will explore the second half of the statement: *"We are committed to nurturing one another, sharing Christ with everyone, and seeking God's will in all that we do."* February 8 will be *"Nurturing One Another,"* February 15, *"Sharing Christ With Everyone,"* and February 22 will be *"Seeking God's Will."*

Extended Sessions:

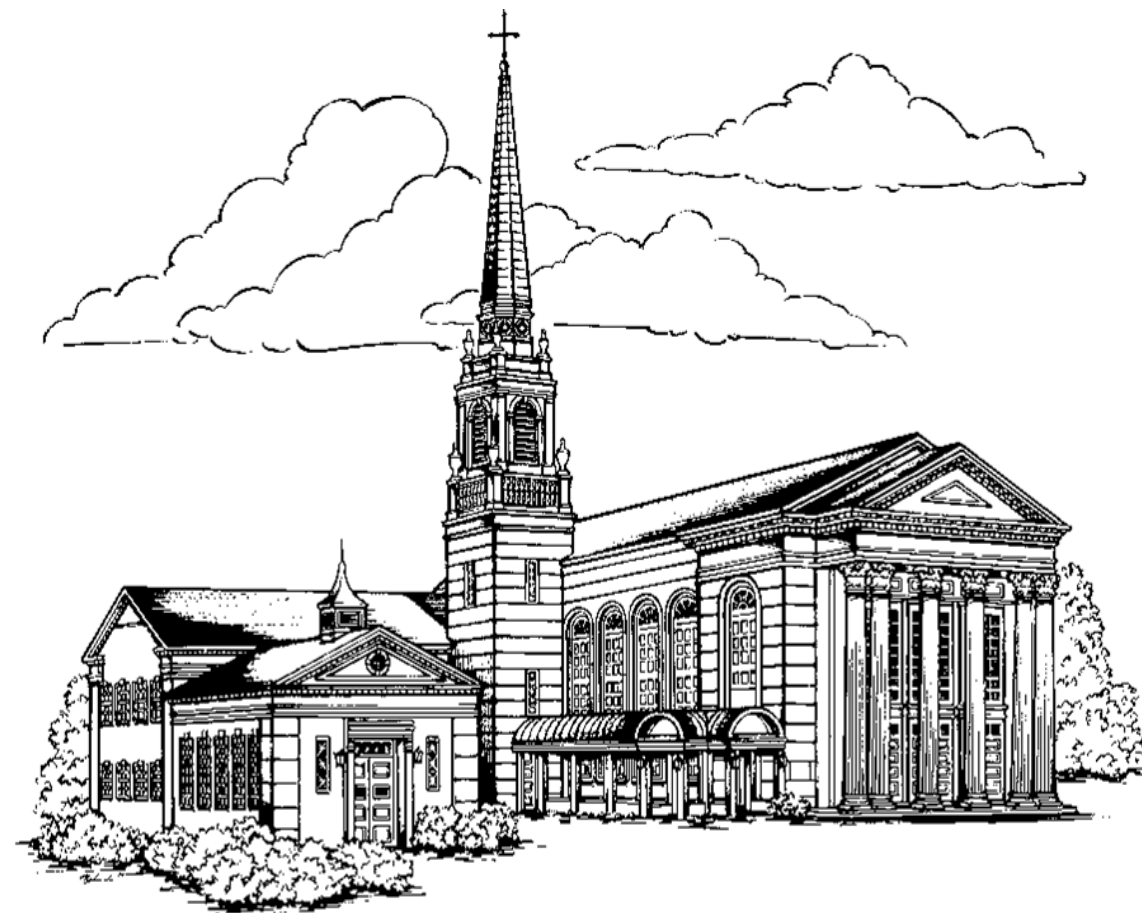
February 8: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker **Toddlers & 2 Yr Olds:** M/M

Dale Lambeth **3 & 4 Yr Olds:** Simon & Margaret Ann Maddox

February 15: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

Toddlers & 2 Yr Olds: M/M Zak Young **3 & 4 Yr Olds:** M/M William Fulbright

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