

The Worship of God

August 23, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

THE GATHERING

Search here for God. Yearn for truth. But rest assured that even as we search, yearn, wander and wonder - God is with us, within us, and for us. God is never far away. "When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart."

Craig Courtney

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

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

CHORAL INTROIT *Lead Me Lord* Freeman
Opening of the Bible Ella Rae Howell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, people of God!

People: **Praise God with music and song!**

Leader: Seek God with all of your heart.

People: **For God knows the plans He has for us.**

Leader: He is immortal, invisible, God only wise.

People: **He is almighty, victorious! His great name we praise!**

HYMN NO. 62 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO
Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 29: 11-14

THE STORY BEHIND THE ANTHEM, "*If You Search With All Your Heart*"

ANTHEM *If You Search With All Your Heart* Courtney

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Samuel 17: 41-49

HYMN NO. 347 *Tell His Praise in Song and Story* HOLY MANNA

SERMON *God Has the Power!* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 748 *Onward, Christian Soldiers* ST. GERTRUDE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Greg Briggs

OFFERTORY *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Camil Van Hulse

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Gladden/Smith

POSTLUDE *Postlude in G* G. Merkel

Today's Lay Reader is Jim Skotthy.

Musicians for Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

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

Deacons' Meeting

Today, August 23 - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The Deacons will meet in the Fellowship Hall this evening at 7:00 p.m. This includes the Deacons rotating off and the new incoming Deacons for 2018.

School Supplies



During the month of August, the WMU will collect much needed school supplies for area foster children. A collection box will be located in the children's dining area of the Children's Center.

Sunday School Promotion

Sunday, August 30 - 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, August 30, during the Sunday School Hour, all children and youth will be promoted to their new classes for the new church year. Any adults wishing to make a change are urged to do so at this time. A bell will ring when it is time to promote.

Annual Church Meeting Next Sunday

Sunday, August 30 - 9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

The Annual Church Meeting has been moved to next Sunday, August 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We were unable to have the meeting this past Wednesday due to not having a quorum. We will be voting on the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee report. Here is a list of additions and changes to the Nominating Committee report:

Add:

Teacher:

Connie Russell - Fellowship/Philpott SS Class

Substitute Teacher:

Kay Hardin - All Preschool SS Classes

Youth Leaders:

Carol Frank, Lewie Phillips, Whitney Brooks

Barbara Humphries - Food Service Group III

Melinda Hartley - 5th Sunday Teacher Rochella Baker SS Class

Children Mission Leaders: Mission Friends

Adirana Ortiz Assistant/ Jamie Young Substitute

Remove:

Cheryl Wicker - Group I Usher - Barbara Kugel - Food Service Group III

Michelle Hopkins - Baptism Committee, 2017 Commitment Committee, Family Life Committee, Social Committee, Sanctuary Committee, Group III Usher

Richard Perryman - Small Jobs Contact

Kristi Hall - Shirley Crofts - 2017 Commitment Committee

Announcements

Sunday, 8/23

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry

Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Fellowship Hall

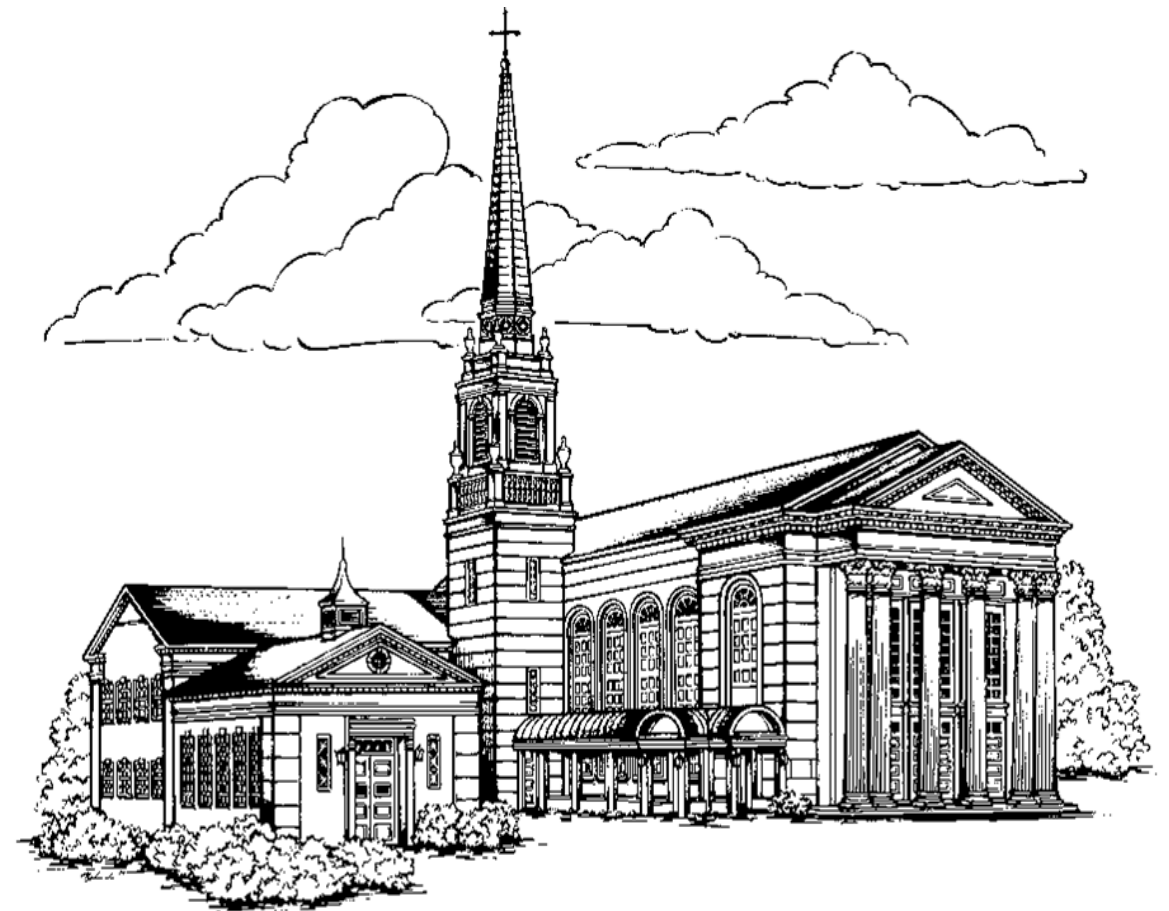
Extended Sessions:

August 23: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall & Courtney Sams

August 30: 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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