

The Worship of God

January 3, 2016

The Second Sunday after Christmas

THE GATHERING

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flocks, The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To bring peace among the people, To make music in the heart.

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *He is Born, The Holy Child* arr. Paxton

CHORAL INTROIT *The Savior's Wondrous Love* Freeman
Opening of the Bible Sydney Hall

CALL TO WORSHIP Spencer Hall

Leader: We have seen the light of the world.

People: We have been called to follow the star of promise.

Leader: Like the Magi, we bring our gifts to honor the baby of Bethlehem.

People: We also bring light to the dark places in our community and our world.

Leader: Like the Magi, we come to worship the King!

HYMN NO. 185 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT
Lighting the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON II Samuel 7: 8-16

SOLO *Because He Lives* Gaither

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2: 1-12

HYMN NO. 181 *As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX

SERMON *The Promise Continues* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 190 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Resonet In Laudibus* 14th Century German Carol

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Grant Us the Joy* Freeman

PRELUDE *Break Forth Into Joy* J.S. Bach

Today's Lay Reader is Kim Lingerfelt.

Musicians for today's service

Peggy Barnhardt - Organist Jim Barton - Soloist Sanctuary Choir

Christian sympathy is extended to Sharon Palmer and family upon the death of her sister, Hilda Hedgecock, of Burlington, NC on December 19; Tommy Wilson and family upon the death of his mother, Frances Wilson of Red Springs, NC on December 22; Brenda Barton and family upon the death of her mother, Minnie Banks on December 26.

Soup & Sandwich Lunch & Bake Sale Sunday, January 24

Our annual Soup and Sandwich lunch is scheduled for Sunday, January 24 following the worship service. Joyce will be making her delicious homemade vegetable soup and you will have a choice of a Conrad and Hinkle Pimento Cheese or Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich. Jane Blackerby will also be coordinating a delicious bake sale. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 and under with a \$25.00 family limit. All proceeds will offset the cost of Passport for our youth this summer.

26th Annual Birthday Banquet

Wednesday, February 3 - 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Adults: \$6.00 Children 12 and under \$4.00 Family Limit \$20.00

Tickets are required and will be available on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and in the church office.

Entertainment: The Bahama Mamas

Menu: Chicken Marsala, Creamed Spinach, New Potatoes, Spring Greens and Mandarin Orange Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing, Croissant, Cake/Ice Cream
Children: Chicken Tenders

MBCC Fundraiser - Valentine Luncheon

Friday, February 12 - 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 for the annual MBCC fundraiser on Friday, February 12.

Silent Auction for Baskets will Open Sunday,
February 7 through Lunch on Friday February 12

Family Night 2016

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 13 - MLK Program

Wednesday January 20 - FaithHealth NC

New Chaplain - Dianne Horton

June Britt & Sue Epley

Wednesday, January 27 - Quarterly Business Meeting

Week's Schedule

Sunday, 1/3

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry Conference Room

9:30 a.m. Morning Coffee Gathering 2nd Floor Lobby

Monday, 1/4

1:45 p.m. Frady/Johnson Mission Group Conference Room

2:00 p.m. Bernice Cross Mission Group Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 1/5

12:00 p.m. Carolyn Phillips Mission Group Yarborough's Restaurant

Wednesday, 1/6

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Music Suite

Extended Sessions:

January 3: Bed Babies: M/M Dale Lambeth **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dave

Thornhill **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill

January 10: Bed Babies: Libby Foster & Courtney Foster

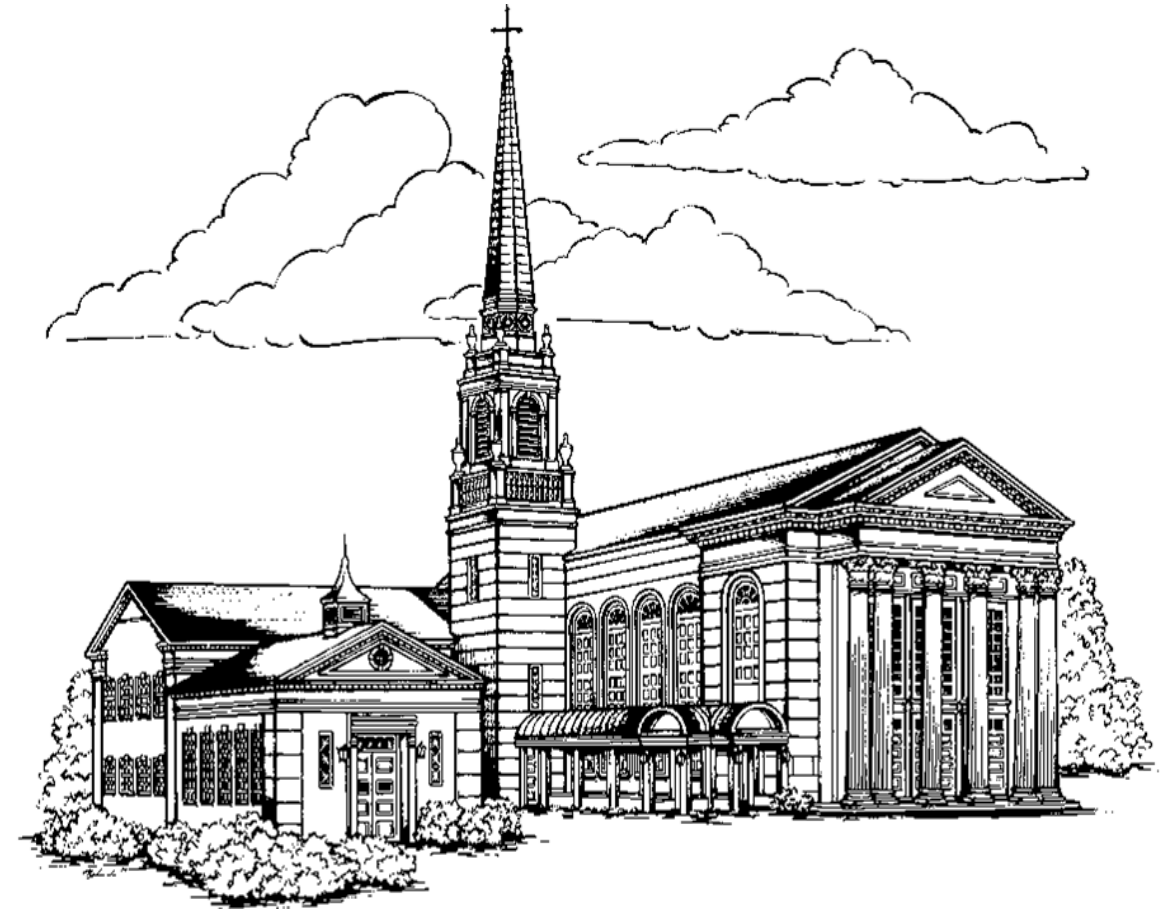
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Christy Clark **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck

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