

The Worship of God

February 28, 2016

The Third Sunday of Lent

THE GATHERING

“Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us.”
John R. W. Stott

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

THEME INTERPRETATION: *Journey to the Cross*

CHORAL INTROIT *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Clephane/Maker
Opening the Bible Jazmine Bishop

CALL TO WORSHIP Madeline Blackwell

Leader: Sin brings us to death’s dominion.

People: Disobedience is our painful legacy.

Leader: We are powerless to free ourselves.

People: Our souls cry out to God.

Leader: It was at the cross where we first saw the light.

People: And the burden of our hearts rolled away.

Leader: It was there by faith we received our sight.

People: And now we are happy all the day!

HYMN NO. 512 *At the Cross* HUDSON
Lighting the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN’S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 1: 1-8

CALL TO CONFESSION

Minister: Merciful God, you created the world in perfect order granting us all we need to live in joy and fulfillment.

People: In our sin we have turned away from you and lost the joy of our salvation.

Minister: Blinded by our self-centeredness,

People: We fail to see the injustice we perpetuate.

Minister: We fail to see the needy at our doorstep.

People: We fail to see the degradation we wreak,

Minister: And we even fail to see just how much we fail to see.

People: In your mercy, O God, forgive us of our sin, bring us to new life, and call us to remember your tender mercy and loving kindness.

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM *Call to Remembrance* Farrant

GOSPEL LESSON John 3: 16-21

HYMN NO. 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

SERMON *The Cross as Judgment* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 213 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

OFFERTORY PRAYER Greg Briggs

OFFERTORY *Deep River* arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

*“Praise God the Source of Life and Birth
Praise God the Word, Who Came to Earth
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Flame
All Glory, Honor to God’s Name!”
Amen*

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Ye Now In Peace* Freeman

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in G Minor* F. Walczynski

Today’s Lay Reader is Ethan Houser

Musicians for today’s service

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Coming Events!

March 6 The Cross as Mercy
March 13 The Cross as Triumph
March 20 Palm Sunday: The story of Holy Week will be presented through Scripture and anthems by the Sanctuary Choir followed by the Community Palm Sunday Celebration at the Square
March 27 Easter Sunday
April 16 Touching Davidson County With Love
April 24 Celebration for Tommy and Sandra Wilson

Week's Schedule

Sunday, 2/28

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Lobby
5:30 p.m.	Snack Supper	FUMC
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Middle & High School Youth	FUMC
	Underground Church	
7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	Parlor

Monday, 2/29

7:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, 3/1

10:30 a.m.	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, 3/2

12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten 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
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5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's (Grades 1st thru 5th)	Room 212
	RA's	Room 226
	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
	Middle & High School Youth	Youth Suite
	Church Fellowship/Bible Study	Fellowship Hall

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	The First Disciples Story Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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Thursday, 3/3

7:00 p.m.	Hand Bell Rehearsal	Chapel
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*Menu: Chicken & Dumplings, Apples, Slaw, Salad Bar, Dessert
Children: Chicken Tenders

RSVP by noon Monday

Extended Sessions:

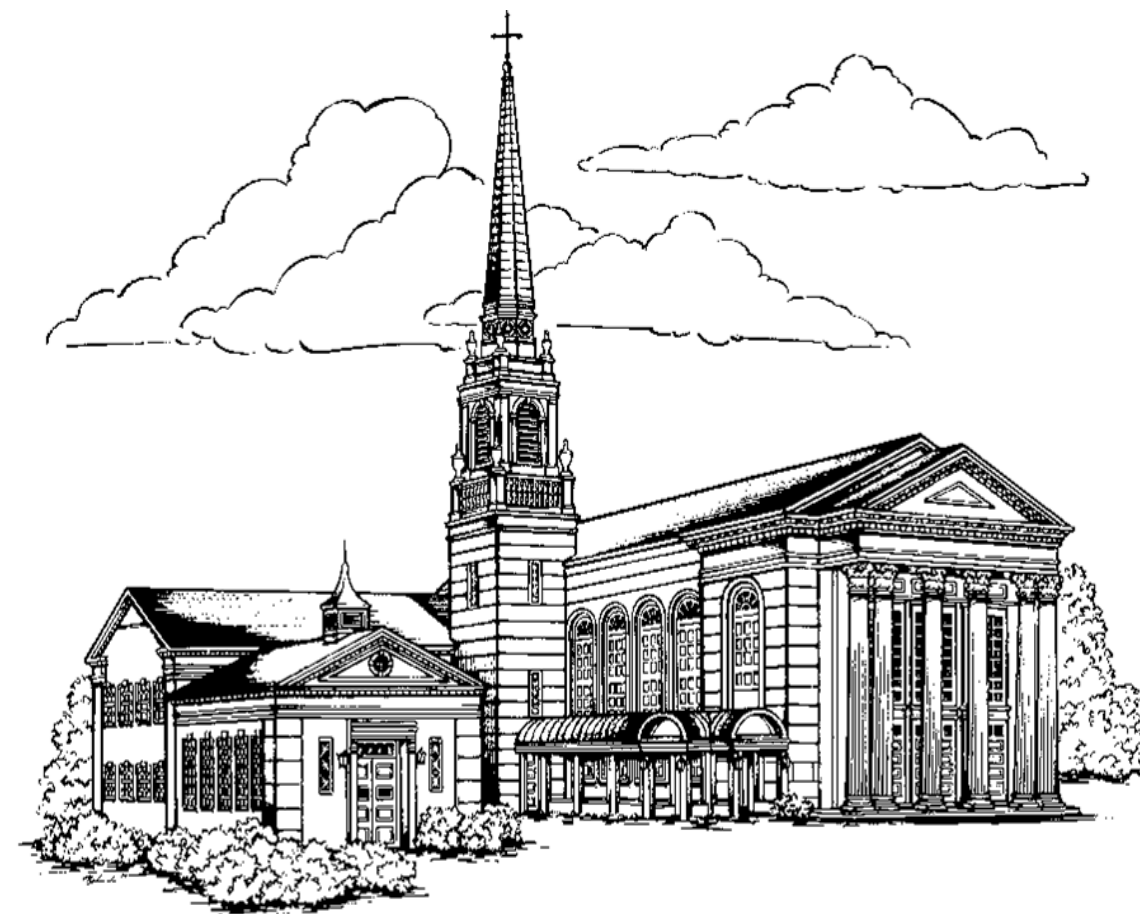
February 28: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller-Allen & Brooke Williams

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kevin Brown 3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M David Mitcham

March 6: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Zak Young

3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

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