

The Worship of God

April 10, 2016

The Third Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

“Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve: to give, and not count the cost, to fight, and not to heed the wounds, to toil, and not to seek for rest, to labor, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.”
Ignatius of Loyala

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude* Douglas E. Wagner

CHORAL INTROIT *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand* arr. Freeman
Opening of the Bible Mary Evann Thornhill

CALL TO WORSHIP Luke Thornhill

Leader: Sing, all people of God! Sing the good news:

People: We cry ourselves to sleep and God comes in with the dawn, to awaken us with joy.

Leader: Sing, in every land, in every tongue! Sing the good news.

People: When our lives bottom out, God takes us by the hand to lead us into the light.

Leader: Sing, in heaven and on earth! Sing the good news:

People: Broken, hopeless, lost—we cry out to God, who hears our hearts.

Leader: Sing, all people of God!

All: We will sing the good news!

HYMN NO. 130 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON
Lighting the Christ Candle

CHILDREN’S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

TRUMPET SOLO *Panis Angelicus* Franck

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 30: 1-5; 11-12

LITANY OF PROMISE

Minister: May the God who turns our mourning into dancing be with you!

People: May God teach you new dance steps as well!

Minister: May the God who hears our hearts listen to yours!

People: In those depths, we speak of that for which we long—hope and grace.

Minister: May the God who loves us fill your life with abundant blessings.

People: With those who weep with the mourning and all those who dance in your wonder, we lift our hearts to you, O God.

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4: 1-7; 11-13

HYMN NO. 718 *Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father* MADILL

ANTHEM *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* Mark Miller

SERMON *How Do They Know Where We Are Going?* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

OFFERTORY PRAYER Don Watson

OFFERTORY *Introspection* Richard Purvis

DOXOLOGY 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 *Blessed Savior Walk With Us* arr. Freeman

REMARKS

POSTLUDE *Allegro* J. Bernards

Today’s Lay Reader is Tobin Shepherd

Musicians for Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani - Organist/Pianist

Sanctuary Choir

Paul Freeman - Trumpet

Youth Choir

TDCWL Saturday, April 16

All who are involved with Touching Davidson County With Love are invited to Music and Muffins in the fellowship hall of First Methodist Church at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 16. There will be a time of prayer before everyone sets out to work. Thanks to every FBC member who has contributed time, gifts, talents, and energy to TDCWL this year.

April 24 Celebration

Our church family will celebrate the ministry of Tommy and Sandra Wilson on Sunday, April 24. Following the worship service we will gather in the fellowship hall for lunch and a special program. Tickets (\$6 Adults, \$3 Children) are available today after the service.

Senior Adult Sunday - Next Sunday, April 17

Week's Schedule

Sunday, 4/10

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Parlor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Lobby
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
6:00 p.m.	Snack Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Middle School Youth	The Attic
	High School Youth	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	Parlor

Wednesday, 4/13

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Child Care Babies (inform church if you need childcare)	Nursery
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 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
	Video Clips and Discussion	
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

Saturday, 4/16

8:00 a.m.	Touching Davidson County With Love	FUMC
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*Menu: Chicken & Dumplings, Apples, Slaw, Salad Bar, Dessert
Children: Chicken Tenders

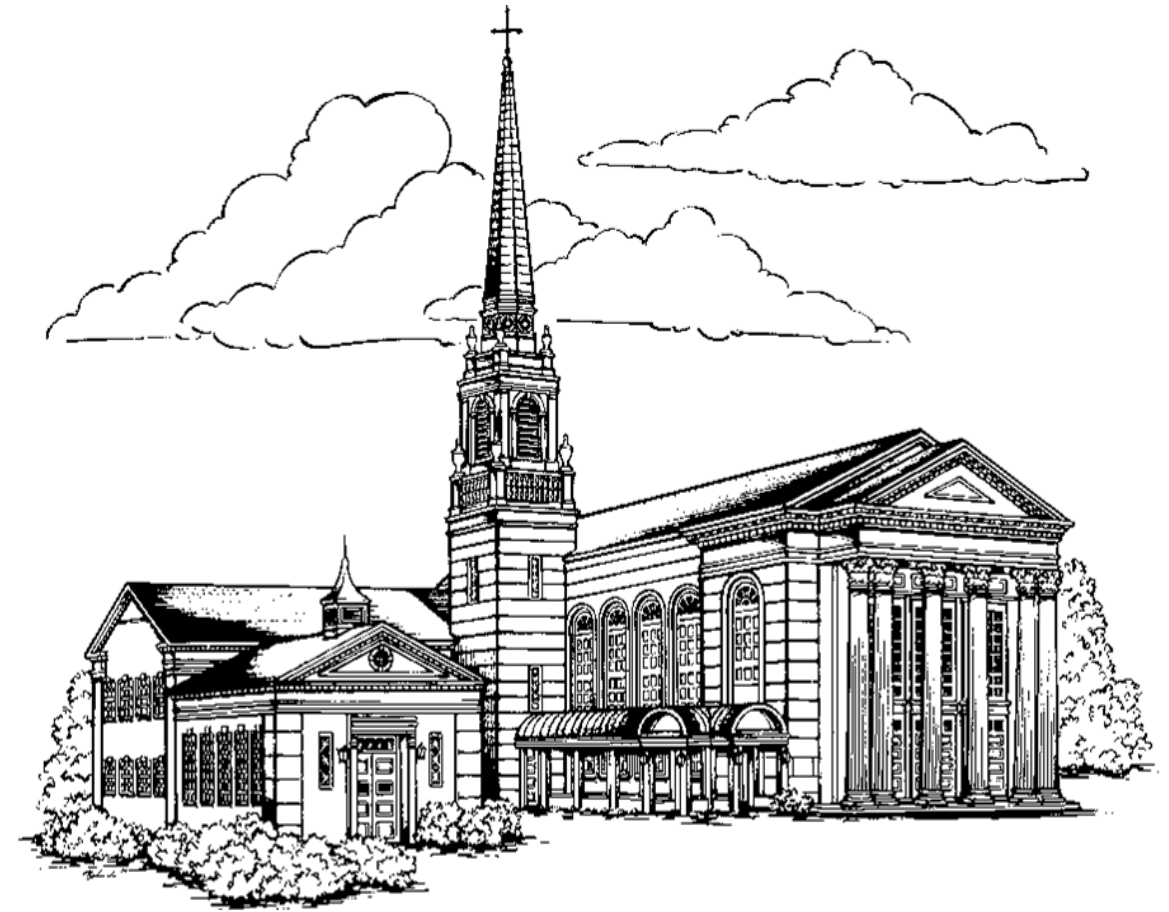
RSVP by noon Monday

Extended Sessions:

April 10: Bed Babies: Libby Foster & Courtney Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Christy Clark **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck
April 17: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley & Whitney Brooks **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Cory Kehl **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz

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