

The Worship of God

October 8, 2017

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

“God’s grace is not defined as God being forgiving to us even though we sin. Grace is when God is a source of wholeness, which makes up for my failings. My failings hurt me and others and even the planet, and God’s grace to me is that my brokenness is not the final word ... It’s God saying, “I love the world too much to let your sin define you and be the final word. I am a God who makes all things new.”

Nadia Bolz-Weber

Early Announcements as the Church Gathers to Worship

Prelude “Communion on Two American Folk Hymns” arr. Alice Jordan

Choral Introit “Open My Eyes That I May See” Scott

Opening of the Bible Cayden McCarthy

Call to Worship Kristian Kepley

Leader: The table of bread is now to be made ready.

People: It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

Leader: It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,

People: with whom Jesus himself identified.

Leader: It is the table of communion with the earth,

People: in which Christ became incarnate.

Leader: So come to this table.

Hymn No. 130 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children’s Time

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Reading Micah 6:6-8

Morning Prayer (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)

Hymn No. 436 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” CHEREPONI

Offertory Prayer Mark Lambros

The Offertory “Bread of Life” Jeanne Shaffer

Doxology No. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

Communion at the Lord’s Table

Reading “Table Blessing” by Jan L. Richardson

Anthem “Come Find Forgiveness And Love” Besig

Gospel Lessons Matthew 26:26-30, John 13:3-17

Homily “Remember” Meagan Smith

Hymn No. 776 “Let us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD

Sharing in the Lord’s Supper

Hymn No. 291 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

Choral Benediction “God Will Take Care of You” Martin

Postlude “Christ, the Cornerstone” Roger C. Wilson

Today’s Lay Reader is Kathy Hinkle

Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani-Organist Meagan Smith-Flautist Sanctuary Choir

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Mark Lambros and his family in the death of his brother Mike Lambros of Midway on September 29.

Being Baptist

Meagan Smith will conclude her series on “Being Baptist” this Wednesday night. Make your reservations by emailing wednesday@fbclcx.org or calling the church office at 336-245-1261 by noon on Monday.

Budget Catch Up Sunday- October 15

Our giving thus far this year is behind last year by approximately \$31,482. On that Sunday we will have a catch up, in order to erase some of the deficit. Please prayerfully consider making a catch up contribution on that day and please continue to be faithful in your giving.

Church Directory Photo Session

Please arrive 10-15 minutes early for your appointment; all sessions will be in the church parlor. Please enter through the door to the right of the columbarium during and after hours. If you need to use the elevator after hours, please call Brenda Hipp at (336) 476-0965.

Fall Mission Emphasis

Our mission emphasis for the fall is on the Dragonfly House. Throughout the month of October, there will be opportunities to support this agency which focuses on helping in situations of child abuse. We will collect new t-shirts of all colors and sizes, materials to make blankets and monetary donations. On October 22nd, Executive Director Brandi Reagan will join us in worship to share their mission after which a love offering will be collected.

The Pumpkins Are Here!

Our pumpkins from the Great Pumpkin Patch are here and are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Fall Festival

Our Fall Festival will be Wednesday, October 25. We need your help! We are collecting candy and have bins set-up around the church. If you, your Sunday school class, your family, or a group of friends would like to sponsor a Fall Festival activity, email Meagan at msmith@fbclex.org.

Operation Christmas Child

It is time to start collecting items for the annual Operation Christmas Child shoe box campaign. This year our goal is 200 shoe boxes. Boxes are available in the Fellowship Hall, along with labels, telling you what can and cannot be packed. Be sure you read the instructions! Deadline is Wednesday, November 15.

Extended Sessions: October 8: Bed Babies-Libby & Courtney Foster: **Toddler/2 Year-Olds & 3 and 4 Year-Olds-** M/M Kyle Kepley

October 15: Bed Babies- M/M Don Watson: **Toddler/2 Year-Olds:** M/M Cory Kehl **3 and 4 Year-Olds-** Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz

October 11 Menu

Adults: Chicken pie with gravy, green beans, cole slaw, tossed salad, dessert

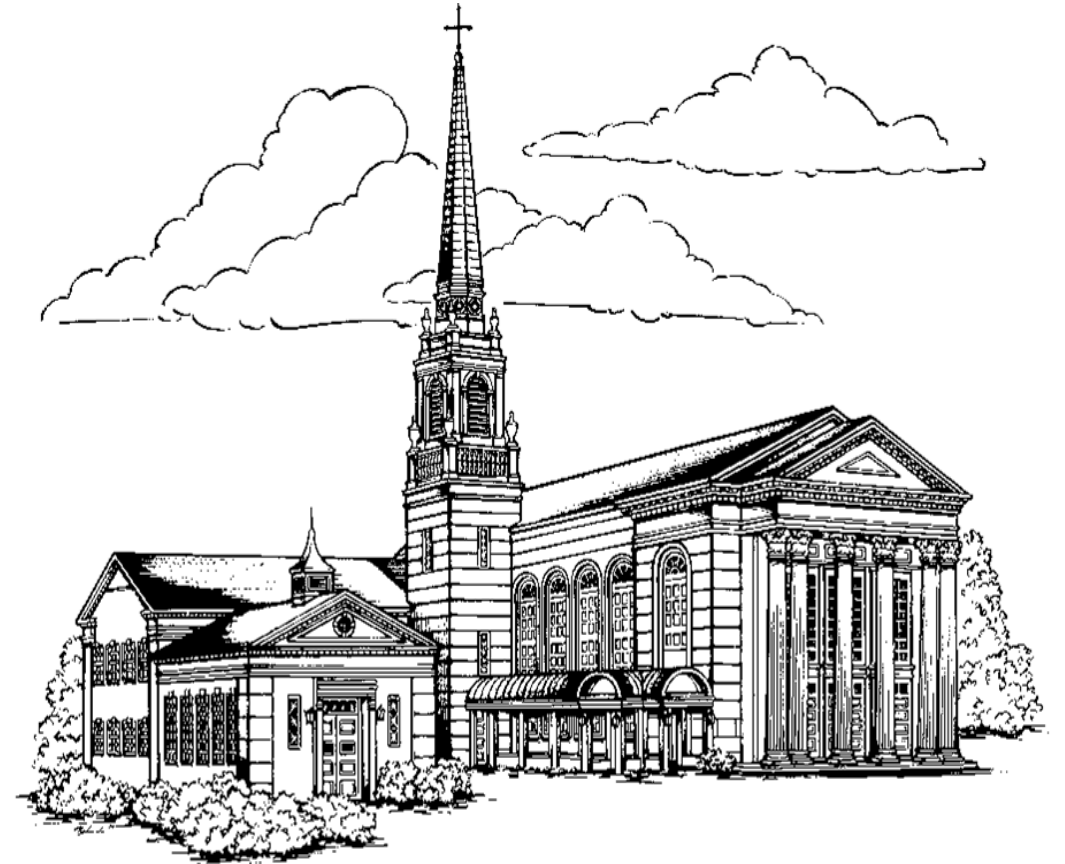
Children: Chicken & Dumplings

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