

# *The Worship of God*

August 13, 2017

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## The Gathering

*“Is there – is there balm in Gilead? – tell me – tell me, I implore!” Quoth the Raven*  
*“Nevermore.”* Edgar Allan Poe “The Raven”

## Preparing for Worship

Prelude “Venite” Norman Warren

Worship Focus “Is There Balm in Gilead?”

Choral Introit “Holy Spirit, Light Divine” arr. Freeman  
Opening of the Bible Elaine Allen

Call to Worship Hailey Walker

Leader: We have gathered to worship God who hears our pleas.

**People: We worship God who replaces our sorrow with joy.**

Leader: We worship God who heals the sick.

**People: We worship God who heals the sin-sick soul.**

Leader: We worship God who makes the wounded whole.

**People: We worship and rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

Hymn No. 34 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” MARION  
Lighting of the Christ Candle

## The Children’s Time

## Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 8: 18-22

Hymn No. 611 “There Is a Balm in Gilead” BALM IN GILEAD  
Gospel Lesson Luke 19: 41-44

## Call to Confession

Minister: Our spirits are poured out like water.

**People: There is no one to aid us in our distress.**

Minister: The scoffers say . . .

**People: “There is no balm in Gilead. There is no physician there.”**

Minister: Forgive our hesitation to take the medicine God prescribes.

**People: For the Lord is our one true physician, healing the brokenness of our self-centered ways.**

## Morning Prayer (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen*

Hymn No. 409 “Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old” ST. MICHAEL’S

Sermon “The Balm in Gilead” Ray N. Howell III  
Dedicated to the Memory of Harold Bowen

Anthem “There is a Balm in Gilead” Spiritual arr. by Theron Kirk

Offertory Prayer Johnny Beck

The Offertory “O God Our Help in Ages Past” Robert Groves

Doxology No. 809 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings” OLD HUNDREDTH

Choral Benediction “Let Others See Jesus In You” arr. Freeman

Postlude “Voluntary” J. Fischer

**Today's Lay Reader is Beryl Phillips  
Today's Service**

Beverly Khemlani, Organist

Jim Barton, Soloist

Sanctuary Choir

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold Bowen by Freddie and Betty McMahan.

**Upcoming Events**

Prayer Ministry	Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room
Coffee and Fellowship	Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Annual Church Meeting	August 23
Education Sunday	August 27
FBC Block Party	September 10
Wednesday Night Kickoff with Matthew Weaver and Clay Lunsford	September 13
Riverdale	September 17
"The Class" led by Ray and Meagan	September 10, 17, & 24

**The Fellowship Hall will be closed through August 20th.**

**Wednesday Night Reservations**

Make your Wednesday night reservations by emailing [wednesday@fbclex.org](mailto:wednesday@fbclex.org). You can also call the church office at (336)245-1261, extension 102. Reservations can now be made for our kickoff on September 13 with Matthew Weaver and Clay Lunsford.

**Extended Sessions: August 13: Bed Babies-**Jen Fuller Allen/Brooke Williams:  
**Toddler/2 Year-Olds-** M/M Zak Young: **3 and 4 Year-Olds-**M/M William Fulbright

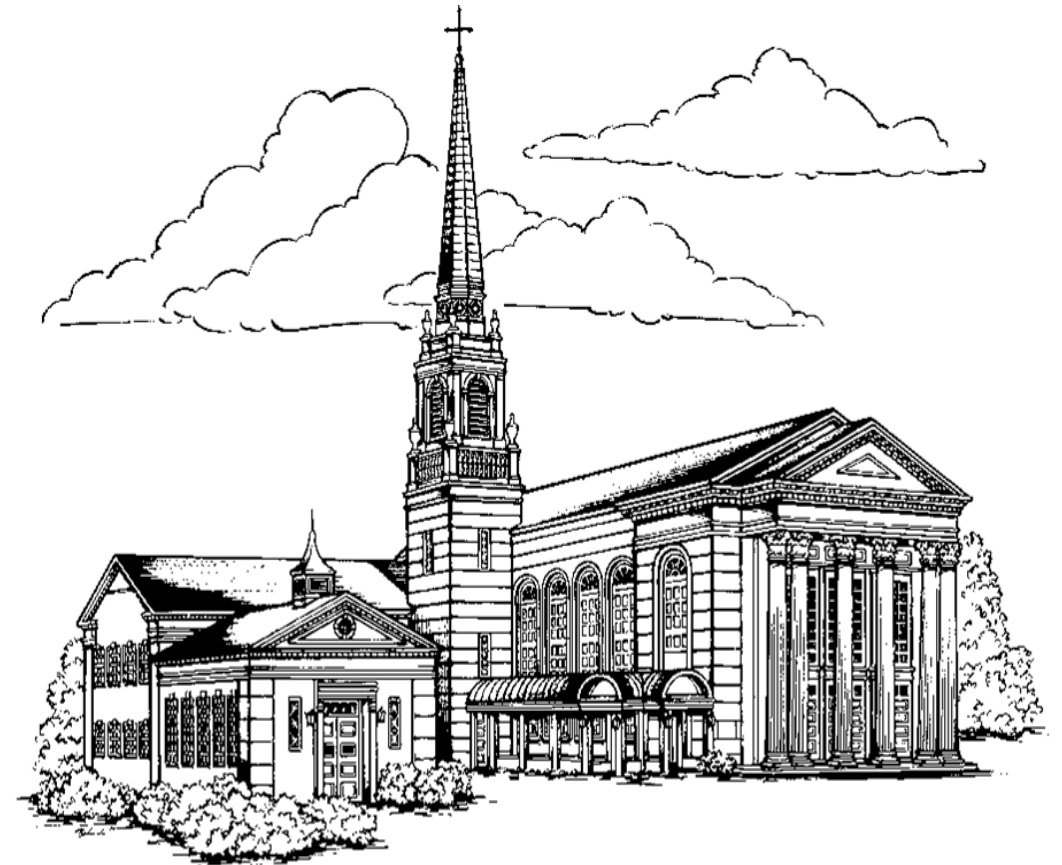
**August 20: Bed Babies-**M/M Nathan Houser: **Toddler/2 Year-Olds-**Sandra Blackwelder/Crystal Alexander: **3 and 4 year-olds-**Brenda Sprinkle/Sarah Hall/Spencer Hall

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