

# The Worship of God

September 18, 2016

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## The Gathering

*Come in bringing all of who you are. Calm your hurried pace. For this hour let the cares, the fretfulness and worry, be set aside. Know that you are not alone. There is strength and caring support for you here. So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life as we worship the living God.*

## Preparing for Worship/Announcements of the Church

Prelude *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* arr. David Lowe

Choral Introit *Sweeter Each Day* arr. Freeman  
Opening of the Bible Charlotte Pyle

Call To Worship Sarah Hall

Leader: We gather to remember and share stories of our faith.

**People: We gather to rejoice in the presence of God.**

Leader: God's Spirit is moving among us, about to do a new thing in our midst.

**People: We will sing and celebrate, growing in our faith and love for one another.**

Leader: God is here!

**People: His people meet to offer praise and prayer!**

Hymn No. 701 *God Is Here!* BEECHER  
Lighting the Christ Candle

## The Children's Time

### Passing the Peace of Christ

"There is a peace that comes only from welcoming Christ in a fellow traveler on the journey of life. Turn to those around you and offer words of welcome and peace."

Christian Greetings Wendy Walker

Old Testament Lesson Zechariah 7: 8-10

## Call to Prayer

Minister: O God, you love us like a good parent, and are present in every aspect of our existence.

**People: May your nature become known and respected by all. May your joy, peace, wholeness and justice be the reality for every one as we live by the Jesus Way.**

Minister: Give us all that we really need to live every day for you and forgive us our failures as we forgive others for their failures.

**People: Keep us from doing those things which are not of you and prevent us from being centered on your love.**

Minister: For you are the true reality in this our now, and in all our future as we follow the Jesus way.

## Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 702 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

New Testament Lessons Hebrews 13: 1-3; Matthew 25: 34-36

Anthem *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Rutter

Narrative *Riverdale's Wheelchair Man* Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 89 *Our Great Savior* HYFRYDOL

Offertory Prayer Carl Garrison

Offertory *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* arr. Van Iderstine

## Doxology

*Praise God from whom all grace flows forth!  
Praise Life, all creatures here on earth!  
Praise Light who guides us on our way!  
Praise Love who forms us day by day!*

Choral Benediction *May the Grace of Christ* arr. Freeman

Postlude *Adoration* C. H. Rinck

*The church has individual hearing assistance devices for anyone to use during services; just ask an usher.*

Today's Lay Reader is Lane Gilliam

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ

Sanctuary Choir

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Margaret Botsch of Aiken, SC upon her death on September 9 and to David Huneycutt and family upon the death of his mother, Ann Bowyer on September 10.

### Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our fall study on the Seven Signs in the Gospel of John will begin Monday night, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday morning, September 27 at 10:30 a.m.

### Sunday Morning Coffee

The Sunday morning Coffee Room is now open before Sunday School for the fall season. It will be open from 9:30 until 10:00 a.m. It is located near the elevator lobby on the second floor. Stop by on your way to Sunday School for a time of fellowship and a cup of coffee. We also need volunteers to help, prepare and host this event. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Coffee Room if you wish to volunteer.

### BackPack Program

Monetary gifts to the Backpack Program provide essential food items for children. You can make a monetary donation through the church. Designate your check to "Backpack Program."

#### Extended Sessions:

**September 18: Bed Babies:** M/M Greg Briggs **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Jim Skotthy  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Anna Raye Tate

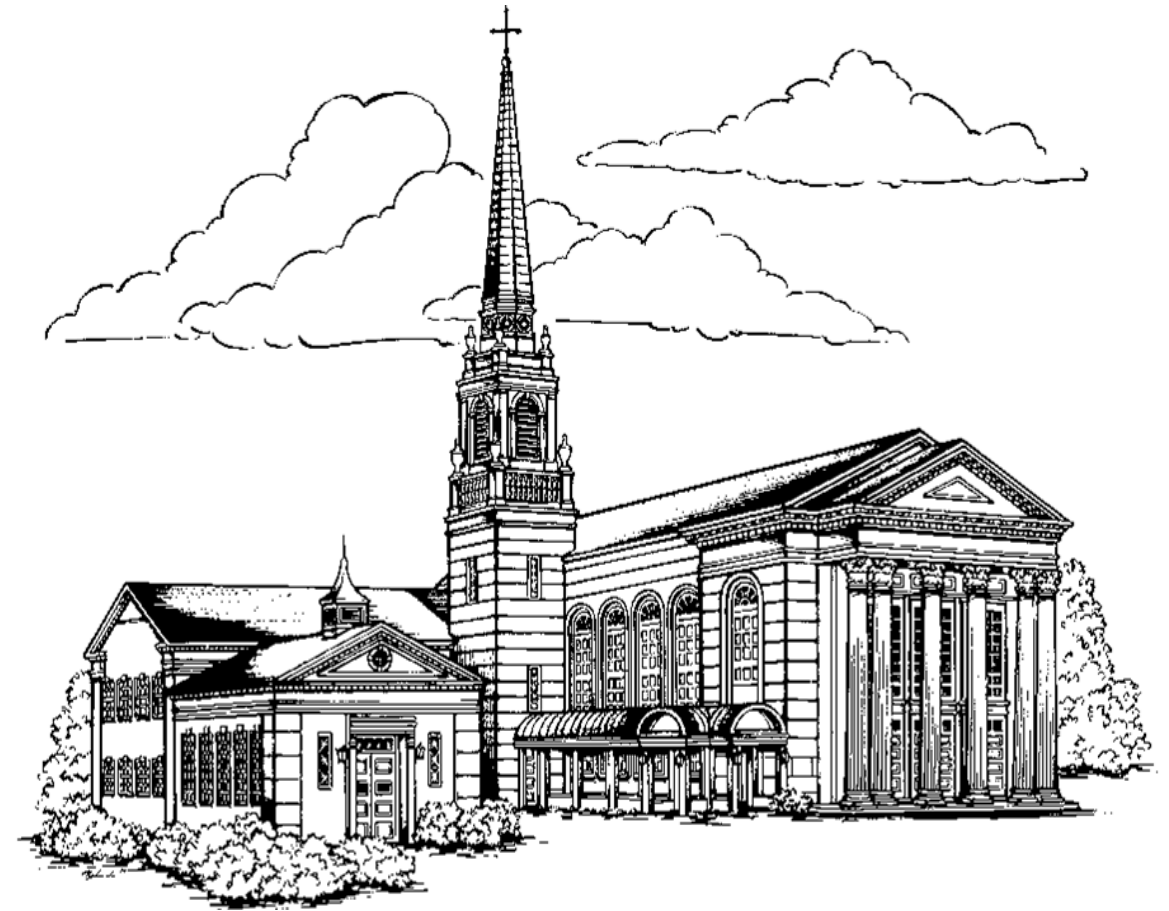
**September 25: Bed Babies:** M/M Brian Lancaster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Zak Young

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## Congregational Meeting Tonight!

Over the summer months we have been dreaming great dreams for our church. As a result of our Dream Night and follow-up sessions, we have identified our strengths and opportunities, as well as our weaknesses and threats. Now is the time for us to take our dreams for the church and focus on what we need in a new Associate Minister. Our Search Committee is almost ready to begin identifying potential candidates, but not before we hear from our church family.

We want every member of our church to have the opportunity to share prayerful thoughts, wishes, hopes and dreams for our new Associate. Tonight will provide the forum for our church family to engage in this exciting process.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided. We hope you can join us!

## Chevrolet, Ford or Baptist?

Do name brands even matter even more? Does it matter that we are a "Baptist" church? For the next two Wednesday nights we will explore what it means to be a Baptist in today's cosmopolitan world. We will talk about our history and core belief and then look at a few of the controversies (What! Baptists have controversies!) that have shaped who we are.

## Christmas Angels

Barbara Epley has graciously agreed to lead Operation Christmas Child. We are in need of someone to lead this year's Christmas Angels. It is a joyous and fulfilling task!

## Week's Schedule

<b>Sunday, 9/18</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Elevator Lobby
6:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting Middle & High School Youth	Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, 9/21</b>		
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Childcare Babies (Inform the 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 1- 5) RA's Mission Friends Acteens	Room 212 Room 226 Room 225 Room 206
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4- Grade 1) Chancel Choristers (Grades 2- 5) Chevrolet, Ford or Baptist?	Room 206 Music Suite Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

*\*Menu: Beef Tips over Rice, Gingered Carrots, Slaw, Salad Bar, Dessert*