

# The Worship of God

September 7, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## THE GATHERING

*For the living of these days, let us heed promptings of possibility, let us evoke creativities of compassion, let us be poised for flight on soaring wings of faith and love. O come, let us worship!*

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Peace in Our Time, O Lord* Price/Phillips

THEME INTERPRETATION *Inviting the Presence of Christ*

CHORAL INTROIT *O Come and Sing To the Lord* arr. P.A. Freeman  
Opening of the Bible Brooke Lambeth  
Lighting the Christ Candle Sarah Hall

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise and shine! Your light has come!

**People: The light of Jesus Christ is shining this day.**

Leader: Arise and shine! The light of Jesus Christ is shining in us.

**People: Christ's light shines through us in justice and peace.**

Leader: Arise and shine! Jesus is the light of the world.

**People: May our worship be filled with God's light and love.**

HYMN NO. 72 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Beautiful* Twila Paris

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10: 1-11

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: When we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives,

**People: Have mercy on us, O God.**

Minister: When we fail to see the wonder of your marvelous creation,

**People: Have mercy on us, O God.**

Minister: When we fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us,

**People: Have mercy on us, O God.**

Minister: When we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence,

**People: Have mercy on us, O God.**

Minister: Open our eyes to your presence, God of love,

**People: That we may lean on you knowing that you uphold all of creation in power and love.**

## MORNING PRAYER

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 29: 10-14

ANTHEM *If You Search With All Your Heart* Courtney

SERMON *There Is A Steeple in the Town* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 568 *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

OFFERTORY PRAYER Brannon Gilliam

OFFERTORY *The Lily of the Valley* William Hayes

DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Blessed Savior Walk With Us* arr. P.A. Freeman

POSTLUDE *Voluntary* B. Kothe

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*Today's Lay Reader is Kim Lingerfelt.*

*Musicians for today's service*

Beverly Khemlani - Organ

Sanctuary Choir

Jim Barton - Saxophone, Soloist

*The rosebud in the vestibule celebrates the birth of Levi Daniel Tate on September 4. Levi is the son of Will and Chelsea Tate. His grandparents are Jim and Debbie Tate and his great grandparents are Louise Tate and Sonny and Raye Leonard.*

The Deacons of the Week are Bob Cole and Newell Davis.

## COMING NEXT SUNDAY Sunday Morning Coffee Room

In order to encourage fellowship and enjoy a beverage, join us on the second floor near the elevator on Sunday mornings for a hot beverage and conversation. Watch for it and smell the coffee! **Sunday, September 14, 9:30 a.m. second floor.**

## Fall Bible Study

Mondays - 7:00 p.m. - Tuesdays - 10:30 a.m.

“The Beatitudes” will be the focus of the Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study beginning **September 22/23**.

## Family Night at First Baptist

Wednesday, September 10, 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

**Menu:** Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables,

Salad Bar - Ice Cream Bar Children: Chicken Tenders

**Cost:** Adults \$6.00 Children under 12: \$4.00 Family Limit: \$20.00

**Make Your RSVP Permanent or Weekly Today!**

**Special Entertainment - Music By**

**Paul Freeman, Brannon Gilliam, Alan Williams, Brian Walker**

**Introducing FBC's New Chef - Melissa Darr**

**Honoring Laverne Owen**

We will have a place if you wish to give a love gift of cash or checks made payable to Laverne Owen for his outstanding service and dedication for these past thirty years.

## New Display

Many of you have helped the library committee in the past as we display items of interest in the exhibit case just outside our door. We would like to showcase the vacations of some of our members in 2014. Please lend us photographs (at least 5" x 7") and any other memorabilia that you may have garnered this year, and we will display it in the case. Bring your well-labeled items to the church office or to the library no later than Sunday, September 14.

## Announcements

**Sunday, 9/7**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry Conference Room

**Wednesday,  
9/10**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Music Suite

7:30 p.m.

**Friday, 9/12** Deacon Retreat & Dinner Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, 9/13** Deacon Retreat Fellowship Hall

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

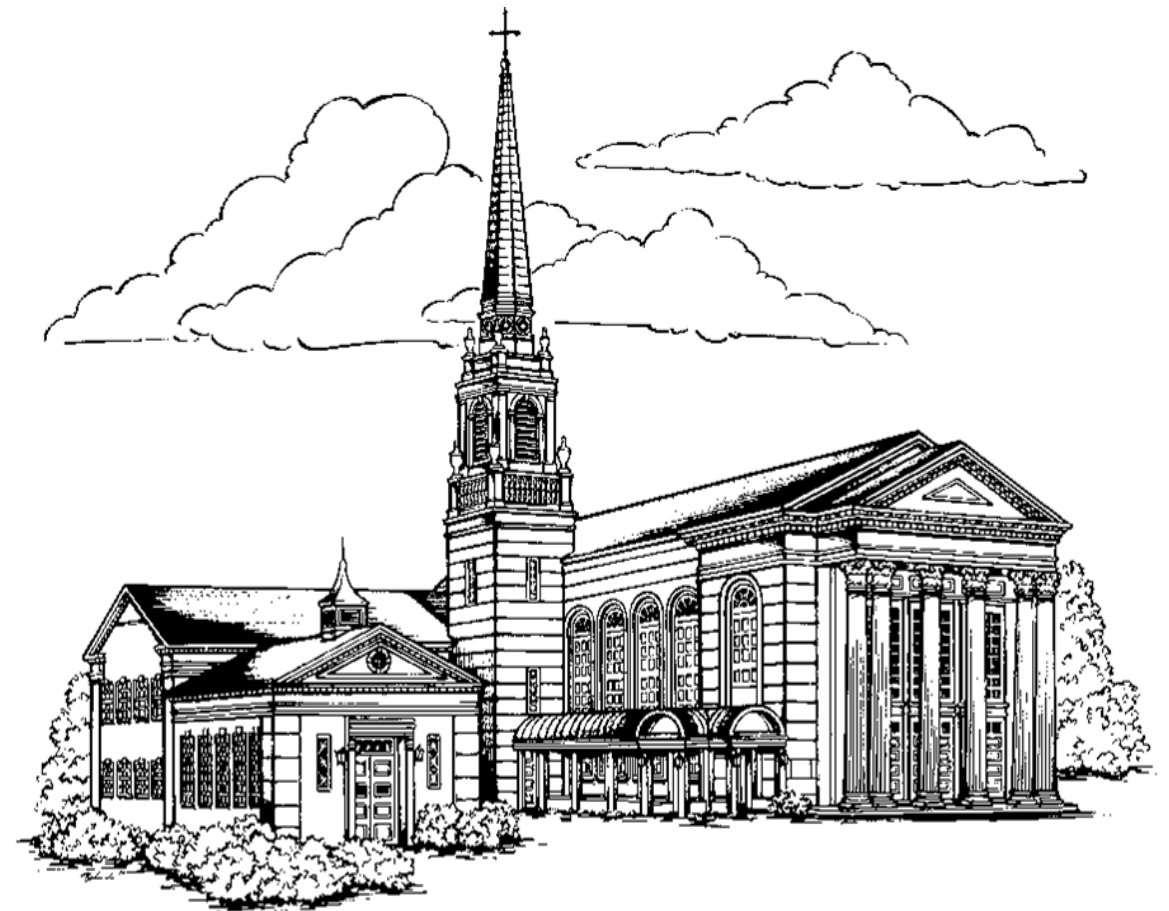
**September 7: Bed Babies:** M/M Jon Myers **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Randall Potter

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Donna Sink & Anna Raye Tate

**September 14: Bed Babies:** M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:**

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Chad & Brooke Williams

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