

# The Worship of God

February 1, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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## THE GATHERING

*The presence of divine creativity touches our living in the sanctuary of tradition, the cathedral of music, the chapel of prayer, the basilica of Scripture, and the abbey of pilgrimage. So come, sisters and brothers, let us respond to this divine creativity through worship.*

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUEST PREACHER

PRELUDE *Canon* Louis Couperin

CHORAL INTROIT *This Is God's Beloved Son* MOWSLEY  
Opening of the Bible Charlotte Pyle

CALL TO WORSHIP Caroline Pyle

Leader: I come with joy to meet my Lord!

**People: We are forgiven, loved, and free!**

Leader: I come with Christians far and near to find a new community.

**People: A community of love, a community of joy! In grace we are called into community.**

Leader: It is with joy we meet our Lord, His presence always near.

**People: God of Grace and God of Glory, on thy people pour thy power!**

HYMN NO. 669 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA  
Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME God Must Like to Laugh!

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 122

HYMN NO. 609 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Minister: We confess that we often feel less than whole.

**People: We have experienced losses that have diminished us.**

Minister: We confess that our devotion to your will is often divided by other claims upon it.

**People: We have discovered how difficult it is to fulfill our best intentions.**

Minister: We confess that our differences often seem more important than the one Spirit who gives us common life.

**People: We have divided our loyalties in ways that have weakened our commitment.**

Minister: Forgive us, O God, and enable us to enjoy the fullness of your love, mercy and grace.

## MORNING PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 3: 1-2, 7-10, 12-14

ANTHEM *Praise the Lord* Hal Hopson

SERMON *The Mulch Pile* Rev. Susan Sparks

HYMN NO. 367 *Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment* BLOTT EN DAG

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Our Divine Companion* arr. Robert Hebble

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 (Stand In Unison) OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace* Freeman

PRELUDE *Postlude in C Major* Anton Bruckner

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*Today's Lay Reader is Dr. Beverly Fulbright.*

*Musicians for today's service*

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents by  
Kathryn Frye and Jane Swing.

The Deacons of the Week are Kay Albright and Robert Cole.

## 25th Annual Birthday Banquet

Wednesday, February 11 - 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

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

**Tickets are required and today is the last chance to purchase. Entertainment: Ken Davis**

*Menu:* Chicken Diane over Pasta, Spinach Salad with Mandarin Oranges and Craisins Salad with a Raspberry Vinaigrette, Bread, Cake/Ice Cream

## MBCC Fundraiser - Valentine Luncheon

Friday, February 13 - 12:00 - 1:00 p. m. - FBC Fellowship Hall

Ham or Turkey Sandwich, Potato or Pasta Salad, Fruit Cup, Tea and Dessert

Cost: \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children

Tickets are on sale now for the annual MBCC fundraiser on Friday, February 13.

Silent Auction for Baskets will Open Sunday,  
February 8 through Lunch on Friday February 13

**FBC Children Meeting - Wednesday, February 4 - 6:30 p.m.**

The Open Door SS Class invites you to a discussion on our church's Children's Ministry. We will meet in the Children's Dining Hall this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. VBS, Children's Worship and other ministries will be discussed.

**Announcements**

<b>Sunday, 2/1</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, 2/2</b>		
1:45 p.m.	Frady/Johnson Mission Group	Parlor
2:00 p.m.	Bernice Cross Mission Group	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Rehearsal	Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Winter Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, 2/3</b>		
10:30 a.m.	Winter Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m.	Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	Yarboroughs
<b>Wednesday, 2/4</b>		
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 202
	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	The ATTIC
	Bible Study/Church Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	<b>FaithHealth</b>	
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

Menu: Baked Chicken, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Pecan Pie

RSVP by noon Monday

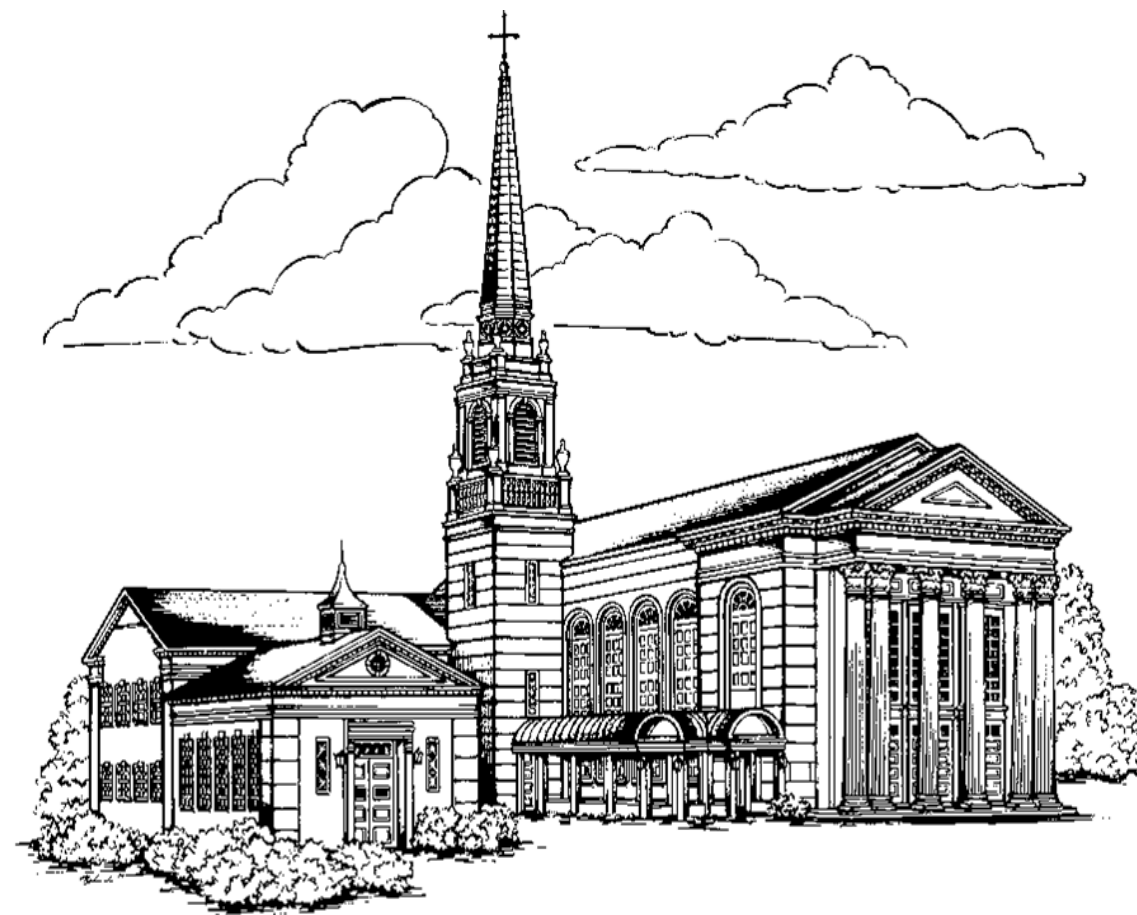
**Extended Sessions:**

**February 1: Bed Babies:** M/M Richard Baxley **Toddlers & 2 Yr Olds:** M/M Dustin Hill  
**3 & 4 Yr Olds:** Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser & Andy Killebrew

**February 8: Bed Babies:** Donna Routh & Wendy Walker **Toddlers & 2 Yr Olds:** M/M Dale Lambeth  
**3 & 4 Yr Olds:** Simon & Margaret Ann Maddox

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