# The Worship of God

April 26, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE Aria Religioso Vincent Novello

CHORAL INTROIT

Blessed Redeemer, All Glorious King

Opening of the Bible

Mary Evann Thornhill

CALL TO WORSHIP Jillian Briggs

(Based on the Canticle of the Sun by St. Francis)

Leader: All praise belongs to God, all glory, honor and blessing.

People: God is praised by all creatures of our God and King.

Leader: God is praised by our Brother Sun.

**People:** God is praised through our Sister Moon and the Stars. Leader: God is praised through our Brothers Wind and Air.

People: God is praised through our Sister Water and our Brother Fire.

Leader: God is praised through our Sister and Mother Earth.

People: God is praised by all creatures of our God and King.

HYMN NO. 356 All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Lighting of the Christ Candle

CHILDREN'S TIME God Is Greater

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 148

THEME INTRODUCTION St. Francis of Assisi

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO For the Beauty of the Earth Conrad Kocher

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 353 (Stanzas: 1 & 4) For the Beauty of the Earth DIX OFFERTORY PRAYER Lane Gilliam **OFFERTORY** Andante Moderato Antonia Vivaldi DOXOLOGY No. 809 **OLD HUNDREDTH** If Necessary, Use Words Dr. Ray Howell III SERMON Make Me a Channel of Your Peace ANTHEM Temple HYMN No. 57 All Things Bright and Beautiful **VLEUGEL** CHORAL BENEDICTION God Be With You Till We Meet Again Freeman Recessional on ST. ANNE Gordon Young POSTLUDE

Today's Lay Reader is Margaret Ann Maddox.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ Sanctuary Choir Jim Barton - alto saxophone

Joyful Singers & Chancel Choirsters directors - Betty Jane Honeycutt
Peggy Barnhardt - piano Alyson Honeycutt Phil Ryalls

The rosebuds in the vestibule celebrate three births in our church family. Parker Lee Walser was born on April 18. Parker is the granddaughter of Michelle and William Hopkins. Caroline Elisabeth Jolly was born on April 19. Caroline's parents are Kriston and Thomas Jolly and her big sister is Emma. Charlotte Adelia Harris was born on April 22. Charlotte's parents are Jane and Charles Harris. Her grandparents are Phyllis and Rod Penry. We rejoice with all three families as we celebrate God's gift of new life.

#### Christian Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Paul Freeman in the death of his mother, Marian Evans Freeman of Eden, North Carolina. Mrs. Freeman died on April 22 at the Hinkle Hospice House

The Deacons of the Week are Brian Walker and Chad Williams.

### Lexington Choral Society presents "Spring Sing" Today, 3:00p.m. - First United Methodist Church

## High School Chorus Musical Program Sunday, May 3 - 11:00 a.m.

#### Food Roundup for Baptist Children's Homes - Month of April

A listing of food that is needed is available on the front pew and in the church office.

#### Winston-Salem Dash Baseball Friday, May 29

WS Dash Baseball package includes admission, food and drink, and a baseball cap for \$21. FBC will be recognized on the big screen during the game. Please contact the church office to make your reservations.

#### Announcements

Sunday, 4/26		
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd. Floor Lobby
4:00 p.m.	Belize Youth Meeting	Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m.	Belize Youth Meeting	FUMC
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Activities	
7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	Parlor
Wednesday, 4/29		
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Child Care Babies	Nursery
	(inform church if you need childcare)	
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	*Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Final Family Night	Fellowship Hall
	Children's Music/Mission Program	
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

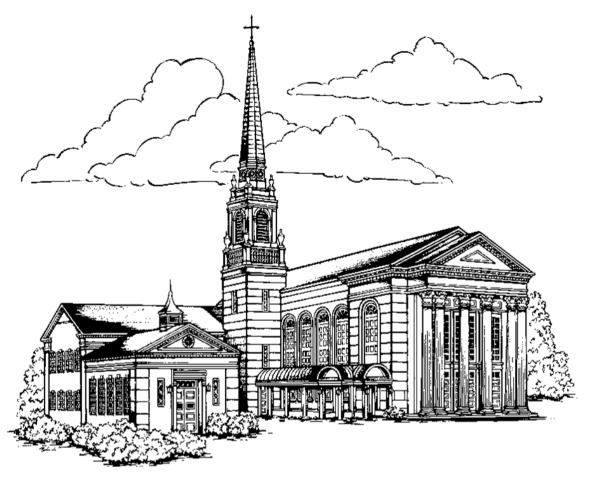
<sup>\*</sup>Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Sautèed Vegetables, Salad Bar Ice Cream Children: Chicken Tenders RSVP by noon Monday

#### **Extended Sessions:**

April 26: Bed Babies: M/M Jim Skotthy Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Lee Davis 3 & 4 Year Olds: Sandra Wilson & Jack Davis

May 3: Bed Babies: M/M Richard Baxley Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Bryan Lingerfelt 3 & 4 Year Olds: Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser & Andy Killebrew

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