

The Worship of God

September 13, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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!

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* arr. John B. Dykes

CHORAL INTROIT *Lead Me Lord* Freeman
The Opening of the Bible Anden Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP Waverly Blackwell

Leader: Whenever you come to worship God, give it your best!

People: For our praise can never be high enough;

Leader: Our songs never sweet enough;

People: Our prayers never loving enough;

Leader: To be worthy of God's great faithfulness.

People: Morning by morning new mercies we see!

HYMN NO. 60 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS
Lighting Of The Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Daniel 3 and Exodus 20

SOLO *I Can't Even Walk* Colbert and Joyce Croft

LITANY 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. 651 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

ANTHEM *Lead Me Lord* Edmundson

SERMON *Are You in This Story?* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 663 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* WEBB

OFFERTORY PRAYER Kim Lingerfelt

OFFERTORY *Sarabande* Arcangelo Corelli

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Gladden/Smith

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Stephen Kemp

Today's Lay Reader is Madeline Blackwell

Musicians for Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani - Organist Jim Barton - Soloist Sanctuary Choir

*Christian sympathy is extended to Jason Romblad and family upon the death of his mother
Jerri K. Romblad of Wilmington on September 7.*

*Last Sunday we welcomed Kelly Sink into the fellowship of First Baptist. Kelly joins us by church letter
from First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville.*

The Deacons of the Week are Brenda Houser and Gene Klump.

2015 Budget Catch Up Sunday Today

\$674,636 - 2015 Budgeted Contributions

\$329,919 - Contributions through July

\$344,717 - Needed through the next five months

We are currently meeting all expenses but hope to begin Building and Grounds projects and funding Mission Expenditures. Please plan to give and let's catch up on our Financial Stewardship.

Youth Fall Kickoff This Afternoon

Our youth fall kickoff will be a pool party and cookout 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the home of Paul and Debra Freeman this afternoon. Bring your favorite 2 liter drink and chips or dessert. Hotdogs and all the fixings will be provided.

Wednesday Family Night Returns September 16

It's time to make your Wednesday night reservations for the fall. Magician Ryan Short will highlight our opening night on September 16. We will enjoy BBQ Chicken from Lexington Style Trimmings with baked beans, potato salad, slaw and ice cream.

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

Make your Wednesday night reservations by filling out the reservation card found in the pew rack, emailing the church office to libby@fbclex.org or leaving a message on the information line 245-1261 and press 2.

We need volunteers to help with Wednesday night meals, RA's, and Chancel Choristers.

Sunday Morning Coffee Room Coming

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!

Starting Sunday, September 20, 9:30 a.m. Second Floor
Need Volunteers for each Sunday Please Sign Up TODAY
email Tommy tommy@fbclex.org or call 245-1261

Fall Bible Study The Messianic Prophecies in Isaiah
September 28 7:00 p.m. - September 29 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Sunday, 9/13

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
2:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Meeting Ron Rash Special Speaker	Fellowship Hall
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Pool Party	Home of the Freeman's

Wednesday, 9/16

5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Special Entertainment Magician Ryan Short	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Music Suite

Extended Sessions:

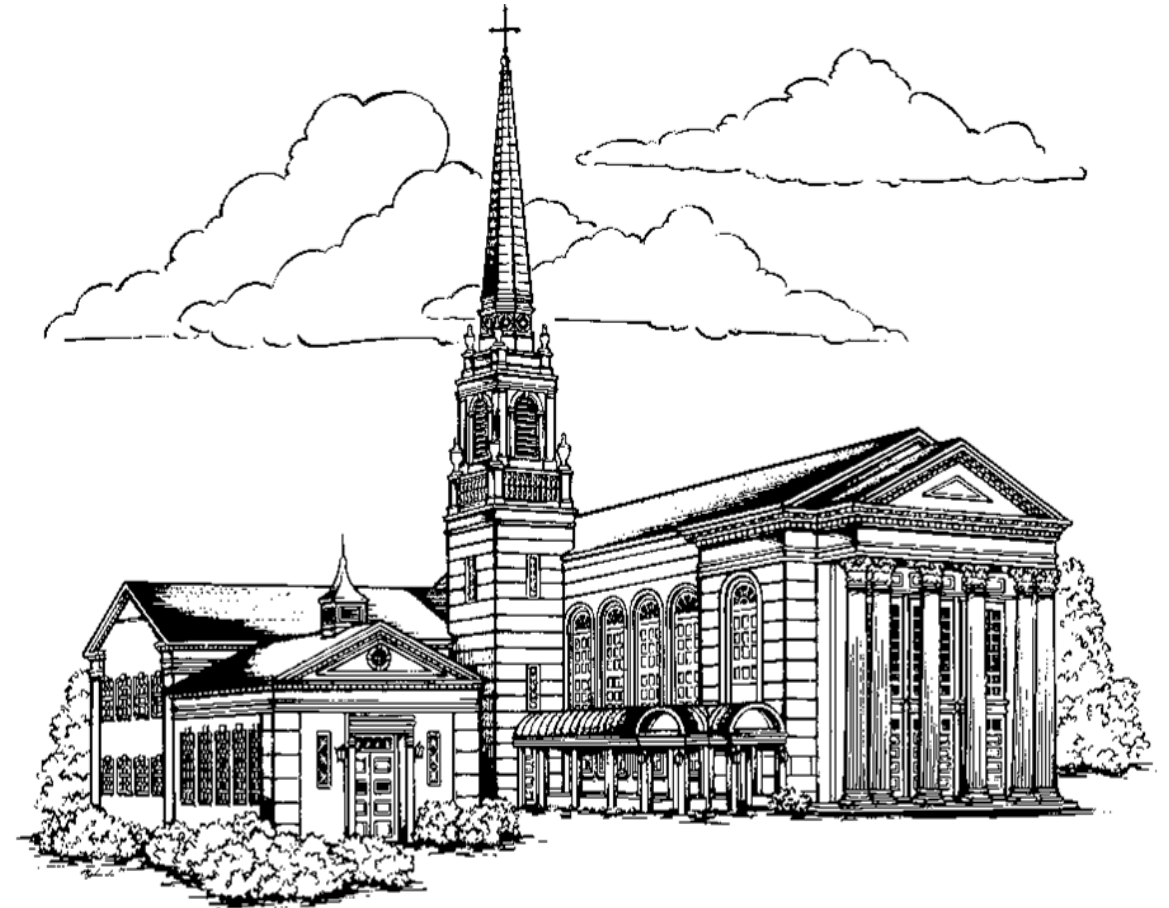
September 13: Bed Babies: M/M Thomas Jolly Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kyle Kepley 3 & 4 Year Olds: Beverly Fulbright & Brenda Hipp

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