

# The Worship of God

September 20, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Seventeenth 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 worries 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Prelude in D Minor* J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT *Lead Me Lord* Freeman  
The Opening of the Bible Alex Ortiz

CALL TO WORSHIP *Tori Houser*

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 Of The Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME *Time to get up!*

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *II Chronicles 7: 12-16*

## 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 everyone 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 not 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. 534 *Draw Me Nearer* I AM THINE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Ephesians 1: 15-23*

ANTHEM *Christ, the Sure Foundation* Wagner

SERMON *The Heart of the Church* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 689 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

OFFERTORY PRAYER *Tobin Shepherd*

OFFERTORY *Andante Pastorale* Thomas Adams

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 *OLD HUNDREDTH*

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

POSTLUDE *Voluntary* Anonymous

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*Today's Lay Reader is Linda Engstrom*

*Musicians for Today's Service*

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jack Michael's 100th Birthday and in honor of Jack & Louise Michael's 75th Wedding Anniversary by their children, Ron Michael, Martha Hege, Susan Manning, Tim Michael and their families.*

The Deacons of the Week are Tobin Shepherd and Jim Tate.

Jen Fuller-Allen is leading our FaithHealth Emphasis

**Sunday Morning Coffee Room Open**  
**9:30 a.m. - Second Floor Elevator Lobby**

**Need Volunteers for each Sunday**  
**Please Sign Up TODAY**

**Fall Bible Study The Messianic Prophecies in Isaiah**

**September 28 7:00 p.m. - September 29 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall**

## Announcements

### Sunday, 9/20

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:00 a.m.	Personnel Committee Meeting	Parlor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	Second Floor Lobby
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper (Thornhills)	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study/Activities	Fellowship Hall
		The Youth Suite

### Wednesday, 9/23

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 226
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st Grade)	Room 230
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5)	Music Suite
	Bible Study/Church Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	<b>Intro To A Story To Tell</b>	
7:30 p.m.	Budget Planning Committee	Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

\*Menu: Glazed Pork Loin, Green Beans, Red Skin Potatoes, Salad Bar, Pecan Pie

Children: Chicken Tenders

RSVP by noon Monday

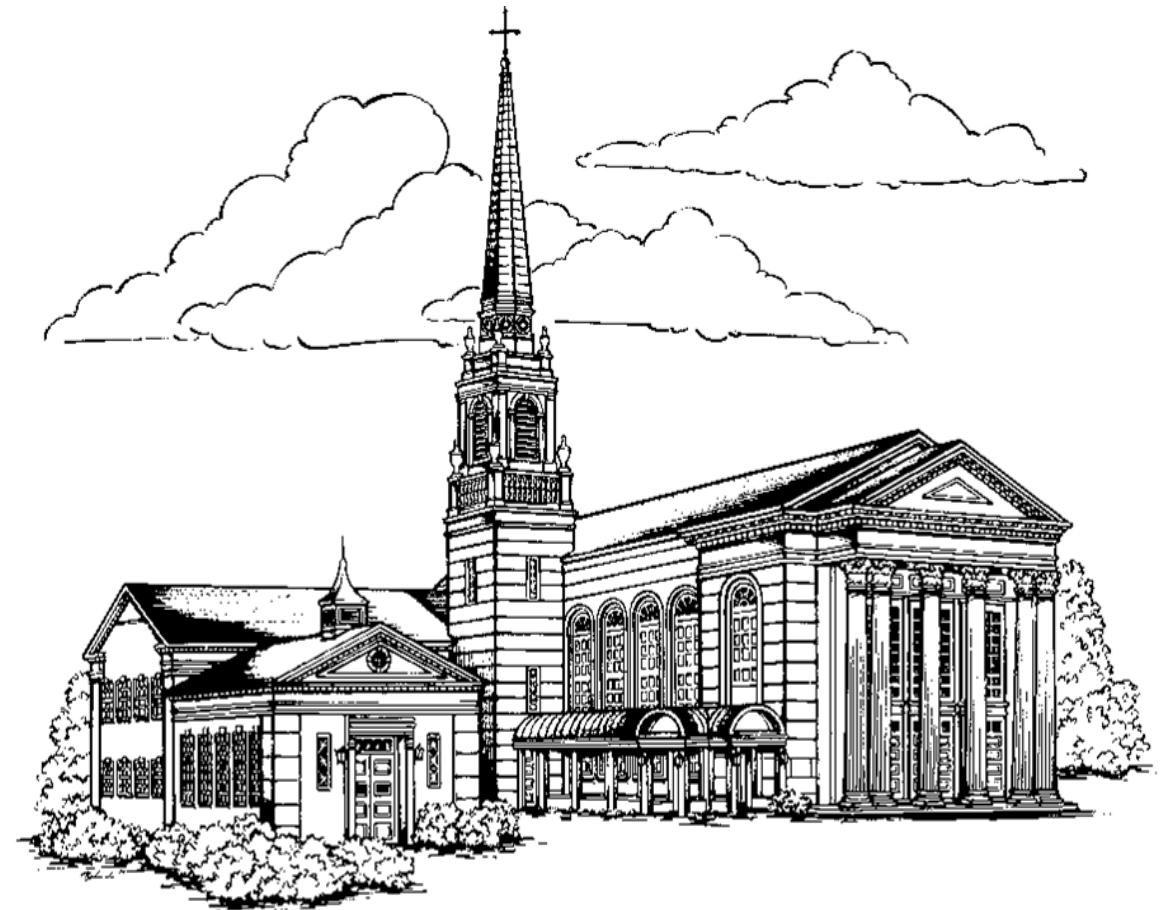
Cost: Adults \$5.00 Children Under 12 \$3.00 Family Limit \$17.00

### Extended Sessions:

**September 20:** Bed Babies: M/M Brian Lancaster Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Chad Williams 3 & 4 Year Olds: Beverly Fulbright and Brenda Hipp

**September 27:** Bed Babies: M/M Greg Briggs Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Jim Skotthy 3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

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### September is Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

Childhood obesity has more than tripled in children and adolescents over the past 30 years. Over 30% of children are overweight which poses greater risks for diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol and some cancers. The J. Smith Young YMCA wants families to know the dangers of childhood obesity and ways to reverse course through increased physical activity and improved eating habits. Here are five important actions:

- **Eat Healthy:** Make water the drink of choice (supplemented by age-appropriate portions of 100 percent fruit juices and low-fat milk) and make it easy for everyone to fill half their plates with fruits and vegetables by offering two or three colorful options. Feel free to mix and match fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables to provide variety.
- **Play Every Day/Go Outside:** Kids should have at least an hour a day of unstructured play outside (when possible) and break a sweat at least three times a week by getting 20 minutes or more of vigorous physical activity.
- **Get Together:** Eat as a family as frequently as possible with kids involved in meal preparation and clean up. In addition, adults should take a break from electronics and spend one-on-one time each day with their kids, enjoying one another's company.
- **Reduce Screen Time:** Time spent in front of a television, computer, tablet, cell phone or video games should be limited to two hours per day.
- **Sleep Well:** Kids and adults need to keep a regular sleep schedule ten to twelve hours per night for kids and seven to eight hours for adults.

Please contact Jen Fuller-Allen at [jen@lexingtonymca.com](mailto:jen@lexingtonymca.com) or 249-2177 for more information about programs that can benefit your family.

### Youth Activities Starting September 20

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Snack Supper  
6:30 p.m. Senior High and Middle School  
Bible Study/Activities

Parents Meeting Next Sunday, September 27, 5:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

### FaithHealth

God calls us to be angels to walk alongside those in need. FaithHealth gives you the opportunity to be an angel in the life of someone who really needs you. Contact our FaithHealth coordinators, Don and Deb Watson to learn more! [Deb@BusinessMarketplace.com](mailto:Deb@BusinessMarketplace.com)

### The Response

This Saturday, September 26, at the Charlotte Convention Center is a statewide solemn assembly of worship, prayer, fasting, and repentance. To register online for a free ticket go to: [www.theresponse.com](http://www.theresponse.com). Contact Tricia Laws for more information. If you are unable to attend, you are encouraged to use the devotions that are available on the website.

### Trunk or Treat/Halloween Festival Candy

We will be joining all the downtown churches for a block party and Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25. We also will have our Halloween Festival on Wednesday, October 28. We need donations of candy for both events. Please place the candy in the container located in the Fellowship Hall.