

The Worship of God

September 1, 2019

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

““Where the many work together, they with Christ himself abide; but the lonely workers also find him ever at their side.”

Geoffrey Dearmer

Prelude

“Prelude on LAUDES DOMINI”

Alan Ridout

Choral Introit

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

ST. MARGARET

Opening of the Bible

Jacob Young

Call to Worship

Zoey Mize

Leader: The hands of God built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky.

People: We gather in his presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for his mighty deeds.

Leader: We join hands with God in the building of a world filled with justice and peace.

People: Bind us together through our work, our worship, and our praise.

Leader: When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries.

People: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Hymn No. 99

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children’s Time

Christian Greetings

Scripture Lesson

James 1: 19-27

Morning Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2: 8-10

Hymn No. 702

“I Love Thy Kingdom Lord”

ST. THOMAS

Gospel Lesson

John 9: 1-4

Anthem

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Ed Lojeski

Sermon

“We Must Work the Works”

Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 720

“Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle”

ODE TO JOY

Offertory Prayer

Kim Lingerfelt

The Offertory

“Prelude on MANNHEIM”

Andrew Fletcher

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Choral Benediction

“God Will Take Care of You”

Dake

Postlude

“Sing a New Song”

Edward Broughton

Today’s Lay Reader is Tobin Shepherd

Music for Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Joyce Howell and family in the death of her mother, Estelle Murphy Dillahunt on August 26.

### **This Week at First Baptist**

Today at 9 a.m.

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Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room

Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor

Sanctuary Choir in Music Suite

The church office and MBCC will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

### **Church Budget**

The work of the church depends on the faithfulness of our members in funding our operating budget. In order to fully fund the budget for the rest of the year we need to average over \$15,000 per week. As we enter the month of September, we ask all of our members to prayerfully consider their financial stewardship. We give because God has given everything for us.

### **Join us for “The Gathering” Next Sunday!**

Our coffee and refreshments will be in the fellowship hall next week as we welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about our church family. We hope each Sunday School class will have a representative. Everyone is welcome to attend “The Gathering.”

### **Mission Group Meeting**

The Carolyn Phillips Mission Group will meet on Tuesday, September 3 at noon at Yarborough’s Restaurant. Our Speaker will be Ashley Phillips of Crisis Ministry of Davidson County.

### **Women of the World Bible Study**

A fall Bible Study at First Presbyterian for a seven week study of life changing stories begins Monday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 17 at 9:15 a.m. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Auman 336-596-9053.

September 1st **Bed Babies-** M/M Brian Lancaster  
**2-4 Year Olds-** Sandra Blackwelder/Crystal Alexander

September 8<sup>th</sup> **Bed Babies-** Libby and Courtney Foster  
**2-4 Year Olds-** Wendy Skotthy/Alyson Honeycutt/Grace Upton

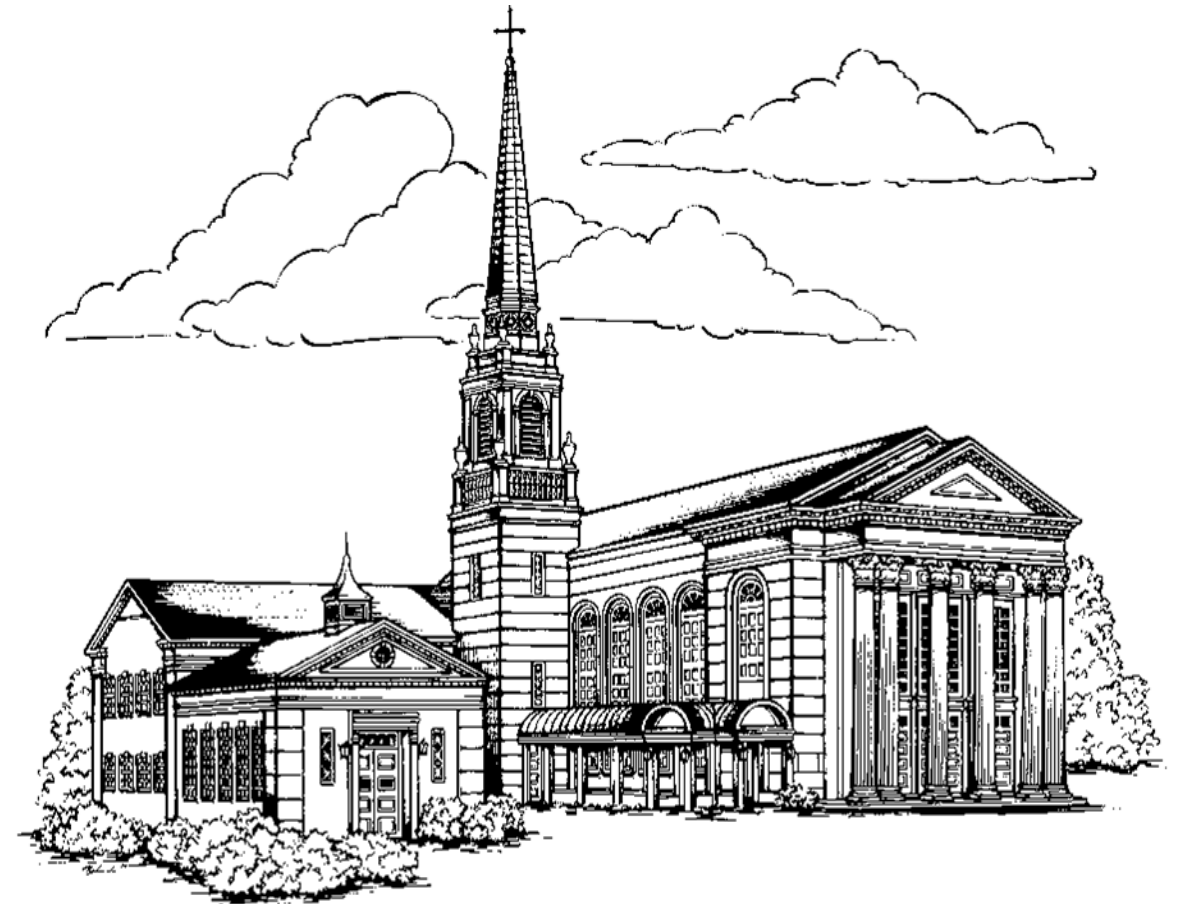
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