

## The Worship of God

July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### The Gathering

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come — this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Prelude** "A Mighty Fortress is My God" Martin Luther

**Choral Introit**  
Opening of the Bible Lincoln Foster

### Call to Worship

Minister: God of unfailing love and faithfulness, we gather together to praise you!

**People: How precious is God's love to us!**

Minister: God of light within our dark world, we gather to honor and revere you!

**People: How reassuring is God's light to us!**

Minister: God of grace and mercy, we gather to be nourished and blessed by you!

**People: We celebrate God's steadfast love as we render our songs of praise!**

**Hymn No. 62** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO  
**Lighting the Christ Candle**

### The Children's Time

### Christian Greetings

**Old Testament Lesson** Psalm 36

### Morning Prayer

**Hymn No. 60** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

### Offertory Prayer

**The Offertory** "The Prayer" Carole Bayer Sager

### Doxology

**New Testament Lesson** 1 John 1: 1-10

**Anthem** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" arr. Bock

**Sermon** "The Problem of Evil" Ray N. Howell III

**Hymn No. 539** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

### Choral Benediction

**Postlude** "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" Henrietta Van Hayn

**Today's Lay Reader is June Honeycutt**  
**Our Organist is Marty Stanbery**  
**The Sanctuary Choir is Under the Direction of Wes Richardson**

### Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Trish Allred and her family in the passing go of her sister, Kay Smith, on July 10 in Ukraine, Missouri

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 7-9. The theme is "Treasured: Discovering You're Priceless to God." We need you to help! Please contact Carol Frank for more information.

### Sunday Lunch at Grace Episcopal

We are helping to serve the Sunday meal for the homeless at Grace Episcopal Church during the month of July. Thanks to our volunteers: Booty Hilton, Sally Davis, Robert and Martha Adams, David and Karen Sparrow, Linda Engstrom and Jen, Elaine, Julia and Thomas Allen. If you would like to be involved, please contact Jen Fuller- Allen.

### Welcoming Second Reformed United Church of Christ

Second Reformed UCC will begin worshipping in our church chapel on Sunday, August 6. We want to give them a warm FBC welcome with a covered dish supper on Sunday, July 30 at 5:30 p.m. We hope you will plan to come and extend the gift of Christian hospitality.

### Mountain Trip- August 4

We have planned a lovely day trip to the NC mountains on Friday, August 4. Details are in the July "Steeple Talk". Contact the church office to make a reservation.

### Sunday School Attendance

July 9	87
June 2	81

### Extended Session

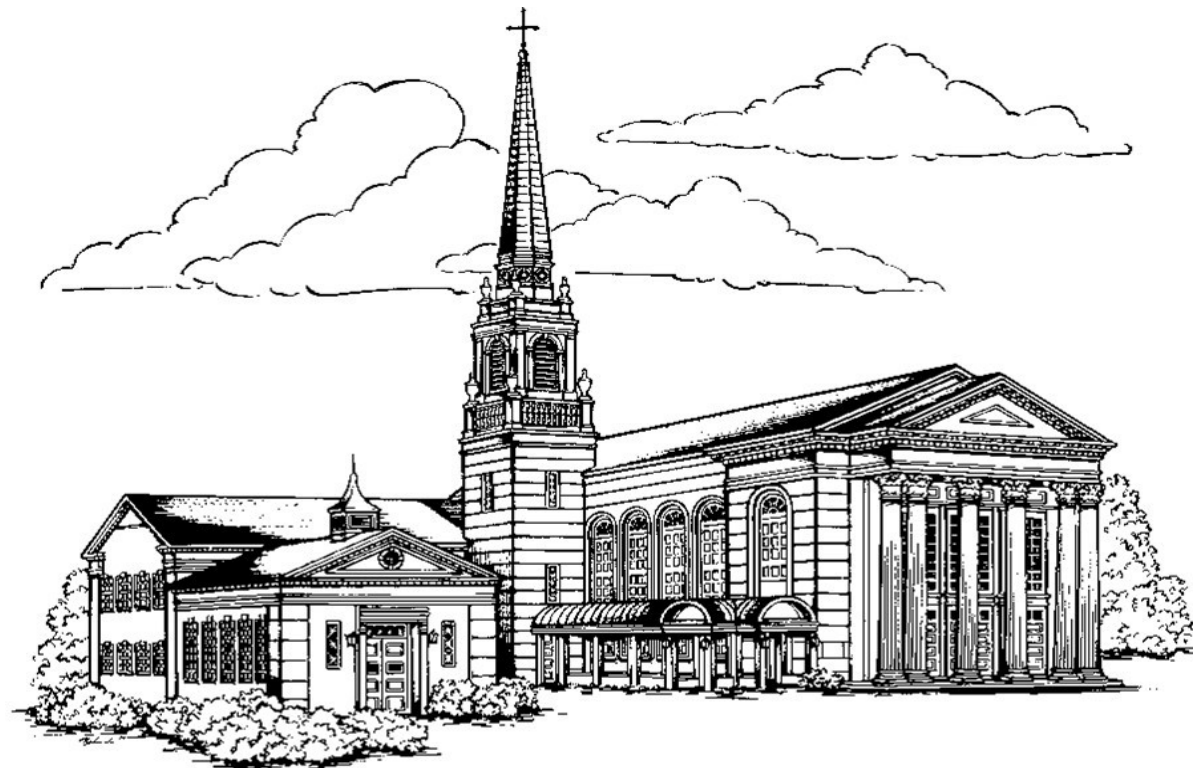
Today	Brenda Hipp & Crystal Alexander
July 23	Dave, Kristi, Mary Evann & Sarah Thornhill

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