

The Worship of God

July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Welcome to our church. Here we devote ourselves to God's word that we might share the good news. Here we taste the bread of life that we might be made whole. Here we discover our God-given gifts that we might be a blessing to our community. Come, let us worship God.

Prelude "Faithfulness" J. Runyan

Choral Introit
Opening of the Bible Easton Boyle

Call to Worship

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

People: Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name.

Minister: God blesses us with gifts of love.

People: God blesses us with forgiveness and grace

Minister: Therefore, we offer thanks and give praise to our Lord,

People: As we lift up our voice and sing.

Minister: O for a thousand tongues to sing,

People: My great Redeemer's praise.

Hymn No. 130 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON
Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children's Time Sharing our Treasures

Old Testament Lesson 2 Kings 6: 1-7

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 190 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory "Light and Shadow" P. Wesley

Doxology

Gospel Lesson Luke 7: 18-23

Anthem "Consider the Lilies" Hoffman/Lyon

Sermon "The Floating Axe Head" Ray N. Howell III

Hymn No. 72 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Choral Benediction

Postlude "We are Gods People" J. Brahms

Today's Lay Reader is William Fulbright
Our Organist is Marty Stanbery
The Sanctuary Choir is Under the Direction of Wes Richardson

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.

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

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

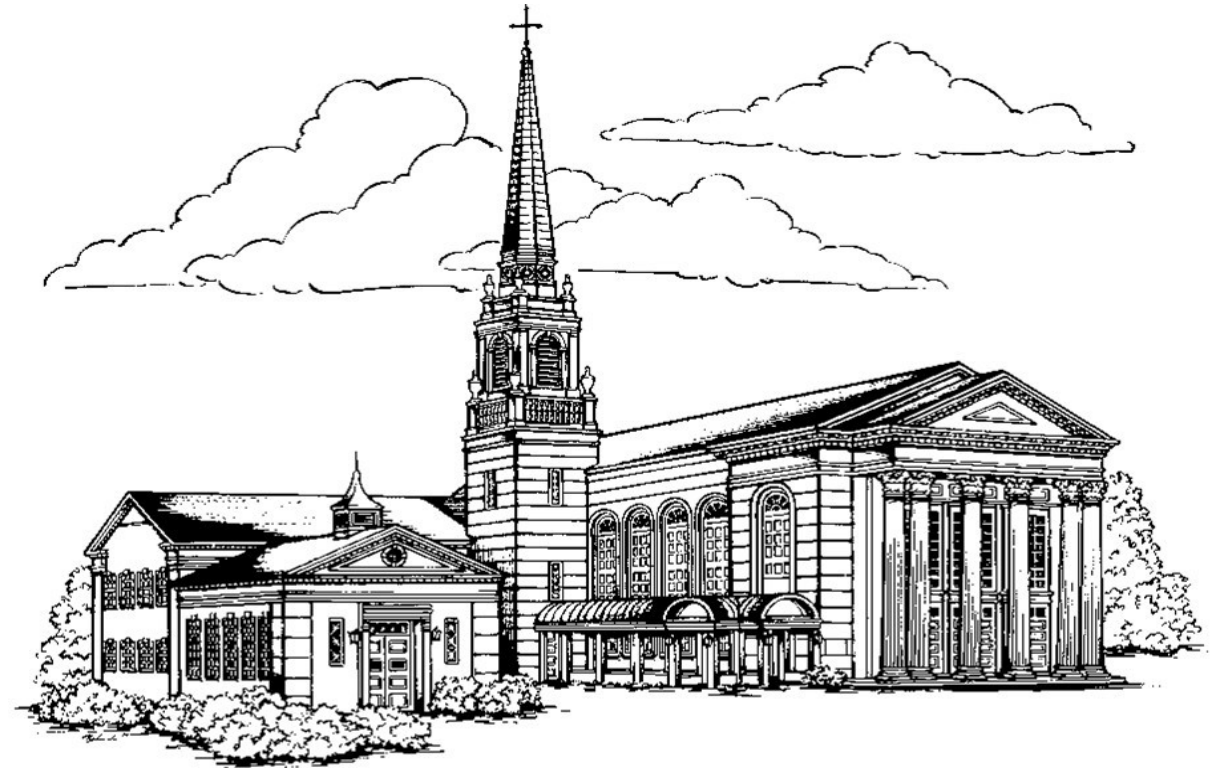
We have planned a lovely day trip to the NC mountains on Friday, August 4. Details are in the July "Steeple Talk". Contact the church office to make a reservation.

Sunday School Attendance

July 16	84
June 9	87

Extended Session

Today	Dave, Kristi, Mary Evann & Sarah Thornhill
July 30	Dan Hopkins & Jen Fuller Allen



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