

The Worship of God

July 30, 2023

The Ninth 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 soar on wings of faith and love.
O come, let us worship!*

Prelude "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" English Folk Tune

Choral Introit Opening of the Bible Maverick Foster

Call to Worship

Minister: The God of love calls us to worship.
People: The God of love protects us and comforts us.
Minister: The God of love blesses us with the gift of salvation.
People: The God of love opens the door to life everlasting.
Minister: Love divine, all loves excelling,
People: Joy of heaven to earth come down!

Hymn No. 558 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

The Children's Time Treasures

Old Testament Lesson Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 101 "My Jesus, I Love Thee" GORDON

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory "Playing Love" from "The Legend of 1900" Ennio Morricone

Doxology

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 13

Anthem "Unending Love" Benjamin Harlan

Sermon "The Color of Love" Ray N. Howell III

Special Tribute "Colour My World" Chicago

Dedicated to my beautiful wife, Erin, on our 7th Wedding Anniversary
By Wes Richardson, Soloist and Piano
Tamer Richardson, Flute

Hymn No. 392 "When Love Is Found" O WALY WALY

Choral Benediction

Postlude "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Albert Peace
1884

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

Covered Dish This Evening

Join us for a delicious Covered Dish this evening to welcome the family of Second United Church of Christ. We will begin serving at 5:30, but plan to come early to meet and greet our guests.

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 have been helping to serve the Sunday meal 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, Margaret Ann Maddox, Meagan Maddox, Harriet Whiteman, Linda Engstrom and Jen, Elaine, Julia and Thomas Allen. Please contact Jen to be included in the month of January, when we will serve again.

School Supplies for Foster Children

We are collecting school supplies for foster children in Davidson County. A container is located in the elevator lobby. Please have your contributions in by August 20.

Sunday School Attendance

July	23	79
June	16	87

Extended Session

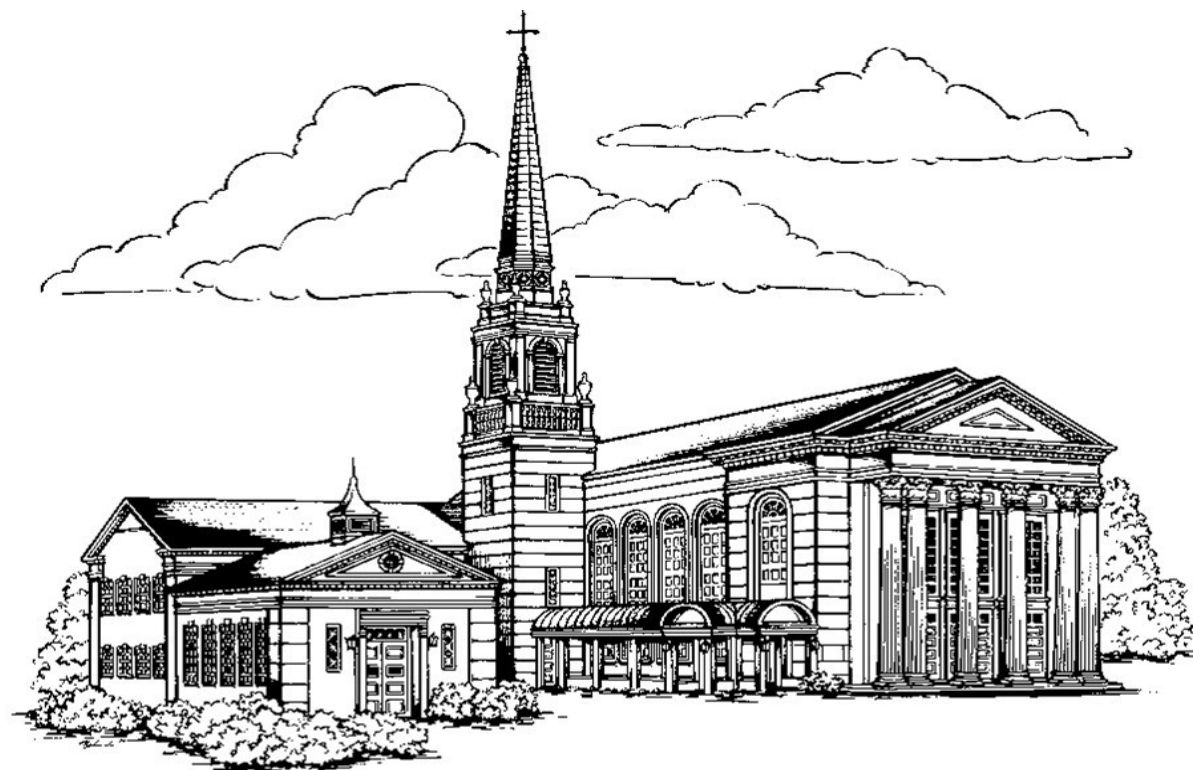
Today	Dan Hopkins & Jen Fuller Allen
August 6	Luann & Randy Everhardt

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