

The Worship of God

July 9, 2023

Sixth 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 "Toccatina in E minor" J. Pachelbel

Choral Introit
Opening of the Bible Caroline Jolly

Call to Worship

Minister: We lift up our eyes unto the hills,

People: To see the King of all creation who welcomes us here.

Minister: We lift up our hearts and believe,

People: That God loves us so much that he sent his only son.

Minister: O worship the King, all glorious above!

People: We gratefully sing of His power and his love!

Hymn No. 29 "O Worship the King" LYONS
Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 121

Hymn No. 634 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory "Life Cycle" M. McLaughlin

Doxology

Morning Prayer

Gospel Lesson Luke 10: 38-42

Duet "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Sermon "Martha's House" Ray N. Howell III

Hymn No. 522 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

Choral Benediction

Postlude "Ode to Joy" Beethoven

**Today's Lay Reader is Chad Killebrew
Our Organist is Marty Stanbery
Vocalists: Wes Richardson and Will Tate**

Vacation Bible School

Plans are underway for VBS in August. Contact Carol Frank if you would like to help us with this exciting event.

Sunday Lunch at Grace Episcopal

We are helping to serve the Sunday meal for the homeless during the month of July. Here are the volunteers for each Sunday, If you would like to help please contact Jen-Fuller Allen.

**July 9- Jen, Elaine, Julia & Thomas Allen
July 16- Karen & David Sparrow
July 23- Linda Engstrom
July 30- Jen, Elaine, Julia & Thomas 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 2	81
June 25	85

Extended Session

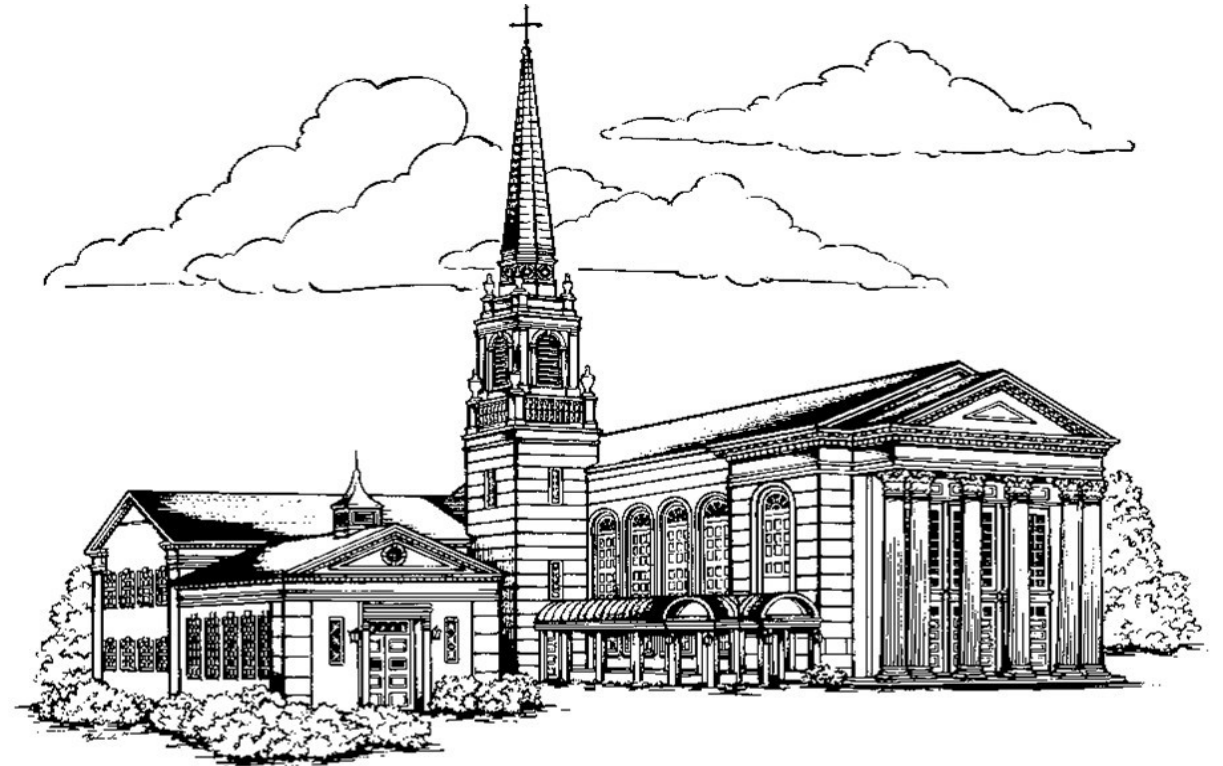
Today	Jen & Elaine Allen
July 16	Brenda Hipp & Crystal Alexander

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