

The Worship of God

September 10, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

We gather today to worship the One who created us, The One who calls us, The One who equips us, The One who loves us without end.

Prelude

“Finale in F Major”

F.J. Hayden

Choral Introit

Opening of the Bible

Call to Worship

Minister: Come into the presence of God.

People: May the favor of the Lord be upon us.

Minister: Come and worship with the family of God,

People: Brothers and sisters of our Lord.

Minister: Come, thou fount of every blessing.

People: Tune my heart to sing thy grace!

Hymn No. 45

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children’s Time

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson

1 Chronicles 16: 28-34

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 522

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

John B. Dykes

Doxology

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15: 11-32

Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”

Alice Parker

Sermon

“Be Thou My Vision”

Dr. Ray Howell

Hymn No. 441

“Softly and Tenderly”

THOMPSON

Choral Benediction

Postlude

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

J.H. Wood

Today’s Lay Reader is Connie Russell

Marty Stanbery is our Organist

The Sanctuary Choir is Under the Direction of Wes Richardson

Majesty and Glory Sunday – September 17

One of our favorite choral anthems is “The Majesty and Glory of His Name.” This will be the highlight of our worship service next Sunday, September 17. We will focus on the Scriptural basis of this great anthem found in Psalm 8 and the little-known book of Jude.

Amazing Grace Sunday

This year marks the 250th Anniversary of “Amazing Grace.” Don’t miss Sunday, September 24, as we commemorate this great anniversary with several renditions of “Amazing Grace,” a focus on grace, and Christian Baptism! The congregation of Second United Church of Christ will be joining us for this special service.

FBC Golf Tournament

The annual FBC Golf Tournament is Saturday, September 30, at Sapona Country Club. The cost is \$55 per person, with teams of four. Joe Leonard has all the details. You can reach Joe at joeleonard@alumni.unc.edu or 336-596-6972.

Fall Bible Study

Fall Bible Study begins Monday night, October 2, in the church Sanctuary. We will resume our study of the gospel of Matthew. The study will continue for seven weeks.

Youth International Mission Trip Meeting

A very important meeting will be held this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to provide information on next summer's Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. This meeting is open to all interested Senior High Youth and Parents.

Carolyn Phillips Mission Group Meeting

The Carolyn Phillips Mission Group will meet on September 12 at noon at Yarboroughs Restaurant. You are invited to hear Phillip Williams, member of Reformation Network Board of Directors, who will share about mission work in Malawi. Please let Brenda Hipp know by September 11 if you will be attending.

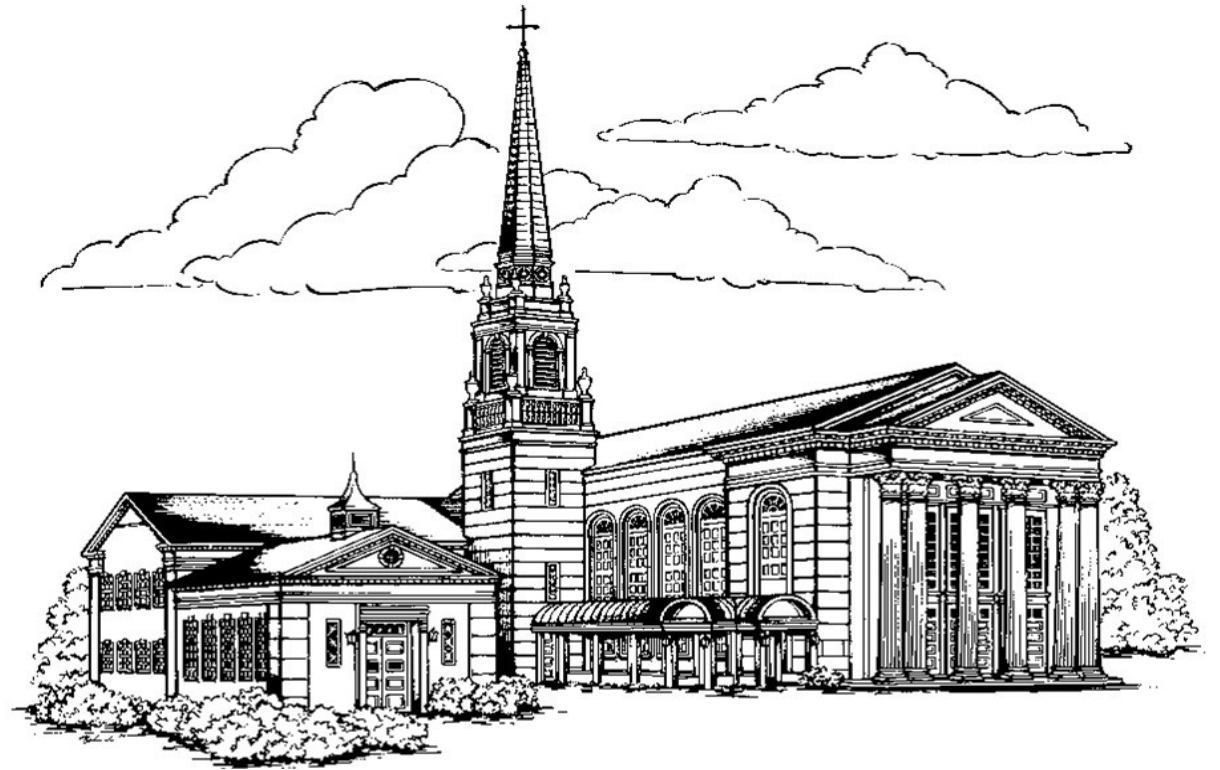
Sunday School Attendance

September 3	85
August 27	94

Extended Session

Today	Kriston & Emma Jolly
September 17	Jen & Elaine Allen

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