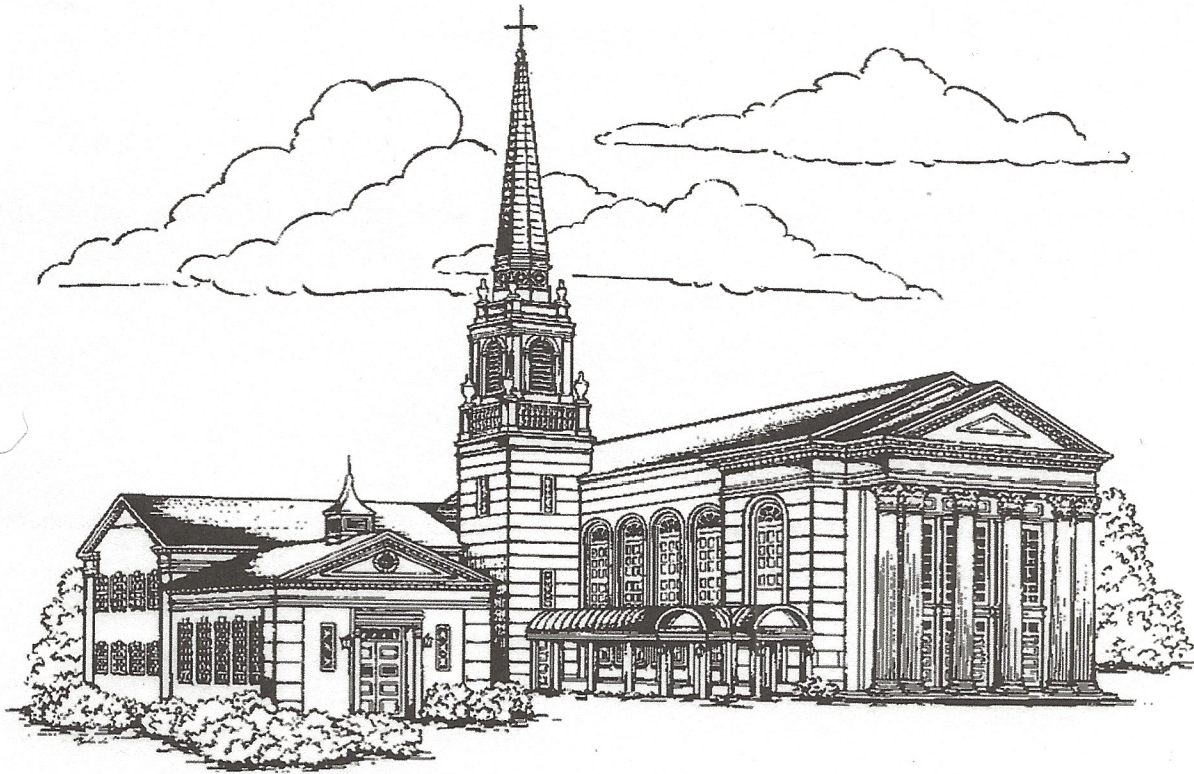


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The Worship of God

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands- - O prosper the work of our hands! *Psalm 90:17*

Prelude

"Trumpet Tune and Air"

Henry Purcell

Choral Introit

Opening of the Bible

Levi Tate

Call to Worship

Minister: In the glory of late summer we gather to worship.

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

Minister: May the work of our hands,

People: Become part of the work of God's hands.

Minister: Fill us with the joy of work as we labor together.

People: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Hymn No. 99

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson

Nehemiah 4: 1-6

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 670

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

FESTAL SONG

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory "Reverie" Colin Curtis

Doxology

Gospel Lesson Matthew 11: 27-30

Anthem "Be" arr. J. Daniel Smith

Sermon "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" Dr. Ray Howell

Hymn No. 718 "Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father" MADILL

Choral Benediction

Postlude "Dona Nobis Pacem" Melvin West

**Today's Lay Reader is Bruce Hill
Marty Stanbery is our Organist
The Sanctuary Choir is Under the Direction of Wes Richardson**

Sunday School Breakfast

Our friends from Second United Church of Christ will be joining us next Sunday, September 10, for a delicious Sunday School Breakfast. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. Rev. Jim Luck, Co-Pastor of Second UCC will be our speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

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!

Children's Ministry

Our outreach efforts are working and children's programs are growing. We need your help to offer our children a safe place to play during worship, so that their parents can attend, please contact Jen Fuller-Allen at jen@lexingtonymca.com to be added to the rotational schedule.

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. Sign-up sheet is in the front office. For more details contact Joe Leonard at joleonard@alumni.unc.edu or 336-596-6972.

Church Offices and MBCC Closed

The Church Office and the Martha Best Childrens Center will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 for the Labor Day Holiday,

Sunday School Attendance

August 27	94
August 20	82

Extended Session

Today	June Honeycutt & Margaret Ann Maddox
September 3	Kriston & Emma Jolly

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