

The Worship of God

October 22, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

“Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.”

Prelude

“This Is My Fathers World”

arr. J Payne

Choral Introit

Opening of the Bible

Lane Hopkins

Call to Worship

Minister: Come, thou Almighty King!

People: Help us thy name to sing.

Minister: Help us to praise.

People: Father, all glorious.

Minister: Come and reign over us!

People: Ancient of Days!

Hymn No. 5

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children’s Time

Christian Greetings

Operation Christmas Child

Trish Allred and Ricsy Sanchez

Hymn No. 412

“Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”

AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 127

Hymn No. 518

“He’s Got the Whole World”

WHOLE WORLD

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“God So Loved The World”

arr. James Koerts

Doxology

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10: 13-16

Hymn No. 470

“Jesus Loves Me”

JESUS LOVES ME

Meditation

“And He took a Child”

Dr. Ray Howell

Hymn No. 743

“Christ, for the World! We Sing”

ITALIAN HYMN

Choral Benediction

Postlude

1848

“Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”

Mechlin

Today’s Lay Leader is Ethan Fulbright

Marty Stanbery is our Organist

The Sanctuary Choir is under the direction of Wes Richardson

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Tony Townsend who passed away on October 17. The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Tony by his family.

November 5 Celebration

Sunday afternoon, November 5, will be a time of celebration as we welcome the families of Martha Best Children’s Center and the Second United Church of Christ family. Children’s activities begin at 3 p.m. Our meal will be a covered dish. Please bring a bountiful basket of good food, salads, and desserts. The Gate City Jazz Band will entertain us after the meal.

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Cranberry Sauce

We are providing cranberry sauce for the Pastor's Pantry Thanksgiving meal. Our goal is 450 cans. Please help us reach our goal!

Salvation Army Christmas Angels

The Christmas Angels will be available next Sunday. As we bless the lives of children overseas through the Shoebox Ministry, we can bless the lives of local children through the Salvation Army Christmas Angels.

Monday Night Bible Study

We will continue our study of Matthew Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You can also stream the study on our YouTube Channel.

Worship Streaming via Telephone

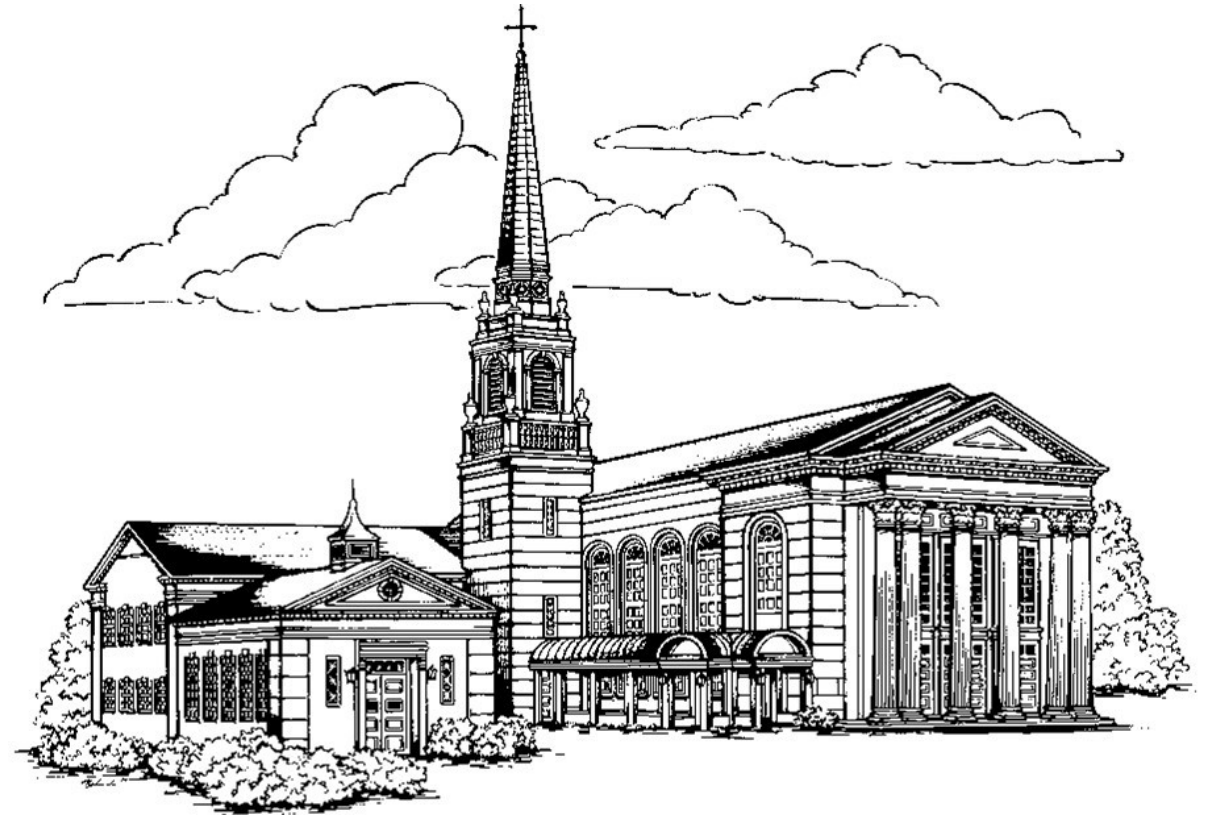
Sunday morning worship services are now available via telephone. You can now call 833-659-9737 and listen to the service.

Sunday School Attendance

October 15 90
October 8 87

Extended Session

Today Carol Wall & Charlotte Pyle
October 29 Eryn & Jon Myers



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