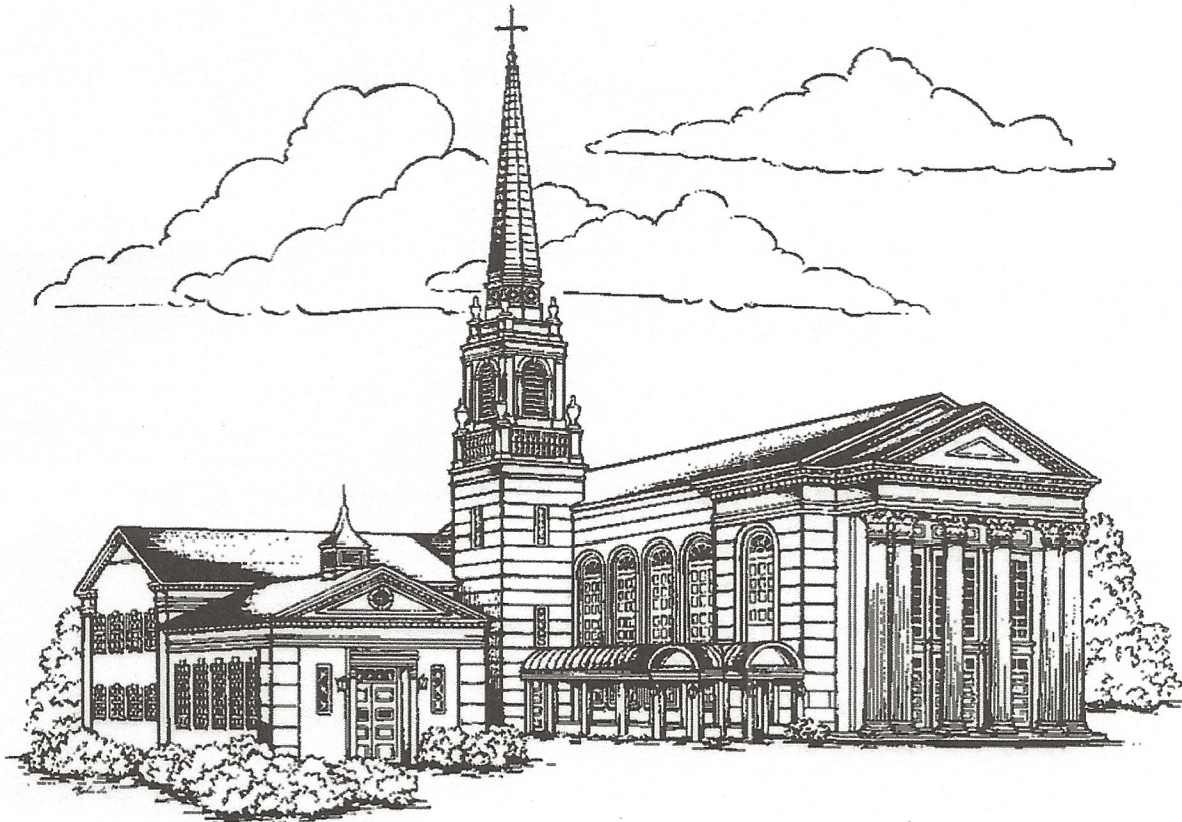


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The Worship of God

October 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

To all who are weary and in need of rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel lost and worthless and wonder if God even cares;
To all who fall and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever else will come,
This church opens wide her doors
And offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

arr. Jeff Bennet

Choral Introit

Opening of the Bible

Levi Tate

Call to Worship

Minister: Children of God, welcome!

People: This is place of love and grace.

Minister: We are invited to the Table of the Lord today.

People: A table where all are welcome.

Minister: God is here!

People: We meet to offer praise and prayer.

Minister: We wait the coming of his Spirit.

Hymn No. 701

"God is Here!"

BEECHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 4: 1-7

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 696

"The Bond of Love"

BOND OF LOVE

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

"We Are God's People"

arr. Fred Bock

Doxology

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 8: 5-13

Homily

"The Table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob"

Anthem

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Joseph M. Martin

Invitation to the Table

Minister: This is the feast of God's goodness.

People: Let us break bread together.

Minister: This is the Sabbath of our souls.

People: Let us share the cup together.

Minister: This is the promise of resurrection and life.

People: Let us praise God together.

Minister: This is the gift of Christ's love or us.

People: Let us serve God by serving others.

Hymn No. 776

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

The Service of Holy Communion

Serving the Bread

Serving the Cup

Hymn No. 291

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Postlude

"O How I Love Jesus"

arr. Don Wyrzten

Debbie Auman is our Lay Reader

Pamela Richardson is our Pianist

The Sanctuary Choir is under the direction of Wes Richardson

Fall Bible Study

Fall Bible Study continues tomorrow night, Monday night, October 9, in the church Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Join us in person or watch on our YouTube Channel.

Operation Christmas Child

The shoeboxes are ready for this year's Operation Christmas Child focus. Pick yours up today! Boxes can be found in the Vestibule and the Ground Floor Lobby at the elevator.

Pierce Pettis Concert October 19 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We are honored to have singer/songwriter Pierce Pettis to present a concert on October 19. Admission is free, but a love offering will be received.

Worship Live Streaming

Our Tech Team has been hard at work to find an alternative to our radio ministry. We are pleased to announce that you can now call 833-659-9737 and listen to our Sunday morning worship service. When you call, you will have the option of pressing 1 and receiving a phone call when the live stream is ready. Or you can call during the week and listen to the previous Sunday's worship service. Thank you to our Tech Team for making this happen.

The Carolyn Phillips Mission Group

The Carolyn Phillips Mission Group will meet at noon on Tuesday, October 10 at Yarborough's. Ashley Phillips of First Hope will be our speaker. The greatest current need at the homeless facility is for canned goods. If you wish to bring some to the meeting, we will collect and send those with Ashley. Let Brenda Hipp know by October 9 if you will be eating lunch or attending at bwhipp48@gmail.com and bring a friend.

Fall Block Party

Candy is needed as our youth prepare for the Fall Block Party with Trunk or Treat on October 22.

Sunday School Attendance

October 1	100
September 24	98

Extended Session

Today	Michelle & William Hopkins
October 15	Luann & Randy Everhardt

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