

The Worship of God

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

As we gather by the waters of baptism, may the gift of this water renew us, cleanse us, and make us whole. May the waters of baptism be a sign of divine love and a mark of God's salvation.

Prelude *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* arr. John Ness Beck

Christian Greetings

Quartet *"Down to the River to Pray"* arr. Pepper Choplin

Christian Baptism

The Baptism of Gene Morris

Hymn No. 20 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* ODE TO JOY

The Children's Time

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64: 1-8

Hymn No. 758 *"Baptized in Water"* BUNESSAN

Offertory Prayer Linda Engstrom

The Offertory *"Nothing But the Blood"* Arr. Richard Kingsmore

Doxology

Quartet *"By the Water Flowing"* arr. Faye Lopez

Morning Prayer

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3: 13-17

Sermon *"The Right Thing to Do"* Dr. Ray Howell

Hymn No. 723 *"Revive Us Again"* REVIVE US AGAIN

Benediction

Minister: And now, with the witness of today's baptism before us,

People: And the memory of our baptism in our hearts,

Minister: Let us go from this place to love the Lord, Our God.

Men: With all of our heart.

Women: With all of our soul.

Men: With all of our might.

Women: And our neighbor as ourselves.

Minister: Let us go forth in peace.

ALL: Amen and Amen!

Postlude *"God the Father, Name We Treasure"* John Goss 1869

Today's Lay Reader is Ethan Fulbright
Marty Stanbery is our Organist and Pianist
Wes Richardson directs our Sanctuary Choir
Today's Quartet is composed of Will Tate, Tamer Richardson,
Pamela Richardson, and Wes Richardson

Church Picnic is Today

Join us later today for a wonderful evening of exciting entertainment, great fellowship, and delicious food. The fun begins at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a magic show for the children, led by Tim Michael. Bring a delicious dish of food and we will enjoy the picnic beginning at 6 p.m. Thank you to Catherine Pyle and our Church Life Committee for coordinating this fun-filled event.

Vacation Bible School

Our children are going to experience *"Illumination Station"* at **Vacation Bible School**. VBS will help our kids discover the bigness of God in the smallest of things as they explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals. While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are still in the dark about who He really is. Together we will discover that Jesus is God's promised Son, God's perfect Son, the powerful Son of God, the proven Son of God, and God's plan for forgiveness. Let's shine bright together! Each evening, kids will take part in a Worship Rally, Music, Recreation and Games, Bible Study, and Arts and Crafts. VBS begins tomorrow, Monday, **July 27**. The kids will enjoy a meal at 5:30 p.m. Bible School ends each night, **Monday – Wednesday** at 8 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, August 26** at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School Attendance

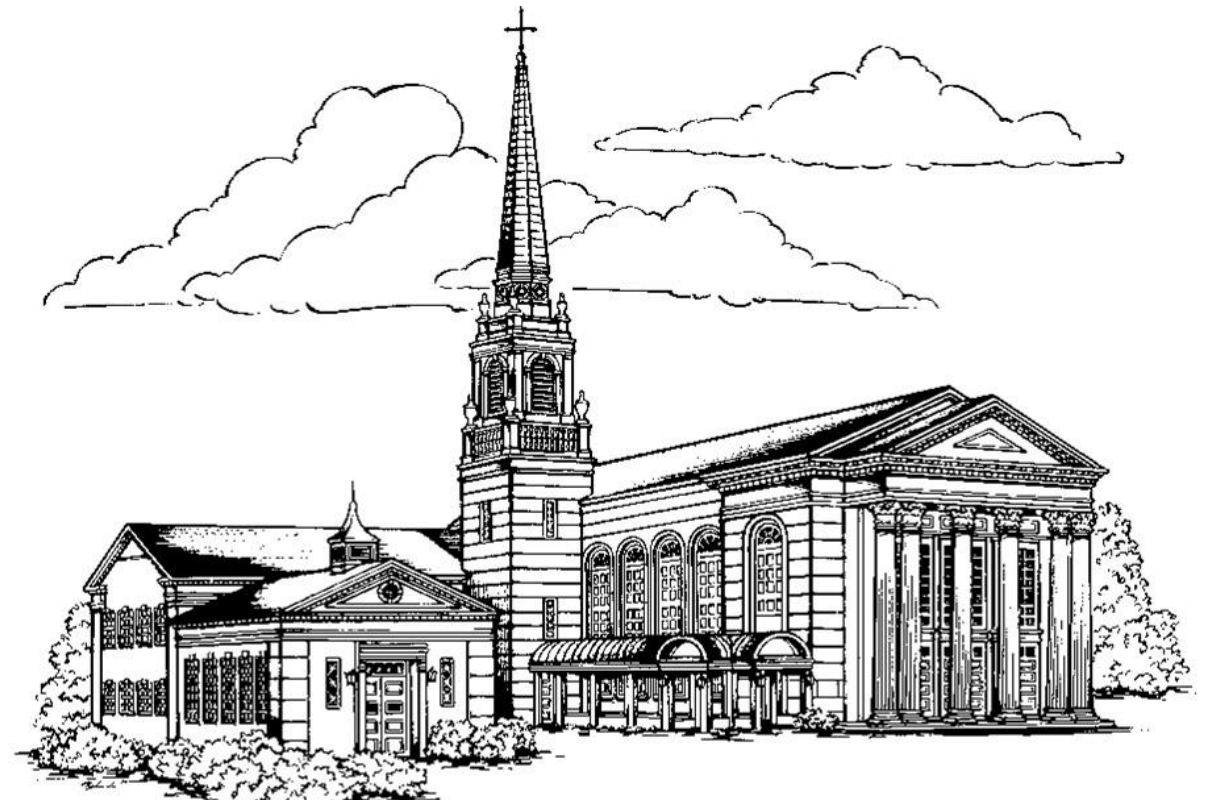
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