

The Worship of God

October 18, 2026

Twenty-first 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 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 *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"* arr. Michael Wilson

Christian Greetings

Call to Worship

Leader: *Let us worship God who is rich in mercy,*

People: Who brings light out of darkness and hope out of despair.

Leader: *Let us worship God whose great love comes to us through Jesus.*

People: Praise him! Praise him!

Leader: *Tell of his excellent greatness,*

People: Praise him ever in joyful song!

Hymn No. 96 *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”* JOYFUL SONG

The Children's Time

Operation Christmas Child

"It's All About Jesus"

Scripture Lesson Matthew 19: 13-15

Video Presentation

Hymn No. 731 *“O Christians, Haste”* TIDINGS

Offertory Prayer

Catherine Pyle

The Offertory	<i>"Homebound"</i>	Elliot Jack Sansom
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Doxology

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 619 *“God Will Take Care of You”* GOD CARES

**The Combined Sanctuary Choirs of
First Baptist and First United Methodist Churches**

Closing Words

Benediction

Postlude *"Come, Ye Disconsolate"* Samuel Webbe 1792

Today's Lay Reader is Trish Allred
Marty Stanbery is our Organist and Pianist
The Combined Choirs are under the Direction of
Wes Richardson and Lee Mabe

All Saints Sunday is November 1

All Saints **Sunday** is a sacred time of memory and hope. We will remember members of our church family who have passed away during the past year by lighting candles of hope. We will also be remembering loved ones of our church family who have died. Please let Ray know if you would like to remember a loved one.

Wednesday Night Schedule

Our next two Wednesday night meals are October 28 and November 4. Sign up today! The list is on the front pew.

The **Sunday School Leadership** will meet today at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Barbecue Festival Parking

When you come to the BBQ Festival on Saturday, park in our church parking lot. Our youth will be directing parking for \$10 per car. All proceeds will benefit our youth ministry.

Coming Events

October 25 - Riverdale Narrative "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" featuring the singing of Brannon Gilliam

October 28 - Wednesday night meal (Lexington BBQ) and Bible Study on the Gospel of John. Reservations are needed.

November 1 - All Saints Sunday

👻🧡 Help Make Halloween Special at MBCC! 🧡🧡

We're getting ready for Halloween fun and would love your help! We need volunteers and candy donations for these special fall activities:

🧡 Volunteers are needed to help with the **MBCC Trick-or-Treating** on the mornings of October 29 & October 30th. 🧡 We also *need* Volunteers for **Indoor "Trunk-or-Treat"** during the **Family Fall Festival Thursday, October 29 from 6:00–8:00 PM.** 🧡 And, please consider donating individually wrapped candy for our children's Trick-or-Treating and Fall Festival activities. Every bag helps make these events extra sweet and fun! Candy can be brought to the church office or dropped off at the MBCC center. 🧡 Whether you can volunteer for **one morning, both mornings**, or the **evening festival**, we would be so grateful for your time! Please contact the Center. Thank you for helping us make sweet Halloween memories for our MBCC children! 🧡 🧡

Extended Session Leaders for October

Today: Brenda Hipp and Crystal Alexander

Oct. 25: Lucy Daniels and Cate Pyle

Sunday School Attendance

Oct. 4 - 88

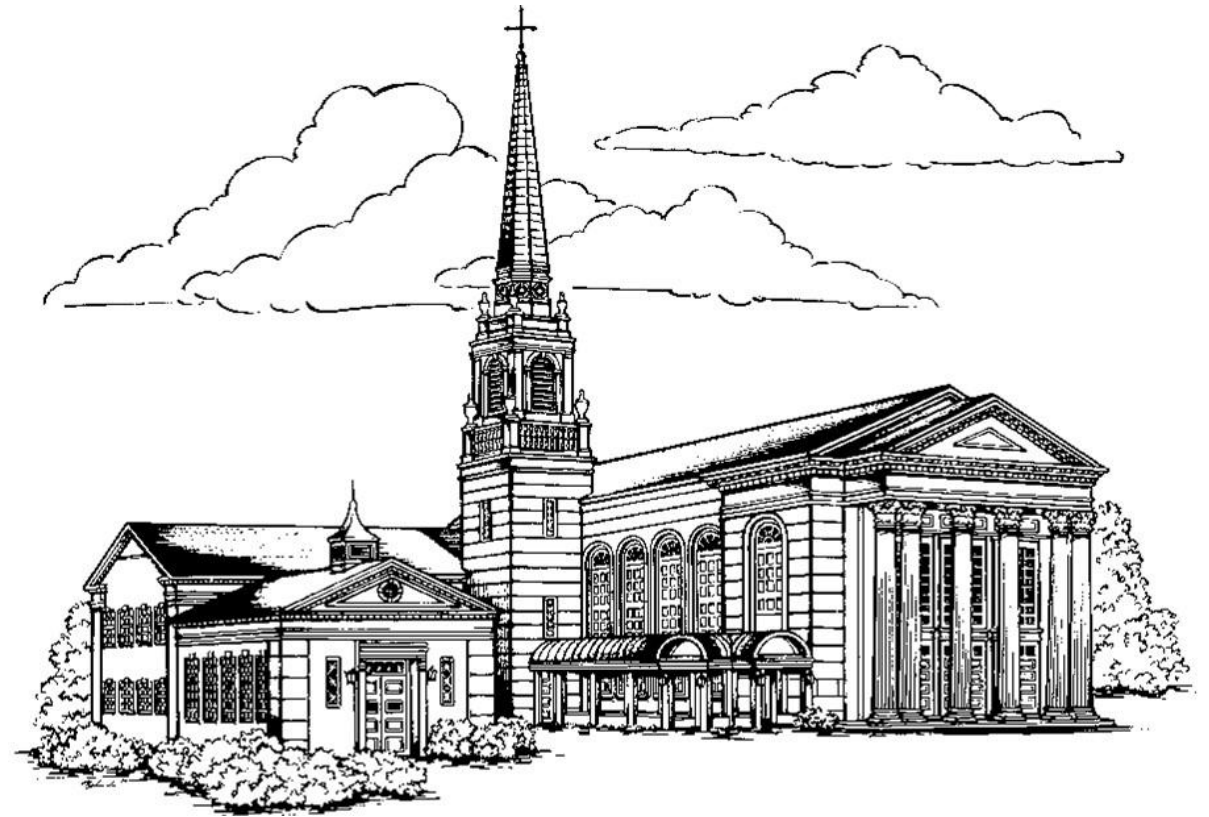
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