

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are welcome who are gathered here today for worship. Everyone is invited to sign the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew, passing it down and back so that after the service, we may greet one another by name.

Ushers: Greg Hutchins, Carol Hutchins, David Dudley, Laura Dudley, Walt Wiggins

Greeter: Katherine Fisher

Liturgist: Tim Smith

Children's Sermon: Mary Scott

Communion Servers: Randy Adams, Sally Adams, Joe Brewer, Virginia Brewer, Joe Brown, Laura Durham, Sonny Foster, Roslyn Gragg, Greg Hutchins, Lisa Rowe, Steve Rowe, Kate Tharin

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God, in honor of our new officers, and in memory of Bob Mauldin by Pat Mauldin.

We are pleased to ordain and/or install today the following as officers of the church for the Class of 2021: Diane Dixon, Marianne Farris, Julian Parks, Sydney Phillips, Dee Whitley as Elders; Laura Dudley, John Etheredge, Jean Kitchin, Jay Quinan, Mark Stuart, and Vivian Rogers as Deacons.

We are especially grateful for the service of our outgoing officers. Our deepest gratitude is extended to the following Elders: Clif Hayworth, Michael Mosley, Nancy Richardson, and Kate Tharin; and the following Deacons: Suzanne Buchanan, Pat Mauldin, Gaye Moore, Samuel Phillips, and Christie Sondergard.

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet this Monday at noon in the Session Room. Bring your lunch and enjoy a time of discussion with the pastor.

The Circle of JOY will gather Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Session Room.

The Christian Education Committee will meet Tuesday at 5:10 p.m. in the church library.

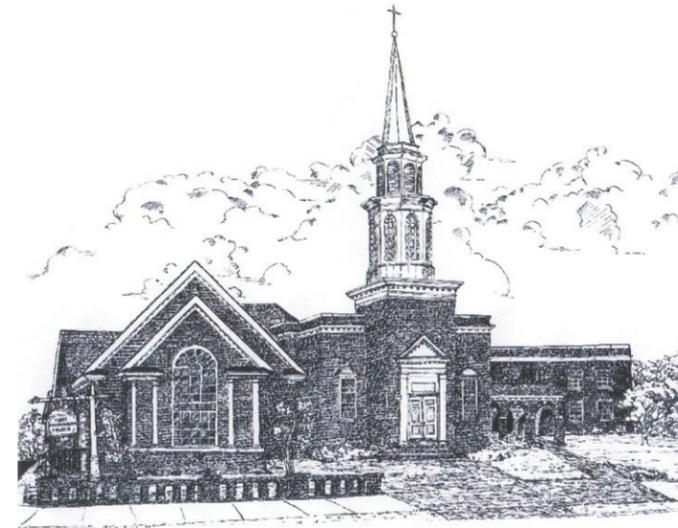
The Deacons meet Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room.

Parents' Afternoon Out kids gather this Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship and Choir rehearsals resume this week.

The Administrative Committee will meet this Thursday at noon in the church parlor.

Join us after worship next Sunday, January 13, in the fellowship hall for a Soup and Sandwich luncheon sponsored by the Outreach Committee!



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Our Mission:

"To be a congregation of believers carrying out the Word of God and joyfully bringing the community to the church and the church to the community."

January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord
11:00 a.m.

Hearing assistance and large print hymnals are available upon request from any usher.

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."
Isaiah 60:1

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"

Buxtehude

APPROACHING THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Solether

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, hymn #68

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Smith

One: We have seen a star in the East!

All: God is with us. Light has come!

One: We have heard the songs of the angels.

All: God is with us. Love has come!

One: Now we follow the light into the world.

All: God is with us. Christ has come!

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*HYMN 63

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, shine upon us. Move us to see the glow of your presence in the darkest places: the places where it seems impossible for a candle to hold its flame. Move us to know the light of your Spirit in the brightest places: the places where neon signs, LED headlights, and fluorescent bulbs are nearly blinding. Move us to notice the light of your love in the loudest places: the places where the chaos and cacophony demand all of our attention. Forgive us, Lord, of the ways we fail to notice and live in your good news. Move us to see you, to hear you, to feel your warmth. May we know the light, and may we never fear the darkness. For it was in the void of darkness that you formed the world, and it was in the dark of night that you came as a child.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Hymn 574

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Mary Scott

All children are invited to come forward at this time and may bring their offering for collection. After the closing prayer, children kindergarten age and younger will be escorted to the Children's Nursery using the door closest to the baptismal font.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

(Pew Bible, OT pg. 690)

Ephesians 3:1-12

(Pew Bible, NT pg. 193)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Open Door”

Scott Solether

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 69

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

WIE SCHON LEUCHTET

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Litany of Presentation

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation of Elected Officers

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Welcome

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion and the Lord's Prayer (*“debts and debtors”*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Manz

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 67

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

MORNING STAR

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Amen”

Weaver

*POSTLUDE

“How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”

Buxtedude

**Those who are able, please stand
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