

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:55 a.m. November 12, 2017

*When the music begins, please prepare for worship in silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!
(* Please stand as you are able)*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING
WELCOME and Announcements Sheila Gilmore, Lay Leader
Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship!
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
PRELUDE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Page
OPENING PRAYER
INTROIT *Blest Are They* Haas
*HYMN *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* UM Hymnal, 662

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION *The Apostle's Creed* UM Hymnal, 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

CALL TO PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

PSALTER
**Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,**

**and the wonders that he has done,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UM Hymnal, 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour* Lowry

*OFFERING RESPONSE *We Give Thee But Thine Own* Boylston

*We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children 4-10 years old are invited to Children's Church in Room 410.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 24:1-25

ANTHEM *Let Us Serve Him* Besig

SERMON *Stories of the Saints*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find new life in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious God, you are light and wonder and glory.
You are our strength and delight; you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by what glitters, continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our happiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.
Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life and all that is good.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us.
In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* UM Hymnal, 540

The altar is always open for prayer.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *As We Part for the Towns and Cities* Henry

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*POSTLUDE *To God be the Glory* arr. Callahan

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*The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God and in loving
memory of Dr. and Mrs. T.B. Hough and Rev. and Mrs. Harold Leatherman by
Chuck Wright and Sally Wright.*

Our youth have been attending the NCCUMC Youth Conference Pilgrimage 2017 this weekend in Fayetteville and will return today. The theme this year is "A Place at the Table – Luke 14:7-25". Please pray for safe travels for our 15 youth and 3 chaperones as they return this afternoon.

Ladies Night is **this Tuesday, November 14.** Doors open at 5:30 pm for a fabulous dinner from Rick's Catering followed by an exciting speaker and door prize drawings. All FUMC ladies and their friends are invited for this special evening. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the church office and Simply Chic Boutique **until 5:00 pm, Monday, November 13.** Come treat yourself to *Ladies Night!*

East Rockingham UMC will have a **BoJangles' Share Night, Tuesday, November 14 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.** All funds raised will be used for the Thanksgiving Community Meals.

We are joining East Rockingham UMC on Saturday, November 18 with serving over 2,000 Thanksgiving meals to families in our community. We need volunteers from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to help deliver meals to shut-ins, serve plates, and greet and fellowship with guest who dine-in at the church. If you can't volunteer your time on November 18, you can help by sending tea and/or pound cakes for the meal. Please call the church office to let us know how you would like to help for the Community Thanksgiving Meal or if you know of someone that would like a Thanksgiving meal.

Our Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be Sunday, November 19 at First Baptist Church at 6:00 pm. Rev. Dwight Williams, pastor of First Presbyterian Church will be the speaker. Make plans now to attend this community celebration!!

November 19-22 are the dates to decorate the church sanctuary for Christmas! We need volunteers to help the Worship Committee. **Make this a wonderful family tradition to prepare our sanctuary for Christmas.** Everyone is invited to help!



Calling all children! We are holding rehearsals on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm for our 2017 Christmas Play. If your child would like to participate or if you have any questions, please let Statha Osborne know. We would love for all of our children to sing for Christmas! **The Children's Christmas Program will be held, Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 pm.**

Joyce Smith ministers at the Hermitage Retirement Home on the third Monday of each month. Robert Cain had been working with her and she is now without a ministry partner. If you are interested in helping Joyce in this ministry, please call the church office at 895-4027.

Lifetouch complimentary photographs are available for the following members: Margie Cannon, Jason Deane, Audrey Ewing, Jimmie Miller, and Jerry Thomas. If you are one of these blessed individuals, please pick up your picture today in the Narthex (closest to the Chapel).

Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the Narthex (closest to the Chapel) for anyone who was missed by a baton. Just fill out a pledge card and drop your envelope in an offering plate.

