

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 am **January 17, 2016**

When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation. Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!

Gathering Time and Welcome Sheila Gilmore, Lay Leader

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour Helen Alexander

Prelude *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* Behnke

Call to Worship *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet* Sleeth

*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

* Hymn of Praise No. 400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymn Calling Us to Prayer No. 474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Allison Farrah

O God, we cannot remain silent, but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated the lives of those around us. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people.

Forgive us, God of Grace, so we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests

Chorus No. 2164 (TFWS) *Sanctuary* Thompson/Scruggs
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.**
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Farrah

The Worship of God with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *My Savior's Love* Larson

*Doxology No. 95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Sykes

Children's Time Mary Griffith
(Children 4-10 years old are invited to children's church upstairs in Room 410)

Reading of the Psalms Psalm 36: 5 – 10 (Sing Response) Hymnal Page 771

Anthem *There's a Spirit of Love in This Place* Miller

*Gospel Reading John 2: 1 – 11 Page 113

Sermon *Grace upon Grace* Rev. Sykes

*Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 378 *Amazing Grace*

Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Sykes

Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless and Keep You* Strathabee

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity Helen Alexander

*Postlude *Allegro from Symphony 1* Boyce

***Please stand as you are able**

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The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Don Denney by Doris and his girls.

The flowers on the organ are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of T. R. Baxley by his wife, Louise Baxley Jarrett, and daughter, Marcia Jarrett.

Year end contribution reports are ready. Please see Ann Crotts after morning worship services to pick up yours.

No Youth tonight. Plan to meet next Sunday, January 24 from 5 – 7:30 pm.

We have several attending and volunteering at Chrysalis this weekend:
Behind the Scenes: Linda Boyette, Sherry Boyette, Alex McLean, Mary Catherine Coltrane, and Tim Capel.
Team Members: Statha Osborne, Paige Morse, Brianne Gerald, and Gary Boyette.
Caterpillars: Zach LeBerth, Michael Sounders, Joshua Griffith, and Tori Brayboy.
Please be in prayer for God's love and guidance for all who are participating in Chrysalis.

An ecumenical service in observance of MLK Day will be held this evening at 7 pm at the First Baptist Church, 329 West Hamlet Avenue, Hamlet. The host pastor is Dr. Robert J. Richardson. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dian Jackson, pastor of Mount Zion United Church of Christ in Rockingham.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of MLK Day.

Tuesday Night Bible Study will be starting back THIS Tuesday, January 19, at 6:30 pm in the Bynum Bldg. We will be studying **Agents of the Apocalypse** by David Jeremiah. This will be a 10 week study. If you are interested, please see Sherry Boyette or call the Church Office.

Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this Wednesday. Reminder: There will be no transportation from the schools to the church this week. ***You will have to provide your own transportation.***

The FUMC Haiti Mission Team held an Interest Session on December 6th for all those interested in going to Haiti in 2016. If you were not able to attend the meeting but are interested in going on the mission trip this year, please contact Allison or Mike. **The Commitment Meeting for the 2016 mission trip will be NEXT Sunday, January 24th at 4:00 pm in Room 101.** Commitments must be made at this meeting. The Haiti Mission Trip is scheduled for July 12-20, 2016.

Mark your calendars! The 2nd annual **Hoofing It for Haiti 5K will be Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 8:30 am at the Mary Ellen Kindley Fitness Trail on the campus of RCC.** Whether you choose to walk, run, volunteer, or serve as a sponsor, there is a place for you. Check out the bulletin board just outside of the choir room. You will see all the sights of last year's big event and will be excited to get involved. Remember 100% of entry fees go toward rice, beans, and oil for Haiti. We celebrated 225 registered runners and walkers and 60 sponsors at last year's event. As a result of the 5K and the other projects at our church, we were able to deliver 21,372 pounds of rice, beans, and oil to precious Haitian children and adults who were literally without food for their next meal. We look forward to what God will continue to do through our Haiti project in 2016.

Thank you to all who gave honorariums or memorials of rice, beans, and oil for Christmas. Through your generosity we raised \$2,500.00 for rice, beans, and oil. That means 83 Haitian families will have food for a month because of your love and support. To God be the glory!

Upcoming Events.....

SPRC will meet on Monday, January 25 at 6:30 pm.

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 pm.

Souper Lunch – The UMW will have lunch of Homemade Soups, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches. and a variety of Desserts on **Sunday, January 31** immediately following Worship Service. Donations will be accepted to support UMW Programs/Projects. Please make plans to attend!

Youth Valentine Banquet, Saturday, February 13 at 5:30 pm.

Hamlet Soup Kitchen needs leaders and volunteers for the 4th Wednesday of each month. Please consider this worthwhile ministry. Call the church office or speak to Mike Sykes if you are interested in serving.

Ponder this.....

There are two things to do about the Gospel—
believe it and behave it.
-Susannah Wesley