

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 am **May 31, 2015**

*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

Prelude Callender
Our Refuge and Strength

Call to Worship Cleaveland
Praise Ye the Lord

*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

*Hymn of Praise No.64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*Affirmation of Faith No.880 Rev. Allison Farrah
The Nicene Creed

*Gloria Patri No. 70 *Glory Be to the Father*
**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**

Call to prayer Hymn No.393 *Spirit of the Living God*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Farrah
We are so like Nicodemus, Lord. We come to you, hiding in the shadows of our own fears and terrors. We want you to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to know that everything will be all right; that the world will cease to be a place of terror and war. We want to be born again in a spirit of hope. But when we come it is for our own sake, and not to learn what you would have us be and do in this world. Forgive our selfishness, Lord. Calm our fears and heal our spirits. Let us truly listen to you so that we may be witnesses to your peace and justice which you seek for the world. Saturate us with your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who bring peace, which is not only an absence of war, but peace which promotes an attitude of love. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Chorus No. 420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Farrah

The Worship of God with God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory *Take Time to be Holy* 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
Wonderful Wednesday kids
(Children 4-10 years old are invited to children's church upstairs in room 410)

Reading from the Psalms Joseph Griffith
Psalm 29

Anthem *In Christ Alone*

*Gospel Reading page 115
John 3:1-17

Sermon Rev. Sykes
Nicodemus Live

* Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 102 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction McIntire
Benediction Hymn

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity

*Postlude Gounod
Marche Romaine

***Please stand as you are able**
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The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

Today is Zoe Sunday!

All applications for the Mary Hadley Leath scholarships are due today!!

Youth are invited tonight to Grayson Campbell's graduation party at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

We would like to thank all the volunteers, children and parents for participating in our Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program this year. We had a great time and look forward to see you all in the fall.

There will be a meeting of Vacation Bible School volunteers on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church in fellowship hall S150. See Mary Griffith for more details.

SPRC will meet Thursday at 6:30 pm in room 101.

First Methodist Church and First Baptist Church are joining together to have Vacation Bible School this summer on July 27-31 from 9:00-12:15 at First Baptist Church. This year VBS will be a joint endeavor between First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church. We will have VBS at First Baptist Church on July 27-31. We are thrilled to be working with FBC as we join together as one to minister to our children. This year our children will be exploring icy, Everest terrain on an adventure to conquer challenges with God's mighty power. There will be opportunities for lots of volunteers at VBS so I

hope you will consider in helping with VBS this summer and plan to attend the Volunteer Meetings on June 2 and June 23 at 7:30pm at FBC.

Changed the World Day was May 16th and we had several participants . The Bible Class cleaned the Sunday School class, Circle 9 planted flowers at Hospice Haven and Cassandra Crump sent cards to shut-ins. Thank you to all who took part!

Ponder this...

Something must really change in the world,
and this can come only through people who themselves are changed.
But when a person is changed under the influence of grace,
then not only the state of his soul, but also his whole comportment, is changed.
He is suddenly free from the old habits which kept him imprisoned,
free from the rancor and remorse that consumed him.
(He has) become whole in a broken world.

Paul Tournier

The Haiti Mission Team invites you to help us with

our...

Packing List for Haiti

Here's how you can help. It's easy and inexpensive but will be more valuable to the children of Haiti than one can imagine. Purchase any of the items on the ~~Packing List~~ and place them in the suitcase located the main hall of the church just behind the sanctuary.

Underwear (boy or girl- any size)

Socks (boy or girl- any size)

Flip-flops/sandals, black school shoes (boy or girl- any size)

Small toys or games: jump ropes, frisbees, cars, jack rocks, nail polish, hair bows/accessories, coloring books and crayons, etc...

Hygiene products: feminine products for girls, toothbrush/toothpaste, soap/shampoo, deodorant, combs/mirrors

Linens: twin size sheet sets or blankets