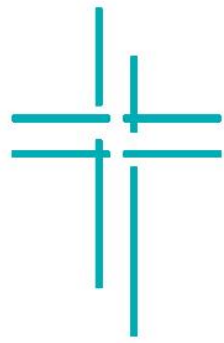


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The Rev. Evan R. Smith

Pastor

JULY 9, 2017

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:30 AM

Welcome to the house of the Lord! May God's grace and peace fill you.

PRELUDE

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

OPENING MUSIC

"This Is The Day"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 45

L: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

P: You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

L: I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;

P: Therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

L: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CH 210

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, our heavenly Father, you are holy and righteous, revealing your Son to children, to the humble and the faithful. Yet, we confess, we are blinded by pride, worldly wisdom, and the presumption that we are in complete control; we see the same faults in others that we harbor in ourselves. Surely, nothing good resides in us, for we find that when we desire to do what is right, we cannot do it, for sin soon gains the upper hand, and we fail to avail ourselves of your sovereign power and will. Forgive us, O God, and remove the yoke of sin from our shoulders. Place upon us your light yoke of peace, grace, and joy in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

L: Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Lead Me, Lord”

“Lead me, Lord,
Lead me in Your righteousness;
Make Your way plain before my face.”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology:

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

ANTHEM

“In Times Like These”

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OT LESSON

Genesis 24:58-67

Insert

SERMON

“Designing Love”

Rev. Smith

HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

CH 648

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**CLOSING**

“Amen”

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS

HEALTH CONCERNS

Bill Haessly-Hospice Care and Anita Haessly care giver
Ernie Nuckols – heart problems – (Pickle’s grandfather)
Jean Flower
Leatrice Gibson

MEMBER IN CARE FACILITIES

Jane Roby (Ritenour)
Brannock Easley (Shenandoah)

BIRTHDAYS

Gennivee Carey (10)
Earl Flower (14)
Macon Moyer, III (16)

ANNIVERSARIES

Talitha & Dick Hippeard (12)

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice
Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer
Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller
Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 AM Sunday Bible Study – Lucille Sanger Classroom

10:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: Chuck Blackley (Head Usher), Pat Blackley,
Jerry Fry and Linda Fry

Flower Coordinator: Darlene Mason

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 AM Sunday Bible Study – Lucille Sanger Classroom

10:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: **All spots open**

Flower Coordinator: Darlene Mason

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Attendance Last Sunday **49**

Offering Last Sunday **\$2,446.00**

As an aid to people who have trouble reading the regular sized type on the Sunday worship bulletin, a large print version is available. Simply request one from any usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The flowers on the Communion Table today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Boyd W. Thompson, Jr. by Linda Queen.

USHERS

The **July** sign-up sheet is on the back table, **the last three weeks are open**. Thank you for your help.



Mark your calendars for the upcoming annual picnic on **August 16 at 6 PM**, at the American Legion Hall on Cedar Green Road. Fried chicken, hot dogs, lemonade and tea will be provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable dish, or dessert for all to share. Entertainment will be Allen Archer and the Ovation Singers.

Membership and Outreach Committee

We would like to congratulate Andrea and Zan Erskine, David and Teri King, and Paul Wolfe on the birth of a new daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter, respectively. Sorenne Alexandra Erskine was born July 3 at 2:55 PM. She weighs 8 lbs. 15 oz. Mom and baby are doing well. Let us rejoice in their good news!



“The lot is cast into the lap, but the decision is the LORD’s alone” (Proverbs 16:33, NRSV). This comforting verse tells us that nothing happens by chance. Chance is arbitrary, accidental, unplanned and unpredictable, without cause or meaning. Sometimes chance appears to aptly describe the events and happenstance of life.

But Genesis to Revelation declare in unison that even chance is under God’s control. Every seemingly meaningless, random and inexplicable event plays a part in the Master’s grand design.

There is no luck, then. Everything has a divine purpose, though we often can’t discern it. It’s just a matter of faith.

The Newsletter Newsletter

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended to heaven,

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.**

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Andy Easley
Sue Gochenour
Linda Lickliter
Pam Snyder

Class of 2018

Jo Fields
Darlene Mason
Mary Rainey
Matthew Ramsey

Class of 2019

Bob Ridle
Dick Robinson
Nancy Swisher
Woodie Wimer

Evan R. Smith, Moderator

Nancy Swisher, Clerk

TRUSTEES

Class of 2017

Paul Wolfe

Class of 2018

Ralph Weller

Class of 2019

Dick Hippeard

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator..... Mary Rainey
Vice-Moderator Beth Ramsey
Secretary Talitha Hippeard
Treasurer..... Sue Gochenour
Historian..... Kay Mader

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education/Worship..... Mary Rainey
Membership, Outreach, & Community Service Linda Lickliter
Mission..... Sue Gochenour
Stewardship and Finance..... Darlene Mason
Property..... Andy Easley
Personnel Pam Snyder

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Evan R. Smith
Secretary Kay Waitier
Choir Director..... Pam Snyder
Organist..... Allen Archer