

Words of Blessing

*Doxology (Hymn 32) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*


*Benediction Carol McEntyre

Postlude *setting by David Cherwein*
“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”
(Based on hymn 321)


Our Service of Worship has ended.
Our Worship through Service begins.

Kyle Matthews is the soloist today.

The flowers this Sunday are given in memory of Howard Wimmer in celebration of his birthday by his family.



When available, an American Sign Language interpreter is at the base of the baptistry. Pews in front of the baptistry are reserved for our Deaf and hard-of-hearing community.



This Sanctuary is equipped with Hearing Loop. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a T-coil and switch to it, you will hear audio directly from our sound system.

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Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 21
11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6th-12th grade students.
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live (AYMC)
6th-12th grade students meet for games, supper and Bible Study.

Wednesday, January 24
6:30am Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)
All men of the congregation are invited to study the Revised Common Lectionary weekly passages.
Wednesdays@First Activities
Wednesdays@First offers a meal, fellowship and spiritual formation opportunities for all ages. See block for more information.
6:00pm MidWeek Classic: Spiritual Habits of Happiness with Carol McEntyre

Friday, January 26
8:30am Roadrunners to Cowpens National Battlefield, Lunch at Outback Steakhouse and Shopping at Gaffney Outlets
Roadrunners are senior adults who enjoy a monthly outing and meal together.
6:00-9:00pm FBG Parent Education Initiative: SAFE Seminar with LeAnn Gardner, Part 1 (Fellowship Hall)
These opportunities for education and fellowship are offered for parents, grandparents and guardians of children from birth through age 18.

Saturday, January 27

9:00am-2:00pm FBG Parent Education Initiative: SAFE Seminar with LeAnn Gardner, Part 2 (Fellowship Hall)

10:00am-1:00pm Spiritual Enrichment Event: Contemplative Prayer (Parlor)

Lula Whilden World Missions Offering Goal: \$100,000 Receipts as of 12/31 \$90,325



Financial Goal 2023 \$2,875,000 Receipts as of 12/31 \$3,041,582

Wednesdays@First Schedule
3:30-6:00pm Youth Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)
5:00-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open (Fellowship Hall)
6:00-7:00pm Adults@First (Music and Prayer Time, MidWeek Classic) (Fellowship Hall)
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Ten Thirty O’Clock



Words of Belonging

Call to Worship Vivian Hamilton

Music for Meditation “Prière” June Nixon

We are invited to use this time to center ourselves and prepare our hearts for worship.

By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done:
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon’s soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore!
– Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 5th century

Prayer for Worship Vivian Hamilton

Creator God, we know that every good gift comes from you – the world and all that is in it, the very breath that gives us life. We offer you thanks and praise for all of your gifts. We are grateful that you welcome us into your presence; we belong to you and each other. Help us to share your welcome with all. Amen.

*Processional Hymn “Let Us Build a House” TWO OAKS

Hymn is printed on inserted page.

Welcome of Worshipers Carol McEntyre

Choral Worship “Joyous Light of Glory” Carl F. Schalk

Words of Faith

Gospel Lesson Mark 5:1-20 Kay Hardage

page 816 of the Bible in the pew rack

Pastoral Prayer Kyle Matthews

*Children’s Hymn 228 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

(During the last two stanzas, children 4K through grade 5 are invited to come forward.)

Children’s Sermon Bridget Kokolis

“God Be with You Here” Kyle D. Matthews

(Children, 4K and 5K ages, are dismissed for Preschool Worship.)

Musical score for "God Be with You Here" in 4/4 time, featuring lyrics: "God be with you here! God be with you there! there! God's love will al - ways hold you tight, E - ven when you're out of sight!"

Prayer for Belonging Carol McEntyre

God, it is you who made us.
We belong to you.
You created every detail of our beings.
We belong to you.
You are unimaginable in every way. Our best guesses about you don’t come close to your glory.
We belong to you.
You have blessed us immensely: with your presence, with love, with Christ and the Spirit.

We belong to you.
You have made us one with you in Christ (Galatians 3:28)
We belong to you.
We often go around thinking that we are separate from you–
Separate from each other –
But the truth is that we are all made of the same dust (Ecclesiastes 3:20, Genesis 3:19)

Parts of the same whole.
Oh God, grant that we may know the vastness of your love,
The depths of our belonging.
And grant that we may live in unity
With one another, and with you.
May we live each day, resting in this welcoming truth:
We belong to you. Amen.

– Fran Pratt

Belonging Moment Patrick Bairefoot

Solo “You Belong Here” Kyle D. Matthews
Chris Eaton

This is a dream I have: that there might be a place,
Where before I cross the threshold, they recognize my face.
They’ve been expecting me! The table has been set!
My bed’s already made! And they speak to me this way,
Refrain: You are welcome in this fam’ly! You are wanted in this place!
You have value to your maker that your past cannot erase!
There is room for all your searching! There is music for your song!
There are shoulders you can cry on and the strength to carry on!
You belong here! Welcome home!
What are we striving for, when this is in our reach?
Could we become the refuge some weary trav’ler seeks?
And as we let them in, would our lives not be changed
To give the love we long for and be unafraid to say: (refrain)
We will throw the door wide open, run to meet you at the gate!
There will be a glad reunion! We have much to celebrate!
You belong here! Welcome home!

Sermon Belonging: Longing to Be Included Carol McEntyre

Words of Commitment

*Invitation Hymn “Let Us Build a House” TWO OAKS

Stanzas 4-5 Only

Hymn is printed on inserted page.

Invitation to Offering Bill Dodson

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 89:1)

Musical Offering J.S. Bach
Chorale Prelude, “Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend,” BWV 655
 (“Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us”)

Introduction of New Members Carol McEntyre

Service and Fellowship of the Church