

The Session - 2021

Rev. Thomas P. Groome - Interim Pastor, Moderator

Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle - Temporary Stated Supply Minister, Vice-Moderator

Mary P. Atthowe - Clerk

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Sheila K.N. Colon	Gregg B. Amonette	Nancy Bidlack
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Janine M. Hathorn	Sabrina S. Coffey	Leon Johenning
David B. Hawkins	William James Melvin IV	Lisa Keesee
Pamela K Luecke	Sandra B. Nye	Patricia Wiese
Jessica L. Willett	Patricia R. Orendorf	William Woody

Church Staff

Interim Pastor - Tom Groome

Temporary Stated Supply Minister - Kelly-Ann Rayle

Administrative Assistant - Janice Downey

Communications Administrative Assistant - Maggie Irby

Custodian - Doug Stevenson

Organist and Director of Music - William F. McCorkle, Jr.

Co-Director, Handbells - Mayumi Smitka

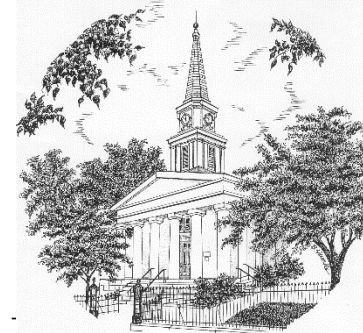
Director of Culinary Ministries - William L. "Skip" Hess III

Treasurer - Bob James

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

12 September 2021

10:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CHURCH *Rally Day & Commissioning of our Teachers/Facilitator*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) by Rev. Sarah Weaver

When Jesus saw the crowds he went up the mountain; and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:

Blessed are the people who gather to worship on Rally Day,

for their hearts will be filled with the Spirit.

Blessed are the children,

for their minds will be opened to learn.

Blessed are the choir members,

for they will experience God through music.

Blessed are the committee members,

for they will find wholeness through service.

Blessed are the staff members,

for they will uncover grace in the most unexpected ways and places.

Blessed are all the members of this church,

for their voices will come together to proclaim the Good News of God's love.

A new beginning is upon us:

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 451

Open My Eyes That I May See

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 446, v. 1 [tune: *Es flog ein...*] *How Blest Those Whose Transgressions*

***How blest, those whose transgressions have freely been forgiven,
whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.***

Blest, whose to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin:

whose guilt has been forgiven; whose hearts, made true again.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

Hearing Difficult Truth

Rev. Betty G. Dax

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Opening Words

Anthem *O Thou Who Makest Souls to Shine*

Swiss Melody

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 606

The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.***

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

*BLESSING IN WORD

*BLESSING IN MUSIC - Hymn 826, v. 1

Lift High the Cross

***Lift high the cross, the love of God proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God. Lift high....***

Thank you to Reverend Kelly-Ann Rayle for assisting with worship this morning. **Thank you** to our song leader, Sandy Nye, and to the choir. **Thank you** to our worship team - Maggie Irby (moderator), Jessica Willett (waiting room), Skip Hess (soundboard) and Kevin Burke, Buddy Bryan, and Jan Hathorn (usher team).

The choir's **anthem**, on a traditional Swiss melody (*Solothurn*), uses the words of a hymn by the English clergyman, John Armstrong (1813-1856). The text:

O Thou who makest souls to shine With light from brighter worlds above,

Now send Thy glistening dew divine On all who seek a Savior's love.

Do Thou Thy benediction give On all who teach, on all who learn,

That all Thy Church may holier live, And every lamp more brightly burn.

Give those that teach pure hearts and wise, Faith, hope, and love, all warmed by
prayer;

Themselves first training for the skies, They best will rise their people there.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee to present a slate of names to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. The meeting will be held immediately following the 11:00am worship service on **Sunday, September 19, 2021**. The following names will be placed in nomination: Kara Braddick, Ainsley Carter (youth), Mary Dugan, Helen Fure, Margie Page, Mac Baker, Bob James, John Morman, Mike Strickler.