

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 today. 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.

The Session - 2021

Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Groome III - 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
David A. Dugan	James M. Baker, Jr.	Doug Caldwell
Allen L. Felts, Jr.	Kevin M. Burke	Philip Coulling
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

Youth Director - Andy Coffey

Administrative Assistant - Janice Downey

Communications Administrative Assistant - Maggie Irby

Custodian - Doug Stevenson

Organist and Director of Music - William McCorkle

Co-Director, Handbells - Mayumi Smitka

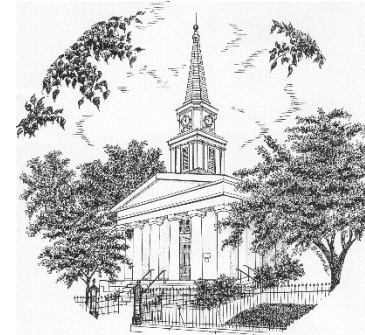
Director of Culinary Ministries - William L. "Skip" Hess III

Treasurer - Bob James

Financial Secretary - Cindy G. Irby

Night Security Officer - Ricardo Haston

Kitchen Assistant - Connie Bryant



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
19 September 2021
11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH *Doors Open Wide* David Hawkins

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Happy are those who delight in God's law.

God is always nearer than our next breath.

We gather to become more aware of that presence.

Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve.

Learn to be peaceable, gentle, and merciful.

We seek to do good and not harm all our days.

We would open our hands to the poor and needy.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for our complacent attitudes and self-serving comforts. We do not relish the thought of sacrificing for some larger good we cannot see, for people

with whom we find it difficult to identify. We compare ourselves favorably against many who seem less attuned to your purposes than we, forgetting that our true standard is Christ Jesus. Take from us all the bitterness, envy, and anger that stands in the way of your reign. May all we ask of you be for the common good of all your children. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn 439, v. 3&5

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

**Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been:**

**Unto such as keep God's cov'nant and are steadfast in God's way
unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 1

Pew Bibles, page 463

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15: 12-17

Pew Bibles, page 103

SERMON *Care For One Another*

Rev. Tom Groome

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LPC Mission Statement

We believe God intends for us to be sound in our faith, our service to one another, and our mission to our Lord Jesus Christ beyond our walls and doors. Our task is to understand, embrace, rejoice in, and share that intention.

*AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 581

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.**

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 Holy Jesus

L. J. White

*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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

*BLESSING IN WORD

*RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Take the Word of God, v. 4

**Take the love of God with you as you go,
Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world**

The **flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her cherished sister, Robin Diane Kerr (11/07/54 - 09/18/20) by Maurine Houser.

Thank you to Liz Shupe for assisting with worship this morning. **Thank you** to our worship team - Maggie Irby (moderator), and Jessica Willett (waiting room). **Thank you** to our song leader, Pat Tichenor, and to the choir. The choir's **anthem**, by the 20th-century English musician, L. J. White, is a setting of a famous prayer by [Saint] Richard of Chichester (1197-1253). The text;

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly,

love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.