

THE SESSION

Class of 2018
Betsey Adams
Mary Kate Beard
Sandra Jimerson

Class of 2019
Donna Hopkins
Susan Knowles
Lee Matthews

Class of 2020
Lonnie Feller
Greg Ledford
Perry Leaming

Rev. Mark Knowles, Moderator

Lee Matthews, Clerk of Session

TRUSTEES

Stephen Henderson

Gary Gore

Franklin Bevel

Karen Selvage, Secretary

Sherry Feller, Treasurer

HOW WE ARE DOING

*General Contributions (6/24/2018): \$ 1,170.00

Total June Giving: \$ 9,539.53

Year to Date Giving: \$ 68,212.03

Church Attendance: 28

Sunday School: 11

PRAYER CONCERNS:

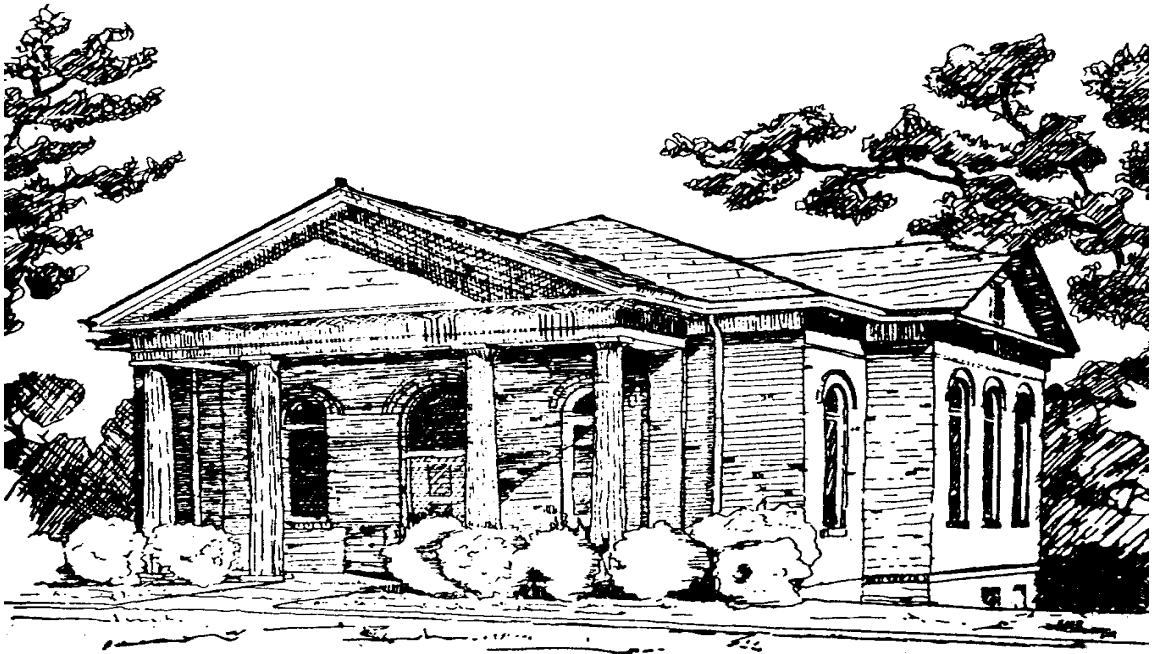
W.S. and Betsey Adams, Louise Chandler, Sam Chandler Jr., Roger and Faye Heath, David and Patsy Hughes, Sandra Jimerson, Ginger Matthews, Bonnie and Gene Turner.

*THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



*"Our Mission is to Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ,
and Meet Human Need"*



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Rev. Mark Knowles, Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 1, 2018

10:30 A.M.

* PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Battle Hymn of the Republic" Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Will Bless The Lord" Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God prepared the way for Jesus by sending John the Baptizer to preach repentance.

People: **Important as John was, he was not the Messiah whom God had promised.**

Pastor: His ministry was much like the ministry of the church, as our source of salvation.

People: **We want to be faithful to our mission, that we may be used of God to lead people through the church to Christ.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN** "God of Our Fathers" No. 573

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know the church is yours, Father, to give you honor and glory through people who have turned from sin to live as your children. But we sometimes lose the vision of our purpose and redesign the church as an end in itself. Forgive us when we let your church get in the way of pointing others to Christ. Use us as messengers who will lift up Christ as our only hope of redemption, that we may prepare our world for his coming. In his name we pray. Amen.

(Let all continue in silent prayer, followed by singing)

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin." (Psalm 85:2)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CHORUS** "The Family of God" No. 282

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“We Are One With You, O Lord”

Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:57-66, 80

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SERMON

“AN UNEXPECTED BLESSING!”

Rev. Mark Knowles

RESPONSE

*HYMN

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

No. 571

*THE NICENE CREED (*see back of bulletin*)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Almighty Father Strong to Save”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

*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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Communion of the People

(Please hold the bread and the cup so we may all commune together)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

*HYMN

“America the Beautiful”

No. 572

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.

Christ who dwells within you has something He wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in His love to “glorify God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and meet human need”.

*POSTLUDE

“God of Our Fathers”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

*Those who are able may stand