

THE SESSION

Class of 2019
Betsey Adams
Donna Hopkins
Lee Matthews

Class of 2020
Mary Kate Beard
Lonnie Feller
Perry Leaming

Class of 2021
Sandra Jimerson
Sarah Martin

Lee Matthews, Clerk of Session

TRUSTEES

Gary Gore

Franklin Bevel

Ray Metzler

Karen Selvage, Secretary

Sherry Feller, Treasurer

HOW WE ARE DOING

General Contributions (3/17/2019): \$ 1,297.00

Month to Date Giving: \$ 7,477.00

Year to Date Giving: \$ 29,208.00

Monthly Budget: \$ 11,792.00

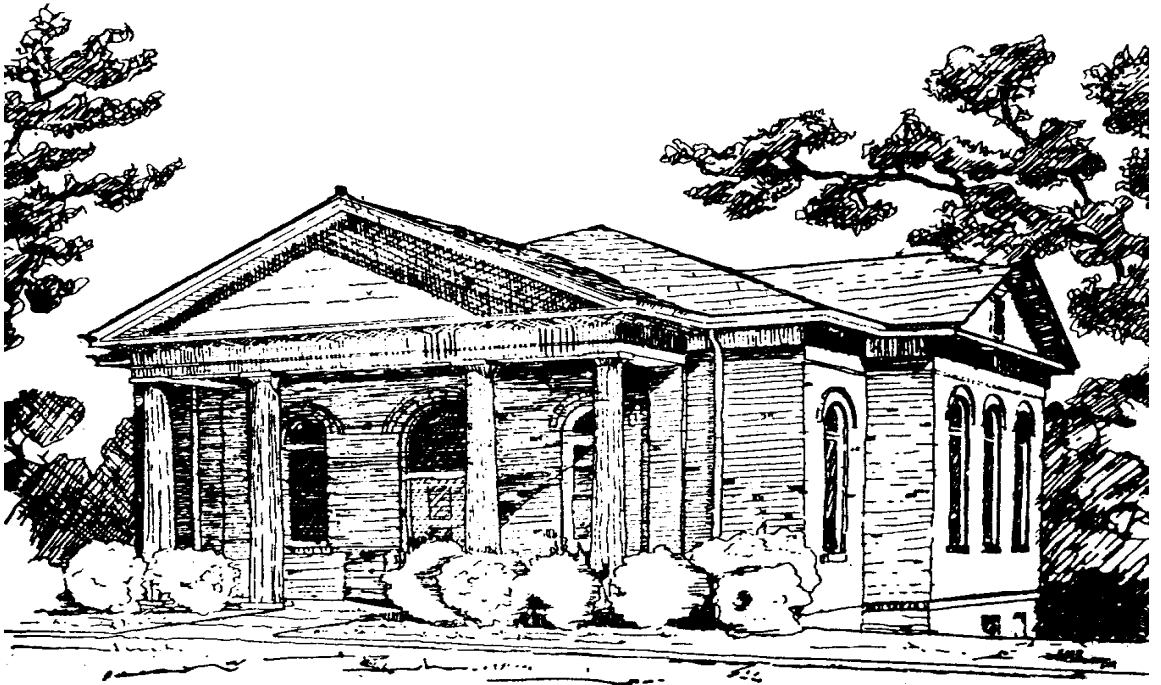
Yearly Budget: \$ 141,500.00

Church Attendance: 29

Sunday School: 9

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Trey Adams, W.S. Adams, Louise Chandler, Sam Chandler Jr., Billy Griffith, Ginger Matthews, Judy Metzler, Cassie Rollings.



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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 24, 2019

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

10:30 A.M.

* AT THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR, PLEASE REMAIN SILENT AND TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Meditation in Music" Chandler, Jr., Organist

SPECIAL MUSIC "Seek Ye First" Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life.

People: Therefore, our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live.

People: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Leader: For you have been our help

People: and in your presence we sing for joy.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***OPENING HYMN** "Praise the Lord" No. 8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in the light of your holiness we see ourselves as we really are, and we are ashamed. We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips; we think too highly of ourselves and too little of others. We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world that we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above. Our feet follow the paths of sin; we wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness. Forgive us and set us again on the path that leads to life. Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy; not because we are worthy but because you are gracious. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lord, I Stretch My hands to You”

Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

SCRIPTURE READING:

SERMON

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Rev. Steve Howell Diamond

RESPONSE

HYMN

“Take My Life and Let it Be” (vs 1, 5, 6)

No. 379

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“from a Declaration of Faith”

We believe that God moves in history with his people. Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history together with his people’s response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Heaven Came Down”

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

***CLOSING HYMN**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

No. 297

***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**

“Because He Lives”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

***Those who are able may stand**