

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 17, 2019 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Miss Chloe Rose, Acolyte

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 9:1-2 Mrs. Gloria Freeman
Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart;
We will recount all of God's wonderful deeds.
Let us be glad and exult in God;
O Most High, we will sing praise to Your name.

INTROIT *Lord, Most High* Harris/Sadler
Chairo Music Ensemble
Chairo is a transliteration of the Greek word, χαίρω, which means "to rejoice."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mrs. Freeman

+HYMN OF PRAISE 8 *Glorify Thy Name* GLORIFY THY NAME
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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Rev. Thompson
People of God, what is your prayer for these children?
**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**
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GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:28-30 Ms. Betty Joyner
In Pew Bible, page 14 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God* Welile Sigabi
Chairo Music Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

+HYMN 364 *I Love Thee* I LOVE THEE

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Ms. Joyner

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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EPISTLE LESSON 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Dr. Gilliam
In Pew Bible, page 252 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
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SERMON *The Wagon* Dr. Gilliam
*At the conclusion of the sermon, we will observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has
been experienced while we've worshiped together.*

INVITATION Dr. Gilliam
*It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take
the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for
church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be
communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister.
Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.*

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

HOLY MANNA

God, our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,
Make our daily witness greater, by our lives make Your love known.
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed duntrod;
In all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve;
When our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
Teach us wisdom and compassion, bid our restless thoughts be still;
By Your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto Your will.

Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true;
That at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."
Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,
With all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY & POSTLUDE

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in loving honor of our Church staff: Trey, Anita, Janice, Heather, Wilhamina & Selton, by Frank & Penny Rose.

We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:

*Babies: Kari Pierce & Taylor F. Rose
Ages 1 & 2: Alex & Sarah G. Britton
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Gretchen & Reagan Zoch
Floater: Melanie Byrum*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

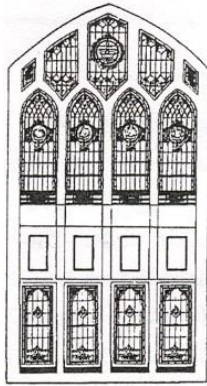
Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate



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Window on the Weeks Ahead

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✦ Christmas Shoeboxes

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✦ Looking Ahead

- Nov. 18: 6 pm OIAM Christmas Day Lunch Planning, Library
- 7 pm Building & Grounds Committee, Fellowship Hall
- Nov. 19: 6 pm Deacons' Meeting, Fellowship Hall

✦ Wednesday Night Schedule – November 20

Hostess Committee Servants: Susan Keel, Scott Outlaw & Sandra Pierce

5:00 pm Supper Line Opens

Menu: *Spaghetti, salad, dessert, tea or water.*

\$5 suggested donation (cost to the church is \$7.50 per person); age 4 & under eat free.

5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions: •Ages 3-K, Room 105 •Grades 1-5, Choir Room

5:00 pm Women's Adult Bible Study, Room 106

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary

6:00 pm Youth Group Meeting, Youth Room (308)

6:30 pm Supper Line Closes

7:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

✦ Youth Movie & Pizza Night - Sunday, November 24

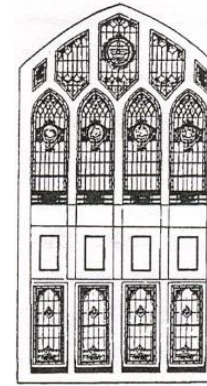
5:30pm-8:30pm at Trey, Harriet & Avery Byrum's Home; 203 Slaughter Rd.

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Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm & Sunday, December 22 at 11:00 am

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