

**Celebration of Worship For the Lord's Day**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We have gathered in the presence of God, who is love.

**P: We have gathered in the shadow of the cross, sign of God's love.**

L: Let us give thanks for the compassion of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

**P: We will pray and sing, praising God with hearts and hands and voices.**

L: Come, let us worship God!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #515: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Have mercy on us, Lord: You have set your way before us, and we tremble to see it. It is not just suffering we are afraid to bear, but also the weight of your call: your command to excel in love, rejoice in hope, and live peaceably with all—your appeal to overcome evil with good. Who are we to live in such a way? We have fallen short and are not deserving of your confidence. Merciful God, forgive our fear and faithlessness. Help us to see what you see, to follow where you go, and to live in awe at your presence, which is our help and encouragement...** *(please continue to pray in silent, personal confession...)*

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!**

\*GLORIA PATRI #622

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

OLD TESTAMENT READING (PAGE 552): 1 Samuel 23:15-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING (PAGE 188): 1 Thessalonians 5:11

SERMON *Words of Encouragement*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #202: *Amazing Grace*

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

\*Response of Praise #624 *Doxology*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using "debts" and "debtors")*

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #554: *I'll Fly Away*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*all who are able, please stand*

We **welcome** all who worship with us this morning and pray that the service is an inspiration to you.

**Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers.**

Pastor – Sheila Wadding  
Lay Leader – Linda Simpson  
Organist – Brenda Wadding  
Choir Director – Joyce Jamison

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**NEW PRAYER OF CONCERNS** Dane Stear, Dean Cousins

**PRAYERS OF CONCERNS** Nathan Harmon, Ann Habel, Steve and Mary Elkin, Maddie Stewart, Bill Good, Teresa Greenwold, Sara Kunkle, Carol (Aden) Mullen, Mary (Aden) Goodheart, Keith Hileman, Eddie Crytzer, Michael Brice, (Eric Eckman, Scott Davis, Cameron Neigh, Ron Boyer Jr.; Zackary Martin; and all our military) Our Rwanda Partner Church: Mucubira

Ushers today are the Fusaro family. Acolyte is Kyler Calhoun.

**Tuesday** – Mission Committee at 9:00 a.m.  
- Fund Raising Committee at 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday** – Women's Tea Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
- Chancel Choir at 7:15 p.m.

**Thursday** – Session at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday** - Movie Night at 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday** - Chancel Choir at 9:00 a.m.

We will have a movie night on September 23rd. The movie will be "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone." Movie nights will begin at 6 p.m. with a covered dish dinner and the movie following.

Tickets are now available for the Women's Tea which is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st at 1 pm. The price for tickets will be \$10 each and Joanne Fox will be the contact person. Joanne will have tickets to hand out at the end of the church service today and they will be available until Oct 8th or until 75 tickets have been sold. The Women's Association is looking forward to a special afternoon of tasty food, tea, and wonderful fellowship. WE hope you can join us!

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated, attended, and participated in our Rally Day service last Sunday. The outdoor service was so refreshing, the brunch was delicious, and the games and hay rides were so much fun. Christian fellowship is a true blessing! Thank you all!!

Please have your flowers and decorations off the graves before October 1<sup>st</sup> as we will be cleaning them off after that date.

Congratulations to Lindsey (Walker) and Justin Stewart on the birth of their daughter on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The choir invites anyone who likes to sing to join them for practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm and Sunday mornings at 9am. The first practice will be September 20th and first Sunday to sing will be September 24th. Please join in this music ministry and know that all are WELCOME.

The Deacons will be packing College and Military boxes at their meeting on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. If you have names to be added to our list of college and military persons, please give the names and addresses to Betty Calhoun or Andrea Marsh at the office by Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will start collecting the items September 8<sup>th</sup> through October 8<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to donate items for our college and military boxes, please have items to the church Narthex by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Or you can contribute by monetary means.

The items needed for the college/military boxes are as follows: Suggested items are gum, crackers and cheese, individual packaged cookies, hard candy as well as microwave soups, lasagna, ravioli and popcorn. Other items include Pringles, instant soups, instant cocoa, single serving size drink mixes, pudding, jello (individual serving sizes), and snack chips or pretzels. Also, we can send toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, dental floss and playing cards or any other small items, and/or money donations. Please no glass bottles or boxes of juice. Thank you!