

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word
August 11, 2024
11:00 AM

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” arr. Cook

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit “Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” Hopson

The Opening Prayer

**The Hymn of Praise No. 504 (vs. 1, 2, 4)* “The Old Rugged Cross”

The Children’s Moments

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 Congregational Hymn -(all verses)* “The Church in the Wildwood”

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory “Sweet By and By Medley” arr. Cook

**The Doxology*

**The Gospel Lesson*

John 3:1-21

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Reader: This is the Word of God.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

**The Gloria Patri*

The Anthem “Blood of the Lamb Medley” arr. Mauldin

The Sermon “Born Again and the Nehushtan”

**The Hymn of Invitation No. 159 (vs. 1, 3, 4)* “Lift High the Cross”

**The Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Choral Benediction “Go Now in Peace” Sleeth

**Postlude* “Farther Along” arr. Collingsworth

*The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Kay Bryan, Brenda Loveless and Robert (Mac) McClellan
by Phil and Ann McClellan.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK

Back to School Youth Swim Party – A Back to School Youth Swim Party will be held on Wednesday, August 14th, at the Wallace’s house from 5:30-7:30 pm. Everyone should meet at the church to ride the van. Food will be provided.

School Supply Drive – We will hold our annual school supply drive during the month of August. We will have a box at the back of the sanctuary for you to place your donations, or you may order directly from Amazon and have the items sent directly to the church. A link to Amazon will be sent out on Remind. The school supplies will be placed in our Blessing Box.

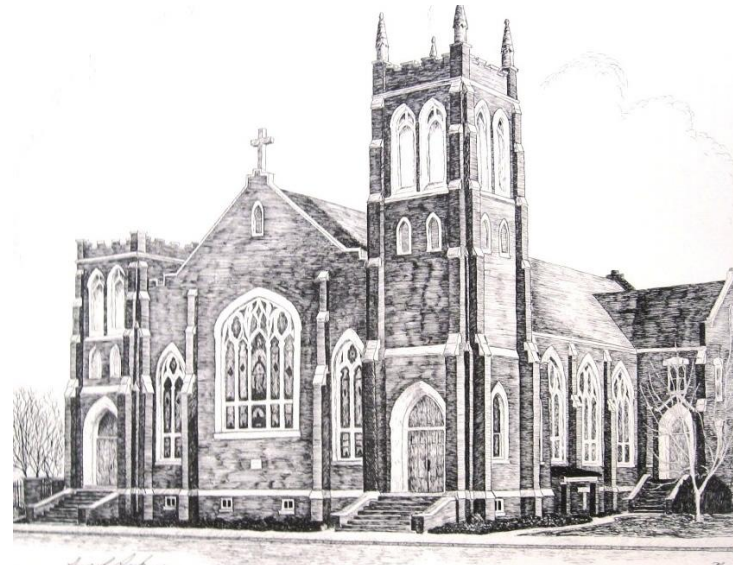
Child Development Center Chapel - Volunteers are needed for this program. Please contact the church office or Anna Dill if you are willing to help.

Get ready to grow! Beginning Wednesday, September 4, we'll have some Wednesday evening opportunities to learn and grow as followers of Jesus. Be on the lookout for more details.

New Texting Provider – Beginning August 19th, the church will be using a new texting provider. Our former provider, Remind, is increasing its pricing. If you already receive texts through Remind, we will add you to the new list unless you opt out. If you do not currently receive texts and would like to be added to the list, contact the church office.

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