

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word
September 20, 2026 at 11:00am

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” with “O Breath of Life”
arr. Berry

The Introit

“God of the Ages” Warren (v. 1)

The Invocation

****The Opening Hymn***

“Be Thou My Vision” No. 451 (all verses)

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.

****Congregational Hymn***

“Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here)” No. 494

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“God Will Take Care of You” arr. Berry

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Children’s Moments

****The Scripture Lesson***

1 Samuel 3:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

“Wayfaring Stranger” Traditional Folk Song
Gary Echols, soloist

The Sermon

“Samuel: The Call of a Prophet”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****Prayer of Confession***

****The Hymn of Response***

“Here I Am, Lord” No. 593 (vv. 1, 3)

****The Apostles’ Creed***

No. 881

****The Gloria Patri***

SENDING FORTH

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“I Am Thine, O Lord” No. 419 (vv. 1, 4)

****The Choral Benediction***

“God of the Ages” Warren (v. 4)

****Postlude***

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” arr. Berry

The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
devoted FUMC member Jean Simpson Sarsgard
on her 100th birthday
by Cathy (Simpson) and Charlie Pilkinton
and Courtney, Dale and Noah Stafford.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Shirley Circle - The Judy Shirley Circle will resume tomorrow night, Monday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a lesson, business meeting and potluck. We will not have hostesses at this meeting. Just bring whatever finger food, snacks, etc. you would like. All women of the church are welcome.

Mums for Missions – Order your Mums by **September 27**. A one gallon is \$10 and a three gallon is \$20. Yellow, bronze, white, red and lavender are the colors available. Contact the church office to place your order. Mums will be available for pick up on Wednesday, October 14, at the Bryan Youth Center. The pickup time will be announced later. Proceeds will support the mission trip to El Salvador.

Life Line Screening - Life Line Screening will be in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, October 5, to screen for chronic diseases such as atherosclerosis, peripheral arterial disease, or other vascular conditions. Pre-registration is required.

Courtyard Clean-up – A group is organizing to do some landscaping maintenance around the church. If you'd like to help prune, weed, or plant contact Vic Johnson.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the church library

September 21 at 4:30 p.m. – CDC Board
September 22 at 6:00 p.m. – Leadership Council
October 25 at 3:30 p.m. – Charge Conference

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

Wednesday

11:00am Morning Bible Study

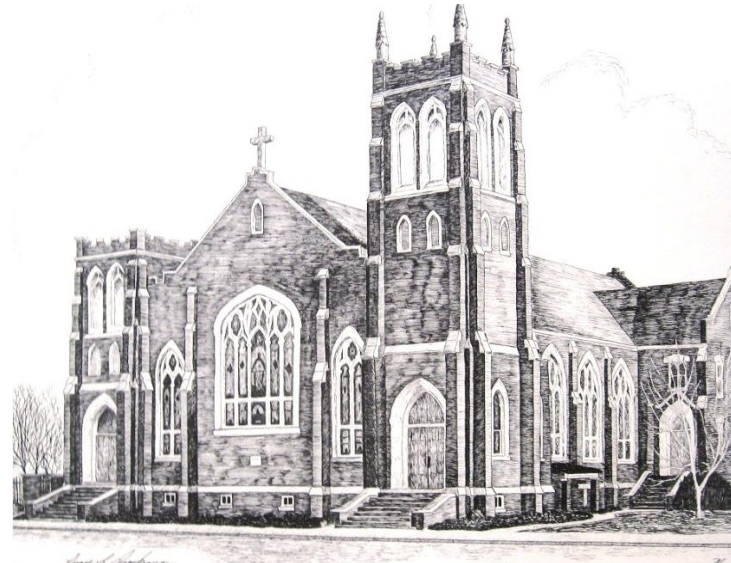
12:00pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:15pm Wednesday Night Meal – All Ages Welcome (FH)

6:00pm Small Groups
(Youth Fellowship, Lighthouse Kids, Adults)

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Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ken Pickens, Pastor to Youth
Rachel Wood, Minister of Music
Stacy Hays, Director of Family Ministries
Seth Matlock, Pianist