

Coming Up...

-Next Sunday, September 2, the Branch service and 10:30 worship service will be combined. There also will not be any regular Sunday night activities for children, youth, or Wayfinders.

-On Wednesday, September 5, Wednesday night programming for adults starts back.

-Our September Sunday Funday will be a Block Party on September 9 with inflatables and games in the parking lot at 4:30. There will also be an ELC Open House beginning at 4:00. We are encouraging everyone to bring donations for Clare's Closet that day as well, as the first distribution day of the season will be in October. (Donations can be dropped off in the connector any other time too.) Any donations of winter outerwear (coats, sweaters, gloves, socks, and hats) will be appreciated!

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 7/31/18

Revenues	297,518
Operating Expenses	327,219
Surplus/(Deficit)	(29,702)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR
AUG, 26-SEPT. 1, 2018
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 4:30 Children, Youth, & Wayfinders Activities
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
 6:15 The Branch
MONDAY, AUGUST 27
 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
 4:30 Staff Meeting
 6:00 Outreach Pillar
 7:00 Circle of Hope– Kathie Tucker's home
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29
 4:15 Youth Choir
 5:00 Guitar Class
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities
 7:30 Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 6:00 Wayfinders
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers– gym
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
 11:00 GLO & JAM children & families meet at Willow Springs Park for play and a picnic

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:
USHERS: David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair
GREETERS: Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Art Eckerson, Mark & Polly Crowder, Kent & Midge Merrill
PRAYER: Judy Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Claudia Davidson
ACOLYTE: Molly Huff **BEADLE:** Sammi Uelhof
AUDIOVISUAL:



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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

Please sign the red registration pad at one end of each pew.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 26, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Prelude on 'Diademata'" Alan Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With great rejoicing, we come to the house of the Lord!

People: We come to praise God, who is our refuge and strength.

Leader: We rejoice in the knowledge that God will always be with us.

People: In faith, we place our lives in God's mighty and compassionate hands.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord in confidence and peace.

People: We open our hearts to God's incredible love.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "O Worship the King" No. 73

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God of grace, we would like to be people transformed in Your image,

People: but fear and pride keep us from bending our knees and yielding our will to Yours.

Leader: We truly desire to be fountains of hope for others,

People: but we become sidetracked as we pursue our own interests and goals.

Leader: We long to stand with those who are in need,

People: but we become judgmental and rationalize our lack of generosity.

Leader: Forgive us, Loving God, and strengthen our resolve to become faithful disciples.

People: Split open our hearts, so that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Humble us, so that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Fill us with Your presence, so that our lives will show Your love and mercy to all Your children.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God hears our prayers, pours out mercy upon us, and redeems our lives. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: By God’s grace and in the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 24:14-18

MORNING PRAYER AND 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

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Whom Shall I Fear” Words on Screen

OFFERTORY “Blessed Assurance” Arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

ANTHEM “Exaltation”

Our Holy Father, righteousness surrounds You, Exalted King of all the earth.

Who can approach Your greatness? Who can approach Your holy light?

For You are God and God alone.

O Lord, I worship You with my whole heart.

Be exalted, O God above the heavens with splendor and might. Alleluia!

Let Your glory cover the earth and Your majesty fill it with light. Alleluia!

Your steadfast love and faithfulness reach to the highest heaven.

Eternal God, Merciful God, Almighty God; I worship You. Alleluia!

THE ARMOR OF GOD Calvin and Miriam Robinson

SERMON “The Armor of God” Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “The Voice of God is Calling” No. 436
Sung to the tune "Lancashire"

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,

Until my very heart o’erflow in kindling thought and glowing word,

Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.

Sympathy is extended to Ernest and Nancy Campbell and family in the death of Nancy’s mother, Elizabeth Butler.

August 26, 2018 Prayer Requests

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Requested by _____

Prayer list:	Bill Jenkins
Betty & Aldon Speer	Magnolia Ridge family of recovery
Barbara Marrs	Cynthia Nieto
Elizabeth Bailey	Phil & Diana Pipkin
Dot Woodby	Mark Nottingham & family
Ralph & Joan Garland	Don Bettis
Nancy Jewell	Bryan Murphy
Bobbie Wells	John Hames
Elizabeth Wells	Daniel
Clare Warren & parents	Frannie Knouse
Catherine Cartus	Lauren Dake
Tom Palmer	Brittany Newton
Kevin Jones	Rev. David Neel
Carrie Denny	Jim Pavegio
Bob & Dee Lentz	Cody Hammond
Carolyn Wood	Julie Harris
Sue Speer	Dacia Harris
Kim Church	Chelsea Dewbre
LaMarr Talley	Joe Campbell
Evelyn Moore	Mitch Link
Linda Church	Michael Harrell
Jo Cross	Sharyn Lessly
Edna Johnson	Al Shelnett
Jerry & Judy Rust	Jane Wilhoit Anderson
Bill & Mary McClellan	Nancy Wilhoit Norris
Brian Milby	Midge Merrill

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, concern and support during this difficult time. We appreciate each of you.

The Carrol Waterbury Family