

Upcoming July Meetings & Events

- ⇒ Tuesday, July 12: Trustees Meeting- 6:00
- ⇒ Thursday, July 14: sandwich making for Melting Pot- 12:30
- ⇒ Sunday, July 17: Potluck Lunch for Drew & Sharon Cradic
- ⇒ Tuesday, July 19: Church Council- 6:00, Finance Meeting- 7:00
- ⇒ Saturday, July 23: Food Pantry- 10:00
- ⇒ Tuesday, July 26: Outreach Team- 6:00, Circle of Hope- 6:00
- ⇒ Thursday, July 28: SPRC Meeting- 5:45
- ⇒ Friday, July 29: Senior Adult trip to Ashe County Frescoes
- ⇒ Sunday, July 31: 5th Sunday Breakfast

Join First Church for a worship series focused on the Lord's Prayer beginning July 17, called "Pray This Way." The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples is the starting place for all of our prayers.

Prayer Cover: Art Eckerson

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Maddie Bennett
Erma Budd
Catherine Cartus
Scott Combs
Vernon Crawford
Ernie Cross & family
Lindsay Daniel
Eric Davidson
Chad & Sandi Decker
Jackie Denny
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Courtney Eddy
Phyllis Eorgan
Ray Feagins
Susan Fields
Jim Furches
Nannie Greene
Betty Gouge
Chris H.
Mendy Hall
Beverly Harris
Luke Holmes
Tom Holmes
Scott Huff
Janet Ihfe
Mike Kellum
Mary Anne King
Joanne Kleven
Linda Kostreva
Sally Lee
David McElveen
Al Meeks
John Melendez & family
Jim Milliken
Helen Mills & family
Tom Palmer
Levi Robinette
Taylor Rodriguez
Maven & Mayes Rogers
Steven Schmidt
Louise Scott
Nancy Stevenson
Elaine Taylor
Anna Grace West
Jay & Melissa Wilkinson
Family Promise
Brother's Keeper
Kairos Ministry
Healthcare workers
US Military & families
Ukraine
Manna House
Highland Park, Illinois
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WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Things First

Prelude "We Know That Christ is Raised" Arr. Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship

Leader: The road we travel is often long and uncertain,

People: but God faithfully walks with us!

Leader: We don't always recognize God's presence in our lives,

People: but in our need, God is revealed to us.

Leader: Let us open our eyes to see God's goodness.

People: Let us open our hearts to behold God's redeeming work.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Ye Servants of God" #181
Verses 1, 2, & 4

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Living Lord, by the power of Your Spirit, You are present among us.

People: Yet, like the first disciples, we fail to see You standing with us.

Leader: We do not realize You are walking beside us,

People: for we are rushing to meet the demands of hectic schedules and overcrowded lives.

Leader: We do not notice You in everyday encounters,

People: for we are distracted by daily labors and our own concerns.

Leader: We do not recognize You in the faces of those we pass on our streets,

People: for we are quick to judge, and can't imagine that You are walking with them also.

Leader: Forgive us, gracious Lord.

People: Open our eyes to see You all around us, so that seeing You clearly, we might follow You more faithfully in paths of compassion and love.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God is with us in this place. God walks with us in the world. So, do not fear, live in peace, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God. AMEN

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

New Testament Lesson Luke 24:13-35

Anthem "walk Along Beside Me"

Sermon "Seeing is Believing" Nathan Dugger

Hymn of Commitment "Be Thou My Vision" #451
Verses 1 & 2

Benediction

Benediction Response

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Today we welcome Nathan Dugger as our guest preacher. Nathan is a student at Duke Divinity School and a candidate for ministry in the United Methodist Church. This summer, he is serving as a ministry intern at First Church.

The next 5th Sunday Breakfast is July 31 at 9:15. Bring breakfast foods to share! Sunday School classes will not meet.

Save the date for a Senior Adult daytrip to the Ashe County Frescoes on Friday, July 29. If you are interested in attending this outing or have questions, contact Nathan Dugger by email at nathan.dugger@1stchurchjc.org or text (423)512-0206 with the names and number of people attending. The trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre has been postponed and a new date will be announced soon.

After MANY years of service with the youth of our church and community, Sharon & Drew Cradic are stepping down from leadership with the senior high youth group. To celebrate their ministry, we will have a potluck lunch **next Sunday, July 17** following the worship service. The church will provide the meat. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. There will also be an opportunity to give Sharon and Drew a love offering, gift cards, or other small gifts during the celebration.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of July, the Food Pantry is collecting items especially for the homeless, such as meat, beans, vegetables, & fruit in pull-top cans or pouches, meals in pouches, peanut butter cracker packs, and other prepackaged foods. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.