

What’s available Sundays@10?

Nursery for K3 and under

Children (K3 (if completely potty-trained)-5th): Basement Root Cellar

Youth (6th – 12th): 3rd floor Flight Deck

Adult Classes:

FISH: room 205 across from kitchen

Sojourners: room 110 across from library

Wednesday Afternoons

5:15 – Children K3-5th meet on the playground, adults & youth gather

in Alexander Hall for Fellowship

5:30 – dinner for all ages

6:00 – programming for all ages

SHinE for children (Bible & music) in the Root Cellar;

Nursery available for participants; Youth in the Loft;

Women’s Bible Study in 206; Men’s Bible Study in 205; Pastor’s Bible Study in 110

7:00 – pick up children on playground

NAP (Nursery Aged Parents) Outing

Friday, September 19th

6:00 – 8:30

Pack a dinner for your child(ren) of all ages and

\$10 per family to contribute to nursery workers and drop them off at the church.

Gather and go out together with your church family peers!

RSVP to Elise by 9/16 at noon: dce@firstgreenwood.com

Have you ever wondered how to answer your child’s questions about . . .

the birds & the bees?

Join us as we offer information for parents of children and early tweens

using The Birds and Bees online course

with topics including vocabulary, reproduction, and discussion.

Sept 17 from 5:30 – 7:00

Friends welcome

Youth

Sunday, September 14th – Sunday School from 10:00 – 10:45

Sunday, September 14th – Youth Fellowship Night 2025 at the Museum and Railroad Historical Center (908 South Main St.) from 5:00 – 6:00. We are hosting Main Street United Methodist Church with Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, September 17th – WEY from 5:30 – 7:00

Thursday, September 18th – EGGS at Chick-fil-a by the mall at 7:00.

The bus will leave for Westview at 7:30

Sunday, September 14

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - New Members Class (BR)

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

12:00 noon - Congregational Meeting (Sanc)

4:00 p.m. - Festiva (Sanc)

5:00 p.m. - Youth (Railroad Ctr)

5:15 p.m. - Missions/Outreach (HR)

6:00 p.m. - Christain Ed (BR)

Monday, September 15

SPIRE DEADLINE

10:15 a.m. - Emerald Bells

4:30 p.m. - PGS

5:00 p.m. - Admin (BR)

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)

6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, September 16

10:00 a.m. - Staff Mtg.

5:00 p.m. - Noah’s Ark Board (Virtual)

6:30 p.m. - Chorale Board (Choir Rm)

Wednesday, September 17

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Break-

fast (Conf. Rm)

10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)

5:15 p.m. - SHinE (Base)

5:30 p.m. - Birds & Bees (HR)

5:30 p.m. - WNF (AH)

5:30 p.m. - WEY (YR)

6:00 p.m. - Adults (FISH/Conf Rm)

6:15 p.m. - Pastor’s Bible Study (BR)

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 18

7:00 a.m. - EGGS (CFA)

10:30 a.m. - Listening for God (BR)

11:00 a.m. - K-Group (WC)

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Friday, September 19

6:00 p.m. - NAP

Saturday, September 20

The floral creation in the sanctuary is present-  
ed to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Jean Jones Park, and recalling her appreciation  
of God’s creation of the beauty of the natural  
world found in our daily walks.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

this morning in the Sanctuary

immediately following the 11:00 service.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect  
new officers and to approve  
purchasing the property between the  
church and the gas station.

For the property purchase we need  
at least 150 members voting, so please  
plan to be present.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

SEPTEMBER 17TH:

Adult Menu: Pork loin, sweet potatoes,  
cheesy cauliflower

5:30 Dinner in AH; 6:00 Programming  
(\$5/children, \$10/youth & adults)

Please RSVP by noon on Monday.

You can do this by using the yellow cards in the  
pew racks, signing up on the sheet in the lobby  
or contacting the office and being placed on the  
permanent list.

Read. Return. Repeat.

The lobby cart displays books for you to take  
home and enjoy.

Then return it and repeat.

September 14, 2025

11:00 am



THIS AFTERNOON

at 4:00 pm

*The Golden Age  
of the Trumpet*

Trumpeters Cody Beard, Robbie  
Collins, and Noa Miller with the  
North Carolina Baroque Orchestra  
Chamber Ensemble

*Interim Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie  
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain  
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins  
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner  
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green  
Director of Children’s Music -- Sarah Bowen  
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters  
Noah’s Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham*

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GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader:O come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People:Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,  
singing joyful songs of praise.

Rev. Christie

*Ps. 95:1–2*

*(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)*

PRELUDE

“He Who Would Valiant Be”  
*Chancel Choir*

John Bunyan

ADORATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *[from Luke 15:1-10]*

Steve Skinner

Leader:People of God, rejoice!

People:God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Leader:People of God, rejoice!

People:God has swept away the darkness.

Leader:People of God, rejoice!

People:Today there is joy before the angels of God.  
O Come, let us worship.

\*OPENING HYMN\*\* #802 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ST. COLUMBA

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elise Collins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader:Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.

People:Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE (On Screens)

“To God Be the Glory”  
*Stanza 2 only*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to OfferingElise Collins

Offertory “How Shall I Sing that Majesty?”Ken Naylor, arr. JR Daniels

\*Doxology (On Screens)LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Prayer of Dedication & ThanksgivingElise Collins

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Cindy Leary

*Children may choose to exit at this time:  
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel*

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

Rev. Christie

Reader:This is the Word of the Lord.

People:Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Sheep-y”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *[from The Confession of 1967]*

God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ  
is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.  
It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,  
a shepherd’s life given for his sheep,  
atonement by a priest;  
again it is ransom of a slave,  
payment of debt,  
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,  
victory over the powers of evil.  
These are expressions of a truth  
which remains beyond the reach of all theory  
in the depths of God’s love for [humanity].  
They reveal the gravity, cost,  
and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work.

\*CLOSING HYMN #187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Christie

Minister:The peace of the Lord be with you.

People:And also with you.

\*POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (Back of Hymnal)  
“See with the Eyes of God”

GREENWOOD

**AIDS FOR WORSHIP** - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

\*Congregation stands

\*\*Late comers may be seated