

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,
they are welcome in worship!
And we also adore service dog rattles and sighs.

Summer Intern Fun

Calendars in the Spire! Take a look.

Tuesday July 28
After-School Snow Cones
Pelican’s at 909 Montague Ave
5:30 – 6:30

Bring money for a snow cone & come tell us about your new teacher and class!

On the Radar

- 8/1 – Lend a Helping Hand Church Family Workday 10-12
- 8/4 – Summer Intern Fun: Golf & Ice Cream (4:30 – 8:00)
- 8/9 – Farewell to the Interns at worship
- 8/9 - Parent Meeting for Children at 6:00; Youth at 6:30
- 8/12 – Wednesday Night Fellowship church family night and Get-to-know-you Bingo!

Sunday, July 26

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
5:30 p.m. - Session (HR)

Monday, July 27

4:00 p.m. - Personnel (BR)
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (AH)
6:00 p.m. - Noah’s Ark (Sanc)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, July 28

10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.
5:30 a.m. - Snow Cones (Pelicans)

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast (AH)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - Dinner (Migs)
7:00 p.m. - Festiva (Sanc)

Thursday, July 30

6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)
10:00 a.m. - Church Family Work Day
5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)

Key

AH-Alexander Hall
Loft-3rd Floor Youth Room
HR-Henry Reynolds Room, Room 110
BR-Barksdale Room, Room 122
Sanc-Sanctuary
YR-3rd Floor Youth Room, also called the Loft
Base-Basement, also call the Root Cellar
FISH-Adult Sunday School Class, Room 205
Conf. Rm-Conference Room, Room 206
Lib-Library, Room 121
Maps are posted throughout the campus.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Martha Dunlap, on her birthday by Thornwell Dunlap, III and Jennifer Webb.

CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY
August 1st
10-12

Come volunteer with your church family and some things done like: polyurethaning the boat in the Noah’s Ark courtyard, packing up books to donate, moving chairs, cleaning playgroud equipment just to name a few!

See someone you don’t know well
at church today?
Make a point to smile, wave, say hi.
Our church has so much goodness to share!

9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026
10:00 am



WEDNESDAY
EVENING
7:00 pm
The King’s Brass

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 Children’s Music -- Sarah Bowen
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Noah’s Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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GATHERING MUSIC
Tim Walters

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: O praise the Lord with me, Ps. 34:3
People: let us exalt God’s name together.

(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.)

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT UPDATE
Fred Murphy, FOC Chair

PRELUDE “Be Thou My Vision” (text: Hymn #450)
Bonné Lethco, flute; Keith Lethco, guitar SLANE

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Psalm 105:1-6]
Keith Lethco

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

People: O come, let us worship!

*OPENING HYMN** #667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
LAUDES DOMINI

CONFESSIO
CALL TO CONFESSION
Elise Collins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty and merciful Father,
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!

PASSING OF THE PEACE
Rev. Christie
[Please share the peace of Christ with those next to you, especially those you may not know or those you have not seen in a while.]

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*HYMN #519 “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”
JERNIGAN

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS
Call to Offering
Elise Collins

Offertory “Tho’ I May Speak” (text: Hymn #693)
Bonné Lethco, flute; Keith Lethco, guitar
GIFT OF LOVE

*Doxology (On Screens)
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
Elise Collins

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
Elise Collins
Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel

PROCLAMATION
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Rev. Christie
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Look! — Again”
Summer Miniseries: Parables of the Kingdom – 3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [from The Confession of 1967]
9.54 Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men [and women] and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

9.55 With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

*CLOSING HYMN #546 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”
SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION [Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]

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

POSTLUDE

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