

The Order of Divine Worship

October 31, 2010 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 in the morning

GREETING

VOLUNTARY Fantasie in C major, BWV 570 *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)
Chorale Prelude, 'Ein Feste Burg' *Helmut Walcha* (1907-1991)

†CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Sometimes we feel too small and insignificant to be of any notice to Jesus.
Yet the Lord provides a tree for us to climb so that we can see Jesus.
That tree is faithfulness, compassion, love, hope, joy.
We are given the opportunity to witness to the Savior's presence in our lives.
Lord, help us when we forget how much we are loved by Christ.
Open our hearts to receive his invitation this day. Amen.

†HYMN NO. 110 A Mighty Fortress is Our God EIN FESTE BURG

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Lord of mercy, forgive us when we make excuses for our lack of faith. We let our selfishness and apathy get in the way of illumination and peace. We find ways to duck out of our opportunities for service and witness, claiming that we are too small or too ill-equipped to be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. How foolish we can be! All of our lives, God has been present to us, whether or not we knew it. God's love is always surrounding us. Yet we have not taken the time to recognize it. We whine and complain about the misfortunes that have befallen us and wonder where God is. We want immediate release from our struggles. And when release comes, we again move off in our own realms of self-centeredness. Help us, O Lord. Stop us from being so faithless. Open our hearts with your forgiving spirits that we, having been healed and forgiven, may actually be effective witnesses to your love and compassion. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

†PARDON

You have always been loved by God. Know that you are healed and forgiven, that God has placed a special blessing in your life. Rejoice! For God is with you. Serve God in all that you say, think, and do. Amen.

†ACT OF PRAISE (*responsively*)

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

†THE PSALTER, NO. 843 PSALM 119:137-144

†GLORIA PATRI *sung to the tune, MEINEKE*

Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end, Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON—2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 PEW BIBLE PAGE 205

GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 19:1-10 PEW BIBLE PAGE 82

SERMON—"We Know That We Have Been Transformed Through Jesus Christ"

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 881 APOSTLES' CREED

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

**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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERING

AT THE OFFERTORY 'I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ' *Johann Sebastian Bach*

†THE DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN NO. 378 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound NEW BRITAIN

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
(1872-1958)

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

VOLUNTARY Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

† *Congregation, please stand as you are able.*

All who have gathered to worship are invited to register attendance by signing the worship pad at the end of each pen.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Stephen D. Haines Senior Pastor and Preaching
The Reverend Julie E. O'Neal Associate Pastor and Liturgist
Mr. Matthew M. Brown Director of Music

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emiel and Agnes Saleeby, A.B. and Martha Saleeby and Warner and Margaret Allen, and in thanks for the blessings He has bestowed upon our church and our family by Wayne and Barbara Saleeby and family.

THE ROSE ON THE RETABLE is in honor of the birth of Grace Elizabeth Johnson on October 26, 2010. She is the daughter of Beth and Morris Johnson. Her grandparents are Steve and Nancy Sherriff.

FIRST TIME GUESTS are invited to stop at the Welcome Table in the main entrance as you leave to pick up a small gift. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

HEARING AID DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE for children up through age two for our services of worship.

COPIES OF THE ECCLESIA, our church newsletter, are available in both entrances to the Sanctuary for all announcements and upcoming events. Visitors are encouraged to take a copy.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS are available from the ushers, for children 3 years through 5th grade.

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY

ACOLYTE Jenny Kribbs
ALTAR GUILD Betty Mickle
GUEST REGISTRARS Libby Summersett, Sara Hill, Helen Hager
DOORSTEP VISITORS Steve and Nancy Schoch
USHERS Jim Molitor, Co-Chief; Don Hylton, Co-Chief;
Susan Fraley, Joyce Miner, Steve Schoch
SOUND BOOTH Mike Meyerhoeffer
SECURITY MINISTRY Gary Cox; Walter Maxwell
NURSERY Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age: Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5): Sue Bivens

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ACOLYTE Kaleb Robinson
ALTAR GUILD Beverly Poole
GUEST REGISTRARS Libby Summersett, Sara Hill, Helen Hager
DOORSTEP VISITORS Nancy Wyrick
USHERS Jim Molitor, Co-Chief; Don Hylton, Co-Chief;
Susan Fraley, Joyce Miner, Steve Schoch
SOUND BOOTH Mike Meyerhoffer
SECURITY MINISTRY Kevin Peltz; Alan Schroeder
NURSERY Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age: Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5): Tripp and Suzannah Callahan

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

First Family Celebration takes place Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:30 pm. The cost of the meals is as follows: **adults (12 years old and up) \$6.00; children (7-11 years old) \$3.00; children (0-6 years old) \$1.50. For take outs, please add \$1.00 per take out meal.** Maximum charge per families is \$24.00. Reservations are required no later than Monday at 5:00 pm. Small groups begin this week, including the kids and youth studies. The Golden Rule class will collect money for First Family Celebration on November 3. This week's menu is meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, turnip greens, fruit salad, corn muffins, and lemon chess pie.

The church bids your prayers for the following members of our Guatemala mission team who will be traveling there for an exploratory trip with the non-profit group, Founders of Living Heritage Foundation, November 2-6: Brink and Trish Brinkley, Sid and Cindy Oakes, and Melvin and Donna Smith. The mission of this organization is 'promoting the Empowerment of the poorest in Guatemala.' Please keep these families in your prayers this next week.

The church remembers the faithfully departed of our congregation next Sunday, November 7th, for All Saints' Sunday. Both services will be held in the sanctuary. The second service will have the Chancel Choir, accompanied by chamber orchestra, singing Handel's 'Queen Caroline' Te Deum. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the early service. Please make plans to attend this most holy day in the life of our church.

FirstARTS presents *Music of Heroic Patriotism: A Salute to Veterans* on Thursday, November 11th, at 7pm in the sanctuary. The concert will feature the Wind Ensemble from West Forsyth High School in Winston-Salem. We look forward to honoring those who valiantly served our country. For more information, contact the church office.

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 11 for Veteran's Day.

Stewardship Commitment. If you did not receive a stewardship package, you may contact the church office. Extra commitment cards and Devotional Guides are available in the entrances to the sanctuary (narthex and tower room). Contact Linda Adams, Stewardship Team Leader, for general questions; Kimberly Johnson for questions about "on-line" or "direct-contribution," and Elaine Hewitt for questions about church ministries. Reminder that Ministry Directories are available in the entrances to the sanctuary. We, as a church family, will present our commitment cards at the altar on Commitment Sunday, November 21. Any cards turned in early will also be brought to the altar on November 21 to be blessed.

Please join your church family following our 11:00 worship on **Sunday, November 14**, for a **catered lunch** sponsored by the Missions Committee. Donations for the lunch will be given to Rowan Helping Ministries.

The **circles of the United Methodist Women** will meet as follows: Monday, November 1: Mary-Martha - 10:30 am, church parlor; Hannah - 6:00 pm, at the home of Mary Roakes; Abigail - 12:30 pm, church media room; Susanna - 6:30 pm, church conference room; *Ruth - 7:00 pm, church parlor; Tuesday, November 2: Eve - 9:00 am, church parlor. *Our newest circle especially for young working women! Ruth Circle will have its first meeting on November 1!

Adults 55 and Over... The Methodist Connection invites you to come get Connected with friends as they Celebrate Thanksgiving with a covered-dish luncheon in the church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 9, 12:00 noon. Come bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and join in the fun, fellowship, and good food. You may register in the church office or call the office. Also, you are invited to bring pencils for the Isenberg School children. We are pleased to have a "Special Musical Program" brought to us by "The Trinity Oaks" Singers and Ringers. The 36 member group, residents of Trinity Oaks who are 60

years of age and older, shared their beautiful music with us at our Christmas Luncheon in December of 2007.

Awesome Concert Alert for Youth: Winter Wonder Slam presents Awake Tonight Tour with Toby Mac, Skillet, and Shonlock at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, NC on December 9! Please let Adam know by November 21 if you will be attending. Cost is \$15. We will be leaving from the church at 6:28 pm. Please eat beforehand.

Areminder - calling all UMW officers and chairs! The Salisbury District UMW leadership event will be held at Central United Methodist in Concord on Sunday, November 7 from 2:15 pm to 4:30 pm. Directions to Central United Methodist, 30 Union Street, Concord, NC 28025 from Salisbury: I-85 south to Exit 58 toward Monroe/Concord/Hwy 29/601. Go 1.4 miles (four traffic lights). Bear slightly to left to Church Street. Go 1.5 miles. Turn right on Buffalo, then left onto Union Street North. Go 0.6 miles. Church will be on left.

The Sunday Lunch Bunch will gather today at Outback Steakhouse, 1020 East Innes Street, Salisbury. Please meet at the back of the church sanctuary near the front door at 12:00 noon if you would like to carpool. We will also need to get a head count at this time.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, October 31

8:30 a.m.	Service of Worship—Sanctuary
9:30	Fellowship Time
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Service of Worship—Sanctuary
12:00 n.	Confirmation Class Parent Orientation
5:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting

Monday, November 1 UMW Circles Meet

Tuesday, November 2

10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00	Women's Bible Study
10:30	Meals on Wheels Team A
7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
7:00	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 3 Choir Rehearsals

5:30 p.m.	First Family Celebration
6:15	Prayer Service-Chapel
6:30	Nominations Team Meeting

Saturday, November 6

10:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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Sunday, November 7 All Saints Day

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9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Service of Worship—Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting