

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

ELEVEN O’CLOCK A.M.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Joe Collins
RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS		Jeanna Spiker
*GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS		
PRELUDE	<i>“Praise Ye the Lord”</i>	Moorpark
INTROIT	<i>“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”</i>	Chancel Choir
*HYMN	<i>“Whispering Hope”</i>	No. 245 (Cokesbury)
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Joe Collins
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES		Jeanna Spiker
OFFERING		
Offertory	<i>“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”</i>	Gould
*Doxology		No. 95
ANTHEM	<i>“I Stand Amazed”</i>	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE LESSON	James 3:6-12	NT, Pg. 210
MESSAGE	“The Tongue”	Rev. Joe Collins
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER (Pg. 48)		Rhonda Wehunt

A SERVICE OF CONSECRATION & COMMITMENT

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry Members: Betty Smith, Carol Metzger, Linda Alexander, Helen Dellinger, Ilene Dellinger, Debbie Gantt, Katherine Goins, Kathy Kiser, Mary Etta Stephenson and Jerry Thornburg,

We come together and offer our hands. Hands that move almost in unison like a fine tuned orchestra Hands that weave a prayer and play a lovely oft thread in harmony with clicking needles until it becomes a Prelude, an overture..

...to feeling God’s presence... To seeing how God cares for others through our caring... An overture to letting us witness God’s mysterious presence in a tangible and concrete form... To remind us that in this simple act of knitting shawls “our hands become God’s hands” ... Let us be thankful for the the music of love and caring that grows out of this sacred movement until it becomes a symphony of God’s love with the gift of our hands.

Leader: O, Lord, you have searched me and know me. You know when I sit down and whey I rise up.

Congregation: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Congregation: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, you knit me together in my mothers womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

Congregation: How wonderful are your works, O Lord!

Presenting Of The Prayer Shawls

PRAYER OF OUR KNITTERS (Our knitters will lay hands on the prayer shawls and pray..)

We remember all those for whom we knit these shawls: those who are lonely, and need to know they are loved, Those who are ill and yearn for healing of body, mind and soul, Those who face challenging decisions and search for guidance, Those who are grieving and welcome comforting words and actions, Those who are celebrating newness of life and rejoice in the warmth and richness surrounding them. Bind us together in one community of love, founded on the faith that your love and grace are everlasting. AMEN!

Leader: Now, may God's grace be upon these shawls... Warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven.. A sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. In the name that is above all names, even Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

*HYMN	“Love Lifted Me”	No. 233 (Cokesbury)
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	“Spirit Song”	Chancel Choir
*POSTLUDE	“The Lord Reigneth”	Smith
*Please stand if able		

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

The flowers are placed in the church today to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. William Alexander and Ned Dellinger by Billy and Linda Alexander.

The Youth will depart from the church today at 6:00pm for the Mark Lee from Third Day concert at First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia.

The United Methodist Women circles will meet on Monday, September 11, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a special program from Renee Crane.

Wednesday Fellowship meals followed by a Pastor's Bible Study begin September 20. Meal at 5:30 pm for UMK's and their parents; 6 pm for adults. Cost is by donation. *Any organization within the church interested in preparing and serving a Wednesday night meal (September 20 - October 25), please contact the church office. Please note the date change.* The children will be having chicken nuggets, green beans and corn.

Hurricanes Harvey (Texas) and Hurricane Irma relief: If you would like to contribute to either of these, please mark in the memo section of your check “*Texas Disaster Response*” or “*Irma*” and place it in the offering plate.

Our fall festival will be Sunday, Oct. 8, 4:00PM at the home of Warren and Sandra Beam. A special thanks to the Beams' who willingly open their home to our church. Hotdogs will be served and we ask that you bring your favorite dessert or appetizer and a lawn chair. Don't miss this afternoon of great fellowship!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday, September 10

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, September 11

7:00pm - Lola Allran Circle
7:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle
7:00pm - Callie Beam Circle
7:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle
Guest speaker Renee Crane

Tuesday, September 12

7:00pm - Worship Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 13

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 14

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
7:00pm - Backpack Ministry meeting

Sunday, September 17

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

SEPTEMBER USHERS:

Youth

NURSERY WORKERS:

Sept. 10 - Kelly Brown & Preston Elliott
Sept. 17 - Linda Alexander

STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPT. 3, 2017

Previous Total \$222,456.95
Offering \$6,828.00
Total To Date \$229,284.95
Needs To Date \$247,940.28

ATTENDANCE – SEPT. 3, 2017

Sunday School 82
Worship 142

PRAYER LIST (Members)

Bob Austell, Bo Baity, Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Anne Dellinger, Cheryl Dobson, Buzz Eaker, Trent Gardo, Nell Griggs, Nora Heavner, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Debbie Payseur, Becky Phillips, Karleen Price, Frances Putnam, Margaret Smith, C.V. Thornburg, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Kristen & Seth Austin & unborn baby, Allie Beam, Shaunda Camp, Miles Gantt, Morgan Drum Morrow, Mary Wheatley, Linda Whitworth and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#Ethan Beck, #Jake Dellinger, Aron Dickerson, Kenny Greene, Jessica Lovell, *Travis Kiser, Cody Spiker.

Church Member; *Stationed in the Middle East