

The Order of Divine Worship

September 5, 2010 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 in the morning

GREETING

VOLUNTARY Voluntary in G major *Henry Heron* (ca. 1745-ca. 1795)

†CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.

God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.

Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us. Amen.

†HYMN NO. 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Forgiving God, you have given us a wonderful world, filled with beauty, power and majesty, and we have abused it - tearing away at its gifts without regard of the consequences. Often times we have failed to treat your world, as well as your people, with compassionate love. We have ignored situations of need in which we could have been instruments of healing and peace. We have neglected service to others and have focused on ourselves. We have chased after false gods - greed, power and fame. You are the potter, O Lord. You fashioned us, but we have focused on developing our flaws rather than working with our strengths. Please forgive us, Lord. Refashion us to be your people, celebrating your love in service to others. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

†PARDON

God's loving choice for you is peace and hope. God has fashioned you to be God's people. Rejoice! For God is with you, reaching out to heal and care for you. 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. 854 PSALM 139

†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*)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON—Philemon 1-21 PEW BIBLE PAGE 5

GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 14:25-33 PEW BIBLE PAGE 78

SERMON—"Can You Really Function at This Distance?"

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881 APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

AT THE OFFERTORY Pastorale *Charles Wesley* (1707-1788)

†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!

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING—PAGE 15 (*in the hymnal*)

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION (*responsively*)

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself,
and God our Father, who loved us
and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
comfort your hearts and establish them
in every good work and word.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

†HYMN NO. 415 Take Up Thy Cross GERMANY

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY Voluntary on the Old 100th *Henry Purcell* (1659-1695)

† *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 pew.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Stephen D. Haines Senior Pastor and Celebrant

The Reverend Julie E. O'Neal Associate Pastor and Liturgist

Mr. Matthew M. Brown Director of Music Ministries

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in loving memory of our children, Lea Watts Simmons and David Blair Watts, and in honor of our son, Rob Watts, and family, Jean, Lauren and Haley by Boyd and Krista Watts.

THE ROSE ON THE RETABLE is in honor of the birth of Avery Quinn Hamm on June 18, 2010 in Nashville, Tennessee. Her parents are Bill and Lianna Hamm. She has a sister, Jordan, and a brother, Warner. Her grandparents are Frank and Peggy Hamm of Raleigh and Wayne and Barbara Saleeby of Salisbury.

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 worshipping 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 Cleesie Whittington
ALTAR GUILD TBD
GUEST REGISTRARS Libby Summersett, Sara Hill, Helen Hager
DOORSTEP VISITORS Carmen Shepler
USHERS Jim Molitor, Co-Chief; Don Hylton, Co-Chief;
Susan Fraley, Joyce Miner, Steve Schoch
SOUND BOOTH Mike Meyerhoeffer
SECURITY MINISTRY Neil Pierce; Henry Buck
NURSERY

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age: Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5): Jason and Tracy Walser

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

ACOLYTE Andrew Newman
ALTAR GUILD TBD
GUEST REGISTRARS Libby Summersett, Sara Hill, Helen Hager
DOORSTEP VISITORS Larry and Pam Cordts
USHERS Jim Molitor, Co-Chief; Don Hylton, Co-Chief;
Susan Fraley, Joyce Miner, Steve Schoch
SOUND BOOTH Mike Meyerhoffer
SECURITY MINISTRY Alan Schroeder; Kevin Peltz
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

First Family Celebration (FFC) will kick off this Wednesday, September 8th! Danny Hunt and his fabulous kitchen crew will be back again to serve us some wonderful and tasty meals. This year’s dinner service will be from 5:30-6:30 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. We will not be taking standing reservations for the year. Please sign up with the reservation cards, which you can do a week in advance or call the church office by noon on Mondays. This Wednesday, there will be a special program for the evening beginning at 6:15 pm. Please join us for good food, fun and fellowship! Small groups will begin during the week of September 14th, including the kids and youth studies. The Adam and Eve class will collect money for First Family Celebration on September 8.

Attention! We still need more people to stay after dinners on Wednesdays to help clean up the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. If you would like to be on the crew, please contact Samantha (704-636-3121, samantha@fumcsalisbury.org). She will create a schedule soon. If we have enough people, you would only have to clean up one Wednesday a month or every other month. Thank you in advance!

All Choirs resume rehearsals THIS WEDNESDAY! Novice Choir (4pm-4:45pm); Choristers (4:45pm-5:30pm), Adult Bell Choir (6:15pm-7pm) and Chancel Choir (7:15pm-9pm). Please see or phone Director of Music Matthew Brown through the church office with any questions.

The Evangelism Committee has planned for the congregation to join them for “Invite a Friend” Sunday. These will be held periodically throughout the year. **The first event will be “Invite a Hero” day on Sunday, September 12.** Members are asked to invite someone they consider to be their “Hero.” This could be a close friend, neighbor, co-worker, community helper, family member, etc. Invite them to the 11:00 am worship service and ask them to stay for a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. All are asked to bring a covered dish to share. The entire congregation is invited to the luncheon. Take a few minutes to think of your hero and how much you would love to honor them!

Reminder! We will have an **Isenberg Mentors Meeting** on Wednesday, September 8 at 9:00 am in the Media Room. It is very important that you attend!

UMW Members... Save This Date - September 11, 2010! The UMW General Meeting will be a brunch in the Fellowship Hall and will begin at 9:30 am. Our guest speaker will be Karen Puckett, the media specialist at Isenberg Elementary School, who will speak on Raising Sudan - A Grass Roots Effort to Build Schools. A couple of young men from the Charlotte area may be attending the meeting with Ms. Puckett. These are boys from Sudan who co-authored the book, *They Rained Fire on Us from the Sky*. It is suggested that circle members provide a \$5.00 donation for the brunch to go towards building schools in Sudan. Additionally, we are requesting that UMW members bring either a box of tissues and/or hand sanitizer for Isenberg Elementary School.

Mums for Missions. “Mums” the word! The UMW is sponsoring a mum sale starting Saturday, September 11 and running through Sunday, September 26. Payment is due at the time of order placement. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, September 29 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the church courtyard. Orders can be placed with a UMW member or in the church office.

Guests and New Members. Want to know more about First United Methodist Church? Join our Connecting 101 class, Sundays, September 12 through October 10, 9:45 to 10:45 am, in the Conference Room (Room 106). We look at connecting with Jesus Christ, connecting with United Methodist history and theology, and connecting with active ministry through and beyond our congregation. Nursery and Sunday school classes for all ages are available at the same hour. If you plan to attend or have any questions, please contact Elaine Hewitt. Following the class, October 17 will be a New Member Sunday, an opportunity to commit to discipleship through our congregation.

Adults 55 and over! Summer is almost over, and it’s time to re-connect with old friends and get connected with new ones. Come enjoy good food, fun and fellowship with the **Methodist Connection Group** for an “Apple Fest” Celebration covered dish luncheon on Tuesday, September 14, 12:00 noon, in the church Fellowship Hall. Mr. Larry Chastain will entertain us with his “special” songs and music. Make plans to celebrate “Apple Fest” and Get Connected with the Methodist

Connection! For your convenience, a sign-up sheet is in the church office, or you may call the church office. You are invited to bring pencils to help fill a “Pencil Box” for the Isenberg School children.

The Men’s Prayer Fellowship will meet Thursday, September 9, at 7:00 am at Hendricks BBQ on West Innes Street.

The Sunday Lunch Bunch will gather today at Applebees, 205 Faith Road, 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.

FIRSTARTS begins its third season with an organ recital performed by former First Church Director of Music Adam Ward on Friday, October 1st at 7pm. All are encouraged to attend.

Organ CDs recorded by Matthew Brown and featuring the sanctuary’s pipe organ are available in the church office. They are \$20 with all proceeds going toward the organ fund.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, September 5

8:30 a.m. Service of Worship–Sanctuary
9:30 Fellowship Time
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Service of Worship–Sanctuary

Monday, September 6

Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels Team A

Wednesday, September 8

Choir Rehearsals Begin

9:00 a.m. Isenberg Mentors Meeting
5:30 p.m. First Family Celebration
6:30 Casting Queens

Thursday, September 9

7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast
5:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry Team Planning Meeting

Saturday, September 11

9:30 a.m. UMW General Meeting

Sunday, September 12

8:30 a.m. Service of Worship–Sanctuary
9:30 Fellowship Time
9:45 Sunday School
9:45 Connecting 101
11:00 Service of Worship–Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Bring a Hero Sunday Covered Dish Luncheon
5:30 Youth Meeting