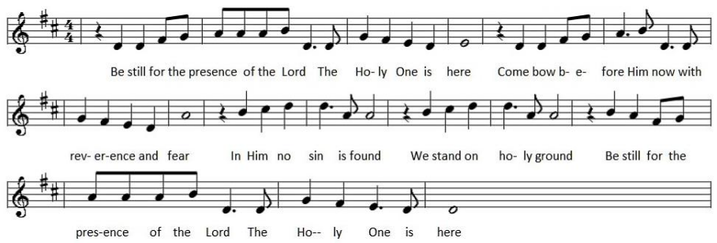
SUNG RESPONSE, *Choir and Congregation.* *David Evans* (b. 1957)



MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Living God, tune our ears that we may hear your Word. By your Spirit, let our understanding help us to believe. Through our believing, we seek your ways, bringing you honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Genesis 18:1-15 Pew Bible Page 14

†GRADUAL HYMN 100
God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us LAUDA ANIMA

†THE GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 9:35-38 Pew Bible Page 9-10

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)* The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each petition, the congregation responds: **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

OFFERING

The congregation is invited to register attendance by signing the registries found on each pew.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM *Ken Naylor* (1931-1991)
Arranged by *John Ronald Daniels*

How shall I sing that Majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I Thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when Thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is Thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

—*John Mason*

†AT THE PRESENTATION, DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, 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

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 664
Sent Forth by God's Blessing THE ASH GROVE

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune *Flor Peeters* (1903-1986)

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†The congregation stands.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti — Senior Pastor and Officiant
Mr. Rikki Spencer — Liturgist
Mr. Matthew Michael Brown — Director of Music and Organist
Summer Choir

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF OUR AMAZING FATHERS, HUSBAND AND OPA, GEORGE HINES AND GREGG WILLIAMS AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FATHER-IN-LAWS AND PAPAW, HERB WILLIAMS. GIVEN BY LAUREN HINES WILLIAMS AND PARKER WILLIAMS.

THE ROSES ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE IN HONOR OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER; AND ALL PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE FATHERS OF OUR CHURCH.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES	Ethan Mastro, Regan Roakes, Sarah Roakes
ALTAR GUILD	Jay Hughes
OUTSIDE GREETERS	Janice & Gary Applewhite
DOORSTEP VISITORS	Jean West
USHER	Jarrett Bradshaw, Kelsey Bradshaw, Roland Fowler, Ken Hollar, Mike Hughes, Darrell Lewis, Scott Maphis, Wayne Saleeby, Betty Slife, Bob Slife, Rob Watts
SECURITY	Frances and Doug Miller
NURSERY	Melissa Conrad and Sharon Smith

THOSE SERVING JUNE 25

ACOLYTES	Grace Douglas, Ethan McGee, Liam McGee
ALTAR GUILD	Jay Hughes
OUTSIDE GREETERS	Janice & Gary Applewhite
DOORSTEP VISITORS	Brenda Loflin
USHER	Jarrett Bradshaw, Kelsey Bradshaw, Roland Fowler, Ken Hollar, Mike Hughes, Darrell Lewis, Scott Maphis, Wayne Saleeby, Betty Slife, Bob Slife, Rob Watts
SECURITY	Henry Buck and Jim Martin
NURSERY	Caroline Johnsen and Deneen Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Organ Recital: Director of Music Matthew Michael Brown will present an organ recital tonight at Charlotte's Myers Park Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 2501 Oxford Place. The concert benefits the Stigall Scholarship Fund, an educational outreach for young organists in the Charlotte metro area. The concert begins at 7pm.

Middle School Bowling Day June 20, 11am-1pm. Rising 6-8 grade students are invited to meet at Woodleaf Lanes. Bring $10 to cover bowling and shoes. Money for snacks is optional. No registration required, so we'll see you there!

The Seekers Class is beginning a study of *CHANGE THE WORLD: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus* by Reverend Mike Slaughter. We invite you to join us on this summer exploration of the church in mission.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Altar Flowers: Anyone wishing to dedicate altar flowers for July 2 or July 16 is asked to contact Pam Cordts, coordinator, at pcordts@carolina.rr.com or (704) 633-0917.

The Disaster Relief Team will be returning to Lumberton, NC the week of July 16 – 21. On this trip we will rebuild and finish homes so families can return to them. All are welcome regardless of your skill levels. Team members will teach you how to do each task safely. Transportation, meals, lodging and tools will be provided. Please contact Becca at the church office or Bob Poole at (704) 279-5189 for information.

Summer Choir: Anyone interested in singing with the Summer Choir is asked to consider joining us for rehearsal each Sunday morning throughout the summer at 10:00 am. Music will be accessible, and the choir joyfully welcomes all! For more information, please contact Matthew Brown at matthew@fumcsalisbury.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School is Coming! July 23-27 from 5:30 pm—8:00 pm. This year's theme is *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God.* Age 3 years (restroom independent) through 5th grade. Register today through our church website link for VBS: www.fumcsalisbury.org.

High School Escape Room Night July 6, 6pm-11pm. Rising 9-12 and recent graduates are invited to sign up for our escape room trip. An escape room is a team clue finding challenge, if you can decipher the code to unlock the door before time runs out, you win! We'll be going to Exit Strategy and out to dinner. The cost for this event is $25, and you must be preregistered with Jenni by 6/30.

Our high school acolytes are going to Washington D.C. this fall for the annual acolyte festival at the **Washington National Cathedral**. Rising 9-12 grade students interested in learning more should attend an informational meeting on the rooftop at Go Burrito Wednesday, June 21 at 6pm. Families and church members interested in traveling with the acolytes are also encouraged to attend. This trip is an intergenerational opportunity open to all. Chips and salsa provided!

A called **Charge Conference** will be held on Sunday, July 2 at 12:15 pm in the Parlor, for the purpose of approving the compensation for Rev. Stacey Lundy, our church's new Associate Pastor. She will be formally introduced to the congregation on Sunday, July 16.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 18
8:30 am Service of Worship—Nave
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Service of Worship—Nave

Monday, June 19
Annual Conference Week

Tuesday, June 20
10:00 am Staff Meeting—Harter Office Suite
2:00 pm Chrismon Class—Christian Forum Room
6:00 Autism Society Meeting—Room 108 &104
6:15 Stephen Ministry—Christian Forum Room

Wednesday, June 21
2:00 pm Deadline for Bulletin Announcements
6:00 National Cathedral HS Acolyte Trip Informational Meeting—Go Burrito
6:15 The Casting Queens—Conference Room

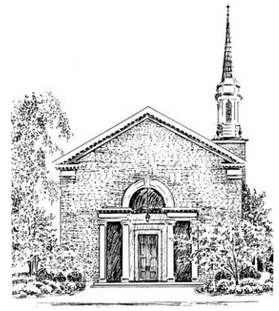
Thursday, June 22
7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
7:00 pm AA—Room 108
8:00 Alanon—Room 106

Friday, June 23
7:00 pm AA —Room 108

Saturday, June 24
7:00 pm AA —Room 108

Sunday, June 25
8:30 Service of Worship—Nave
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Service of Worship—Nave

Attendance for June 11, 2017
8:30 68
11:00 191



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THE MISSION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE AND NURTURE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES THROUGH THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2017 – 11 o'clock in the morning

GREETING

VOLUNTARY — Adagio cantabile — *Pietro Nardini* (1722-1793)

†CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) — *Psalm 116:1-2, 17-19*

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications,
because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice,
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 158
Come, Christians, Join to Sing — SPANISH HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. Forgive us, we humbly pray, that you may restore us according to your promises declared in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. *The people respond:* **By God's grace manifest in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**