

Call Waiting: Discover a Life of Purpose, our current sermon series, is focused on helping each of us recognize and move toward God’s call on our lives. A study guide for Call Waiting: Discovering a Life of Purpose is available in the narthex. Please pick one up after worship to aid in your thinking, discussions, and prayers throughout this sermon series. You may also find one online at www.esumc.org under Call Waiting.

Connectors

Curtis, Kerr, Cobb, Poindexter, gifts of hospitality, mercy, and healing, earth, water, wind, and fire. What do these words have in common? They are all in the vocabulary of a Connector. Connect with Carlin Johnson to learn more! cjohnson@esumc.org. 832-7535 ext. 217. Or stop by the table with the big “C” after worship!

20’s and 30’s Young Adult Newcomer Social, Today

Are you a new Young Adult visitor or member? Are you interested in getting more involved in the church and learning more about the Young Adult Ministry? If so, please join members of the Young Adult Council for drinks and snacks today from 10:30 – 11:30 at the 2nd floor Alcove OR 12:00 -1:00 pm in the Parlor. We hope to see you there! If you are not able to join us and want information, please email Karen Barham at kgbarham@gmail.com

Join Disciple 4 weekly on Monday afternoons from 1 - 4pm. This class is led by Ann Mann and begins on September 26. Disciple 4 is a 32 week class that covers The Writings – John- and Revelation. For more information on being a part of the class, contact Leigh Holloway at the church office.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 25th

8:40 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)
9:45 am Sunday School, Roots of Faith (rm 204, Parlor)
10:45 am Sermon Discussion (164)
10:55 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
11:11 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)
4:00 pm Evensong Small Groups (Kerr), A Woman’s Heart –Study (168), Youth Handbell Choir (351), Worship Task Force (Sanct.), Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir, Children’s Dance Rehearsal (357)
5:00 pm Youth Choir, Cherub Choir (306), Crusader Choir (169), Celtic Choir (317) Youth/Adult Dance (357), Youth Praise Band (Bulla)
5:30 pm Worship Service (Chapel), Men’s Bible Study Leaders Mtg
5:45 pm Sunday Dinner (Kerr)
6:00 pm Wesley Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Evensong Small Groups (Kerr), Youth Group (Bulla)

Monday, September 26th

9:45 am Fitness Class (357)
11:00 am UMW Book Study (321)
1:00 pm Disciple 4
6:00 pm Alpha Dinner and Study (Kerr), New Testament History (164)
6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ. (163), Disciple 2 (167)
7:00 pm Disciple 1 (165)

Tuesday, September 27th

7:00 am Design for Discipleship (251)
9:00 am Christian Believer (167)
5:00 pm Men’s Study Leaders Training (357)
7:00 pm Men’s Study (Kerr), Young Adult BB (Bulla)

Wednesday, September 28th

9:30 am Dwell Study (163)
10:30 am Wednesday AM Bible Study (Chp. Annex)
12:00 Intercessory Prayer (Parlor)
4:00 pm Sheets Center Support Care (Parlor)
4:30 pm God and Family Scouts (Bulla)
6:30 pm The Marriage Course (Kerr), Financial Peace Univ. (251), Worship Committee (Library)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Bulla)

Thursday, September 29th

9:15 am The Journeys and Journals of Paul (Chp Annex)
9:45 am Fitness Class (357)
6:00 pm The Gathering Worship Team (Kerr)
6:30 pm This We Believe Study (321), Disciple 2 (167)
7:00 pm The Chancel Choir

Friday, September 30th

9:00 am Step Up Jobs Class (Bulla)
5:00 pm Ford/Yoon Rehearsal (Sanct.)

Saturday, October 1st

8:30 am Love Wins (offsite)
4:30 pm Ford/Yoon Wedding (Sanct.)

Edward F. “Ned” Hill, II, Senior Pastor
Lisa N. Yebuah, Pastor of Inviting Ministries
David J. Allen, Pastor of Caring Ministries
Leigh Holloway, Director of Preparing Ministries
Carlin Johnson, Director of Equipping and Sending Ministries
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 25, 2011

As the community gathers, we respectfully request that you enter into a time of silent preparation for worship. May the music of the prelude draw your hearts and minds to God. The chancel area is open for prayer before the service and during the last hymn.

The Prelude *Come Down, O Love Divine* arr. Ley
** Josh Dumbleton
Mein Junges Leben Hat Ein End Sweelinck
Nearer My God to Thee Mason/arr. Uber
Verbum Caro Factum Est Hassler
* Ascension Trombone Choir

The Greeting Rev. Hill

The Announcements for the Morning

The Introit *Our God Is Calling* Giardini

+The Call to Worship Rev. Hill

Minister: The God whose name is love and whose work is justice,

People: **Created and called us to love one another as sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Minister: In response to our call we gather for this holy time of worship:

People: **We gather as members of this family of faith knowing that God has created and called our community to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ.**

Minister: We gather as members of families that we were born into and families that we have created.

All: **We gather before the God who made us, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in becoming more fully the people and the community God created us to be.**

+The Presentation of the Cross and the Light of Christ

+The Processional Hymn 580 *Lead On, O King Eternal* Schurtleff
Tune: Lancashire Smart

The Opening Prayer Rev. Hill

We come to you, our God and our Father, because you are the same from generation to generation. Yet when we listen to you there is always something new, something surprising, something startling in what you are saying to us. At times we are shaken, at times we are hurt, yet we know we must still listen. And listening we learn that your Word is always a living Word and that the work to which you call us is always a contemporary task. O God, awaken us to your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anthem *In Thee Is Gladness* Gastoldi

The Chancel Choir with the Ascension Trombone Choir
In Thee is gladness, amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls thou makest, our bonds thou breakest; Who trusts thee surely hath built securely, and stands forever. Alleluia! Our hearts are pining to see thy shining; dying or living, To thee are cleaving; naught can us sever. Alleluia! If God be ours, we fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death. God sees and blesses in worst distresses, and can change them in a breath. Wherefore the story tell of God's glory with heart and voices; All heaven rejoices, singing forever. Alleluia! We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, loving and praising, Voices still raising glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Rev. Yebuah, Rev. Allen, Rev. Hill Pg. 39, Hymnal

** *Riley Jane Bridges, daughter of Jeremy and Kendall Bridges*

* *Elizabeth Redmond Ransom Creech, daughter of Zeke and Bess Creech*

The Prayers of the People Rev. Allen

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory *All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord* Clausen
Mrs. Gail Jackson, soprano

+The Doxology 94

+The Hymn 389 *Freely, Freely* Owens
Tune: Freely, Freely Owens
All children may gather at the chancel rail during the singing of the hymn for the Lesson for the Children. Afterward, fours and fives may leave for Wiggler Worship in 206.

The Lesson for the Children Mrs. Holloway

The Scripture Lesson Acts 8:26-39 Pg. 120 NT, Pew Bible

The Sermon VOICE MESSAGE Rev. Yebuah

+The Hymn 593 *Here I Am, Lord* Schutte
Tune: Here I Am, Lord Schutte

+The Affirmation of Faith 881 Rev. Allen

+The Gloria Patri 71
+The Benediction Rev. Yebuah

+The Choral Response *May We Answer with Joy* Gerst

+The Sending Forth of the Cross and the Light of Christ into the World

+The Chimes - In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

+The Postlude *In Thee Is Gladness* Bach

+ Please stand, if able. ** 8:40 * 10:55

Participating in the service today:

Acolytes: ** Sally Cummings, Lillian York, Parker York

* Kate Dittmann, Cameron Reese, Tate Russell

Liturgist: Edward F. Hill, II, David J. Allen

Preacher: Lisa N. Yebuah

Interim Director of Music: Nancy Gerst

Director of Preparing Ministries: Leigh Holloway

Organist: Josh Dumbleton Pianists: ** Ray Starling * Jeanette West

Welcome to all guests worshipping with us this morning! We are honored that you chose to worship at Edenton Street. Let us know who you are by signing our Fellowship Pad found in the pew. Please receive your gift on the Information Table in the belltower after the service. For information concerning membership or ministries, please contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, at 832-7535 ext. 350 or jowen@esumc.org. In addition, materials that may be of interest can be found on the welcome cart in the Poindexter Lobby.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of daughter Kelly C. Womble and granddaughter Brittany Lauren Fish by Ken and Shirley Womble.

The rosebud on the altar is honor of the birth of Garland Smith Russell, son of Grayson and Emily Russell.

Welcome Ascension Trombone Choir

We welcome *Ascension Trombone Choir* to our worship services today. This community group is led by Dr. Scott Smith.