

POPLAR SANCTUARY

Sunday, November 19, 2023

“Jesus in Your Heart: It’s ALL About Relationships”

Dr. Deborah Suddarth

GREETING

Dr. Sarah Harper

PRELUDE

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

Dr. Andrew Harper, piano, Wayne Warren, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Andrew Harper

Leader: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

All: Delight in God’s goodness!

L: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

A: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

L: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

A: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen!

WORSHIP SONG

“I Will Follow”

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (881)

Dr. S. Harper

“The Apostles’ Creed”

+GLORIA PATRI (70)

“Glory Be to the Father”

MEINEKE

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

*Breakfast with Santa
& MOPS Merry Market*

Mrs. Melissa Brasher

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL AND LORD’S PRAYER (895)

+HYMN (529)

“How Firm a Foundation”

V 1 & 2 - all sing, V 3 ladies sing, V 4 - men sing, V 5 - all sing

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Mr. Patrick Mason

+HYMN (378)

“Amazing Grace”

V 1, 2, 3, & 6

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Brasher

OFFERTORY

“Fill-a-me-up”

Chancel Choir

John Aitken, soloist

Pepper Choplin

+DOXOLOGY (95)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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+GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

Ms. Grace Brown

SERMON

"It's ALL About Relationships"

Dr. Joey Reed

This morning Alan Sweet uses his artistic gifts to glorify God with his expression of faith through creativity & praise.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

WORSHIP SONG

"What a Beautiful Name"

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Reed

+SONG OF BLESSING

Nelson/Tooley

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

+POSTLUDE

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

arr. Varner

Wayne Warren, organ

+ Those who are able, please stand.

BIRTHS:

Congratulations to KC & Katy Mason on the birth of their son, Tucker Riley Mason

HOSPICE:

Brenda Robinson, Schilling Gardens

If you need to speak with a pastor due to an emergency, please call the pastor on call number 901-471-6630.

SYMPATHY:

To Myra Spach in the passing of her mother

FAITH REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. When has God touched your life thru a living breathing human being?
2. What is one thing you will commit to do by December 31, 2023, to be a risk-taking inviting Christian? Place a cross on your desk? Add a Scripture verse to your email signature line?

CUMC EVANGELISM TOOL BOX:

HOLY SPIRIT - Pray for opportunities and know that it is the Holy Spirit working in someone's life in multiple ways.

CONVERSATION STARTERS - Cross on your desk, scripture on a wall at home, church yard sign, church tee shirt, etc.

INVITE - Be specific with dates and a place to meet them.

RELATIONSHIPS - Our relationships with friends, colleagues, and the neighbors on our BLOCK already have trust and respect. It is out of our relationship with God that we share the Jesus in OUR Hearts with those we know, love and care about.