

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 9th, 2008
10:30 am

THE PRELUDE Andantino
(Fischer)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES
Bill Sherrill

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Come, Almighty to Deliver
(John Zondel)

*HYMN- No. 452 My Faith Looks
Up to Thee

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON - pg. 909 Amos 5:18-24
Lisa Huffman

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
Matt Greer

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE Three-fold Amen
(Danish)

GOSPEL LESSON - pg. 983 Matthew 25:1-13
Lisa Huffman

CHORAL ANTHEM America the Beautiful
(Samuel Ward)

SERMON Be Prepared Pastor
Keith Ray

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN – No. 472 Near to the
Heart of God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

*HYMN – No. 540 I Love Thy
Kingdom, Lord

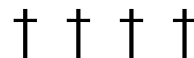
*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
Pastor Ray

* CHORAL BENEDICTION– No. 665 Go Now In Peace
(N. Sleeth)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.

*POSTLUDE



OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER Claire Rebecca Philpot, Jay and Vera Hunt, Helen Yockey, Carolyn Hunter, Nick Nichols, Bob Donaldson, Libby Wingate, Georgiana Dougherty and her neighbor, (Bobbie Brown), Edith Bynum, and her sons Carl and Jerry, Margaret Rivers, Eunice Looper, Shirley Dickson's friend, (Marvin Lollis), Dub Childs, Mildred Huckaby, Lucy Hughes, Rachel Palmer, Mildred

Pollard, Steve Hester's mother, (Elva Hester), Jerry Smith, Benson McWhite, Jake Moorehead, Juanita Sherlin, and Doris Williams.

Margaret Rivers is in The Cottages at Brushy Creek, (Rm. #2-Rose Cottage) Cottage Creek Circle, Greer, SC 29650.

Reminder If you would like to send a note to our homebound members or others who need our thoughts and prayers, please pick up some cards on the back table, fill them out, and bring them by the office and we will see that they get mailed.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Members,
Thank you so very much for the gift to Miracle Hill Ministries in Larry's memory, and thank you, too, for your caring, support and prayers during this time of loss. The Lord truly blessed Larry and me when he led us to Berea Friendship UMC!
With love and gratitude,
Connie LaParl

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the support during Charlie's illness and at the time of his death. The calls, cards, food, and especially the prayers were all very meaningful. Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I adjust to life without Charlie.
Jewell Hunt

Administrative Council will meet on Wednesday, November 12th, at 6:30 pm in the Ruth Bible Class.

November 17th - 20th Springmaid Beach
Next week will be our Springmaid Beach trip, we will leave on November 17th at 8:30 am from the church and will return on Thursday, November 20th around noon.

Morning Circle meets on Tuesday, November 18th, at 10:00 am in the Quilt Room. Georgiana Dougherty will have the program this month.

Shalom Circle meets on Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class. Anne-Marie Failor will lead our book study, "A Mary Heart in a Martha World". Please read the third chapter before the meeting.

Activities Canceled during Thanksgiving Week Our Wednesday Night Supper, Youth, Book Club, and Choir on November 26th, has been canceled due to Thanksgiving Day.

Youth Sunday Our youth will have their regular 5th Sunday Lunch on November 30th following the morning service.

Good Things Come in Shoeboxes!

Please help us share God's love in a tangible way this year by filling a shoebox (or two!) for Operation Christmas Child. Sponsored by Billy Graham's son, Franklin, OCC sends these little boxes of treats to needy children all over the world. Any shoebox will do; simply fill it with toys and treats suitable for a boy or girl age 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, place \$7 (to cover shipping costs) in cash, check, or money order inside the box and a label (indicating gender and age) on the outside of the box, and secure the lid with a rubber band on either end. If you prefer, you may simply donate cash or toys and we will assemble the box for you. Please do not include used items, war-related toys, chocolate or food (hard candy or gum is fine), liquids or lotions, breakable items, or aerosol cans.

Labels and more information are located on the table at the rear of the sanctuary, as is a collection box. Please make your donations by Sunday morning, Nov. 16th. We will be showing a video about Operation Christmas Child during Wednesday night supper on November 5th and 12th. Come join us for supper and learn how a simple

shoebox can brighten the lives of children around the world!

Staff

Pastor	Keith Ray II
Music Director	Bill Sherrill
Organist	Sibyl Thomas
Membership Secretary	Pat Teat
Youth Director	Patti Taylor
Treasurer	Marsha Disher
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Capps

THOSE WHO SERVE

Liturgist	Bill Sherrill & Lisa Huffman
Acolyte	Monroe Stone
Trustee	Ronnie Hunter
Stewardship	Garl Revis
Altar Guild	Patty Bowers
Nursery	Laura Gould
Ushers	Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman

For Your Information (and inspiration)!

Attendance – Sunday November 2nd :

Sunday School – 56 Worship – 145

Financial Report for November 2nd :

Received for Budget \$7,452.27

Wednesday Night Supper

November 12th

BBQ on Bun

Chips, Pickle

Baked Beans

Chocolate Cake

Tea, Water, Coffee

Happy Birthday
November 10 Max Hovious



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A Successful Welcome

What a lot of activity we have had around Berea Friendship UMC these past days. The annual bazaar brought many persons to our church and a great number of persons worked diligently to help our church host a wonderful event. Thank you everyone!

My first word after experiencing our bazaar is, "Wow!" Our gym was transformed into a beautiful marketplace. The handiwork of many members and friends of Berea Friendship covered the room. Homemade goodies brought their own beauty to the event. I can't wait to try some of them soon.

What I really celebrate, however, is the wonderful atmosphere that was evident as we gathered this weekend. I was impressed most by the wonderful fellowship that took place during the bazaar. Strangers sensed it, too. The church is called to be a place of welcome to those in need of grace and hospitality. As Paul says, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:9-10).

My prayer is that our church will continue to be a beacon of light and love, especially for those who come to visit us. People need to see a church working together in Christian charity and love.

Blessings to you all,