

EASTER SUNDAY
The Resurrection of the Lord
April 16, 2017

The Gathering

He is Risen! Lift up your hearts today with the glad news of the resurrection. This story is so wonderful that we sometimes find it hard to believe. As we hear this good news Easter after Easter, may we discover the indescribable joy of life and hope. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Children may receive their "Alleluia Bell" in the vestibule.

Preparing for Worship

Prelude "Christ is Risen" Christopher Tambling

Call to Worship Jenna Young

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: We rejoice in this great day!

Leader: Christ the Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is alive!

Women: Christ is alive!

Men: Christ is alive!

Youth: Christ is alive!

Leader: Christ the Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn No. 243 "Christ is Alive" TRURO

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening the Bible Emma Jolly

Easter Sunday Greetings

Anthem "And Can It Be?" Forrest

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28: 1-10

Hymn No. 250 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LLANFAIR

Offertory Prayer Don Watson

The Offertory "Beautiful Savior" arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Gloria Patri No. 805 GREATOREX

Easter Litany

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: In the darkest moments of our lives, when fear and despair overwhelm us and death drains us of all life and hope, an angel descends

People: and rolls back the stone of doubt and despair.

Minister: When believing does not come easy and our fears outweigh our belief,

People: we hear the words: "He is not here. He is Risen!"

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Prayer

Hymn No. 254 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" ODE TO JOY

Sermon "The Main Thing!" Dr. Ray N. Howell III

Anthem "The Armor of God" Beck

The congregation will join the choir under the direction of Mr. Freeman.

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne,
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drown all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King, through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save,
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

First Baptist Church

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Benediction

Minister: Risen Christ, you have given yourself to us.

People: Now we give ourselves to others.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord!

People: We are sent in the power of Christ's resurrection!

All: Alleluia!

Postlude

"Easter Chant"

Gordon Young

Today's Lay Reader is Ethan Fulbright

Musicians for Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani—organ/piano

Ralph Ashley-tenor

Sanctuary Choir

Bill Harbinson-trumpet

Jon Myers-trumpet

Seth McKnight-trombone

Keith Grush-horn

Wes Richardson-tuba

Bill Baker-timpani

Weekly Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Ministry (everyone is invited)

Conference Room

Wednesday 5:45 p.m.

Mission Friends/GA's/RA's

6:30 p.m.

Children's Choirs

Wednesday Night Family Night

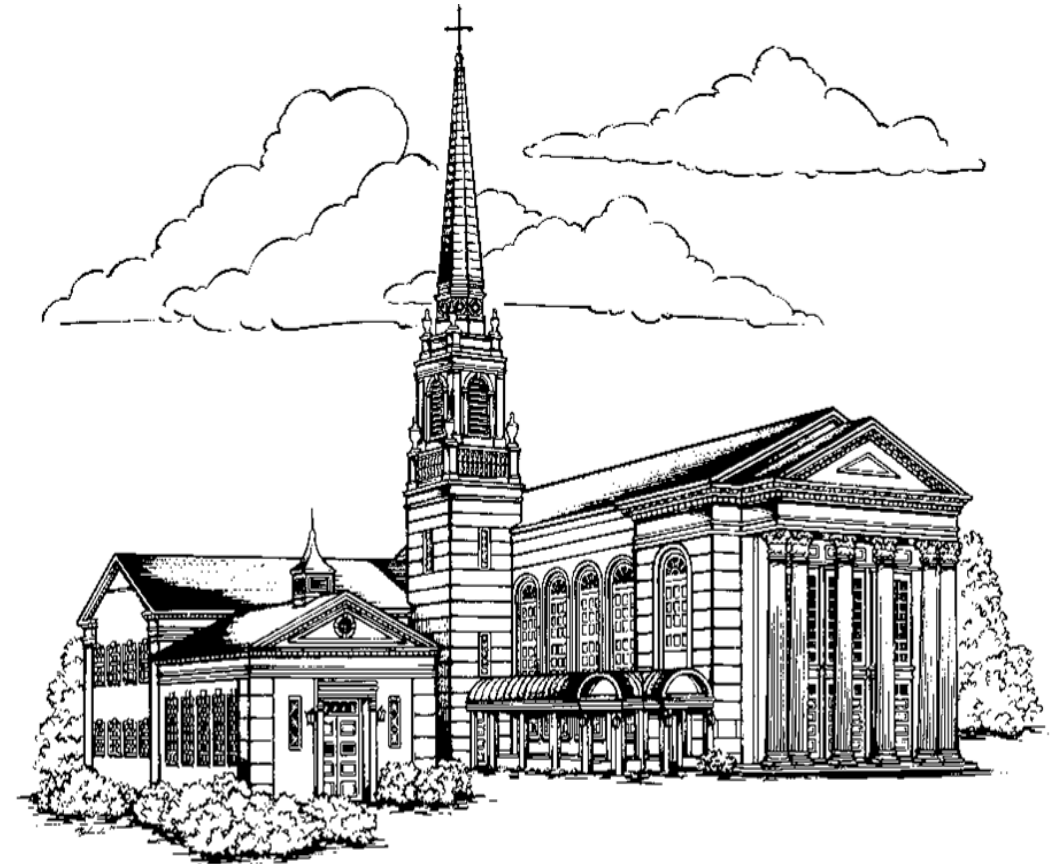
This Wednesday night we welcome Blair Trexler who is the Director of Development at the American Children's Home. This program will be held in the Chapel. Our final Wednesday night program will be April 26 when our Children's and Youth Choirs will sing.

April 16: Nursery Provided

April 23: Bed Babies-M/M Jim Skotthy: Toddlers/2-year olds-M/M Lee Davis: 3 and 4 year-olds-Alyson Honeycutt/Grace Upton

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