

# The Worship of God

November 22, 2015

Thanksgiving Sunday

## THE GATHERING

*God's everlasting faithfulness reaches out to each and every one of us to give us hope for a better harvest in the changing seasons of our lives. Let us gather together as God's thankful people to worship and to pray in thanksgiving to our Creator.*

## EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

CHORAL INTROIT *Thanks Be To Thee* Handel  
Opening of the Bible Brooke Lambeth

CALL TO WORSHIP Austin Sams

Leader: To the Thanksgiving table of plenty,  
**People: Come, ye thankful people, come!**  
Leader: To the kitchen where familiar hands prepare with love,  
**People: Come, ye thankful people, come!**  
Leader: To the farm where calloused hands plant and tend,  
**People: Come, ye thankful people, come!**  
Leader: To the rich earth, where roots stretch and seeds grow,  
**People: Come, ye thankful people, come!**  
Leader: To this service of worship and praise of the God of creation,  
**People: Come, ye thankful people, come!**

### RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME

HYMN NO. 381 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR  
Lighting the Christ Candle

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

CHRISTMAS ANGELS Tina Wall

### GOD OUR MAKER DOES PROVIDE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 100

HYMN NO. 376 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

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## MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6: 24-34

### ALL THE WORLD IS GOD'S OWN FIELD

ANTHEM *Hymn of Grateful Praise* Carter

SERMON *Don't Worry - Really?* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 384 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

### ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN

OFFERTORY PRAYER Greg Alexander

OFFERTORY *A Prelude for Harvest* Robert Groves

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

### RAISE THE GLORIOUS HARVEST HOME

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Freeman

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hans Micheelson

*Today's Lay Reader is Bruce Hill.*

*Musicians for today's service*

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Sanctuary Ringers

Senior Adult Singers

*The flowers are given to the glory of God with love and thanks for our parents:  
In honor of Margaret Hinson Brown and in memory of Major Toliver Brown, Jr.,  
Emily Myers Stephenson, and Robert Hugh Stephenson by Barry K. and Jo Stephenson Brown.*

*Christian sympathy is extended to Billie Warren and family upon the death of her husband,  
Alton Warren on November 15.*

## *Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 25*

### Theme "We Have A Story to Tell"

Dinner 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall - Worship Service - 6:20 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5.00 (\$3.00 children 12 & under)

Menu: Sandwich buffet with ham and turkey sandwiches, cheese, fruit,  
vegetable trays and brownies

## FaithHealth Meeting this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The new Lexington Medical Center Chaplain Dianne Horton and the new FaithHealth leadership team will be introduced during this afternoon's meeting.

**First Baptist Church Office and MBCC will be closed  
Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving**

### *Salvation Army Angels*



We have the opportunity to give light and hope to local children this Christmas through the Salvation Army Angel Program. So many of these children would not have a Christmas if not for our efforts. We have 125 Angels that are now available. Gifts should not be wrapped and the Angel tag with the child's information should be attached to the gifts. Our deadline is Wednesday, December 9. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the fellowship hall between December 2 and 9. We will need volunteers on Thursday morning, December 10 to deliver the gifts to the Salvation Army.

### Announcements

#### Sunday, 11/22

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| 9:00 a.m.        | Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry | Conference Room       |
| 9:30 a.m.        | Morning Coffee Gathering       | 2nd Floor Lobby       |
| 5:00 p.m.        | Youth Choir Rehearsal          | Music Suite           |
| 6:00 p.m.        | Youth Snack Supper             | Fellowship Hall       |
| 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Middle & High School Youth     | Attic/Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 p.m.        | Deacons' Meeting               | Parlor                |

#### Wednesday, 11/25

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| 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Child Care Babies<br>(inform church if you need childcare) | Nursery         |
| 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. | *Dinner  | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:20 p.m.        | Thanksgiving Eve Service                                   | Fellowship Hall |

Menu: Buffet with ham & turkey sandwiches, cheese, fruit, vegetable trays & brownies

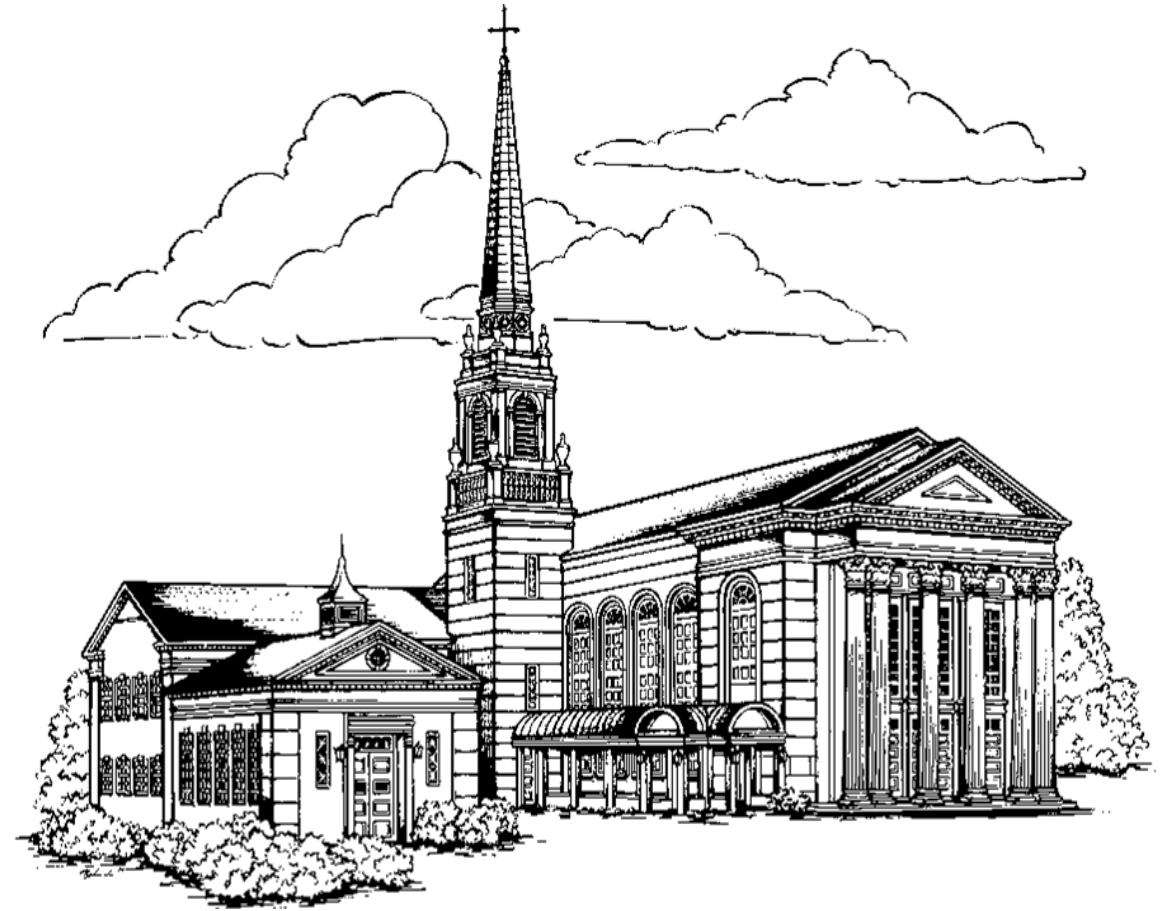
**RSVP by noon Monday**

#### Extended Sessions:

**November 22: Bed Babies:** M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall & Spencer Hall

**November 29: Bed Babies:** Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kevin Brown **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

# First Baptist Church Lexington, N.C.



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**PAUL FREEMAN**  
Minister of Music

**JEAN ASHLEY**  
Martha Best Children's Center Director





### Food Boxes

It is time once again for our Sunday School mission project—food boxes for needy families in our community. We hope individuals and classes will contribute. All checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. The deadline for contributions is Sunday December 13. Boxes will be delivered on Wednesday, December 16. Please contact Peggy Barnhardt or Tommy Wilson if you are interested in helping box food items or delivering boxes.

### Pennies from Heaven

The annual Pennies from Heaven Campaign benefits Crisis Ministry. The collection jar is located in the church office and in the Fellowship Hall during our Family Nights.



### Sanctuary Poinsettias



Poinsettias will be placed in the church each Sunday during the season of Advent. If you are interested call the church office, (245-1261). Wednesday, November 25th is the last date to order for the Advent Season.

### Notes from the Media Center

Our Church library has a wealth of books about Christmas - both for children and adults. Come in and check these out!



### Operation Christmas Child

We provided 65 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through your faithfulness and generosity. These boxes will soon be on the way to children around the world to provide Christmas joy and light. Thank you for making a difference.



## Birthday Party for Jesus



**Sunday, December 6**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Children's Fellowship Hall**

This year's party will be during Sunday school and extended session. Your child's Sunday school teachers will lead the games and crafts so that you can attend your Sunday school class and worship.

We will have games, crafts, snacks, stories, and music. This year we are asking that each child bring a **new pair of pajamas** in sizes newborn to child's xl. Please bring them wrapped and marked with gender and size. These pajamas will be donated to IAMJ3 a local organization that provides needed items to foster families here in Davidson county.

<http://iamj3.org/>

### Young People Away

Please be aware of our young people away coming home for Thanksgiving and give them a big **Welcome!**



### Global Missions Offering

It is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions. You have a Mission envelope in your packet or just mark your check for CBF Global Mission Offering. May we give so others can serve.

### Christmas Advent Events

Saturday, December 5      First Baptist Church Sanctuary 5:00 p.m.  
Welcome to December Concert by the Lexington Choral Society

Sunday, December 6      First United Methodist Church 3:00 p.m.  
Community Christmas Candlelight Concert

Tuesday, December 8      The Life Center of DC 3:00 p.m.  
Candlelight and Carols