

# *The Worship of God*

August 20, 2017

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## The Gathering

“This epistle of St. Peter is also one of the noblest books in the New Testament; it is the genuine and pure Gospel.”  
Martin Luther

**Prelude** “Voluntary” William Walond

**Choral Introit** “Holy Spirit, Light Divine” arr. Freeman  
Opening of the Bible Jazmine Bishop

**Call to Worship** Drew  
Lingerfelt

Leader: Come, let us bow before the name of Jesus.

**People: We will gather and proclaim God’s greatness!**

Leader: Come, let us feel God’s mercy.

**People: We will come and live in God’s light.**

Leader: Come, let us sing God’s praises,

**People: as we lift up the sweetest name on earth!**

**Hymn No. 509** “O, How I Love Jesus” O, HOW I LOVE JESUS  
Lighting of the Christ Candle

## The Children’s Time

## Christian Greetings

**Old Testament Lesson** Psalm 40: 1-8

**Hymn No. 517** “The Solid Rock” SOLID ROCK

## Call to Confession

Minister: God of mercy and grace, forgive us when we cry for peace on earth . .

**People: but sometimes wage war in our own cruel ways.**

Minister: When we seek community and love. .

**People: but then offer only small parts of ourselves.**

Minister: When we are afraid,

**People: Strengthen us to bravely reach out to others.**

Minister: When we are angry,

**People: Love us that we may be kind and forgiving.**

Minister: When we are sad,

**People: Comfort us that we may seek new joy.**

Minister: When we doubt,

**People: Encourage us with your steadfast faithfulness.**

Minister: Guide us to walk in your ways,

**People: that we may truly love and accept other, even as we have been loved and accepted by you.**

## Morning Prayer followed by the Lord’s Prayer

## New Testament Lesson

I Peter 2: 9-11

**Anthem** “Two Hymn Settings” arr. by Moses Hogan  
*I Surrender All – I Need Thee Every Hour*

**Sermon** “This World Is Not My Home” Dr. Ray N. Howell III

**Hymn No. 576** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” ASSAM

**Offertory Prayer** Greg Briggs

**The Offertory** “Amazing Grace” arr. Janet Linker

**Doxology No. 809** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings” OLD HUNDREDTH

**Choral Benediction** “Let Others See Jesus In You” arr. Freeman

**Postlude** “Sanctus” F. Couperin

# **First Baptist Church**

## **Lexington, NC**

**Today's Lay Reader is Don Watson**

### **Today's Service**

Beverly Khemlani, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

### **Upcoming Events**

Prayer Ministry	Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room
Coffee and Fellowship	Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
FBC Block Party	September 10
Wednesday Night Kickoff with Matthew Weaver and Clay Lunsford	September 13
Riverdale	September 17
"The Class" led by Ray and Meagan	September 10, 17, & 24

### **Annual Meeting This Wednesday**

Our Annual Meeting will be this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will hear financial updates, approve the report of the Nominating Committee and hear exciting reports on upcoming events for the new church year.

### **Education Sunday August 27**

Educators from the city and county schools have been invited to join us for worship next Sunday. We will welcome new teachers to our community and affirm all of our educators as they prepare for the school year. A part of the service will be a "Blessing of the Book Bags" for all students. Following the service, we invite you to stay for refreshments.

### **Wednesday Night Reservations**

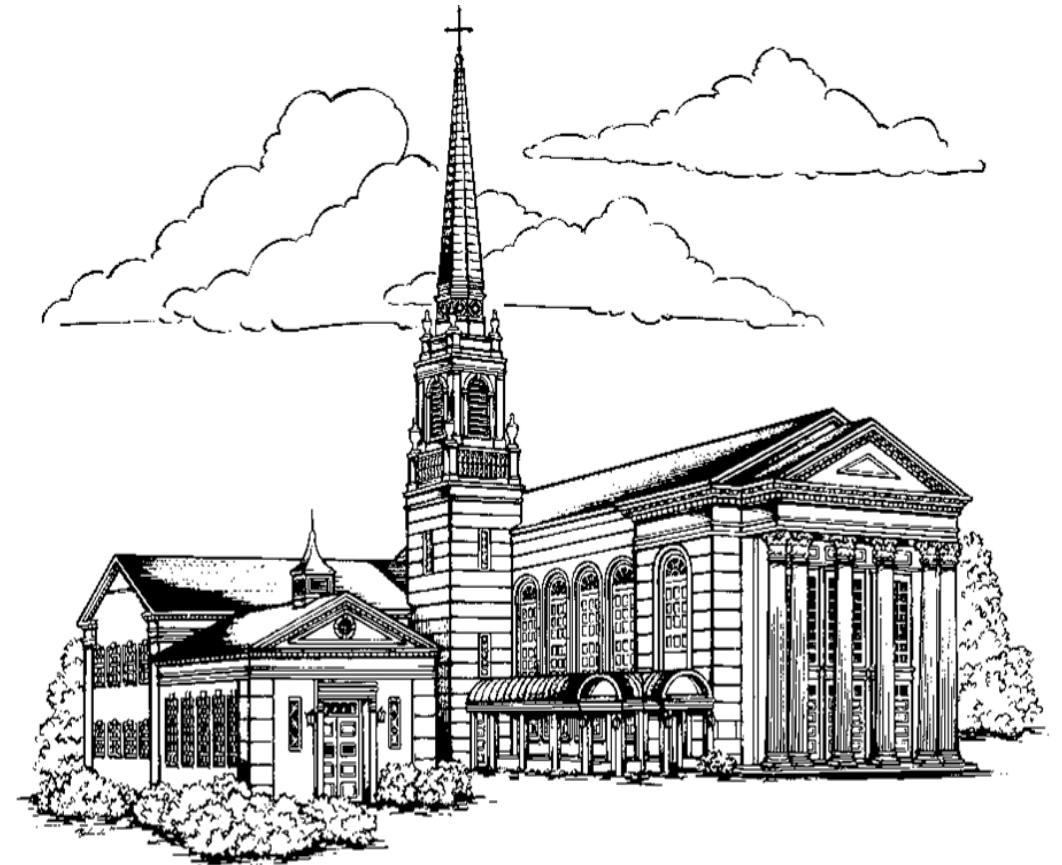
Make your Wednesday night reservations by emailing [wednesday@fbclex.org](mailto:wednesday@fbclex.org). You can also call the church office at (336)245-1261, extension 102. Reservations can now be made for our kickoff on September 13 with Matthew Weaver and Clay Lunsford.

**Extended Sessions: August 20: Bed Babies-M/M Nathan Houser: Toddler/2 Year-Olds- Sandra Blackwelder/Crystal Alexander: 3 and 4 Year-Olds-Brenda Sprinkle/Sarah Hall/Spencer Hall**

**August 27: Bed Babies-Jen Fuller Allen/Brooke Williams: Toddler/2 Year-Olds-M/M Kevin Brown: 3 and 4 year-olds-Margaret Ann Maddox/Whitney Brooks**

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