

The Worship of God

April 1, 2018 *Easter Sunday*

The Gathering

All who encounter the Risen One whether gently roused by the sunrise or surprised by the sudden burst of joy will join the Resurrection Procession one by one, slipping into step, some of us singing, some of us silently soaking it in, and all of us feeling like dancing.
Alleluia! Christ is risen, risen indeed!

Children are invited to receive their “Alleluia Bell” in the Vestibule

Prelude “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” arr. David Lasky

Anthem of Resurrection Praise “Alleluia, Christ Is Alive” Joel Raney
Opening of the Bible Jordyn Young
Lighting of the Christ Candle Hannah Finch

Celebration of Christian Baptism Ryan and Parker Fowler

Hymn of Joy No. 254 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” ODE TO JOY

Easter Greetings

Easter Proclamation Zoey Mize
Leader: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!
People: Break forth into joy! Sing together! God comforts those whose hearts are broken, God lifts us up from our despair.
Leader: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning!
People: For God has raised Christ from the grave! The tomb is empty! Death has been defeated! Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn of Proclamation No. 243 “Christ Is Alive”
TRUO

Offertory Prayer Alan Williams

The Offertory “Offertory from An Easter Suite” Gordon Young

The Gloria Patri No. 805 GREATOREX

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 108: 1-6

Easter Prayer

Gospel Lesson Mark 16: 1-8

Anthem “Lest I Forget Thy Love” Craig Courtney

Sermon “Look to the Right” Dr. Ray N. Howell III

Hymn of Celebration No. 250 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LLANFAIR

Choral Benediction “For Thine Is The Kingdom” arr. Freeman

Postlude “Toccata from Fifth Symphony” Charles Marie Widor

Today’s Lay Readers are Harrison and Ethan Fulbright

Musicians for Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani – Organist Bill Harbinson –
Trumpet
Jon Myers – Trumpet Tommy Brendel – Trombone
Seth McKnight – Trombone Wes Richardson – Tuba

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Nathan Houser and his family in the death of his father Paul Houser of Lincolnton, NC on March 23.

Celebrating New Life

We are celebrating three births with rosebuds in the vestibule. Congratulations to Kate and Peter Sheehan in the birth of Elizabeth Beirne Sheehan on March 12. Proud grandparents are Tina and Sterling Wall. Congratulations to Anna and Reed Phillips in the birth of Samuel Reed Phillips on March 17. Proud grandparents are Charlotte and Johnny Beck. Congratulations to Michelle and Joe Colandro in the birth of Alex Henry Colandro on March 24. Proud grandparents are Sharon and Phil Mickey.

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Walk, Run, Ride on April 14

Join the FBC Walk Team for the annual Cancer Services 5K Walk on Saturday morning, April 14 at DCCC. There is a \$30 registration fee that includes a T-Shirt and food, but most importantly it gives cancer patients hope for life! Forms are available in the church office.

Meagan Smith Ordination on April 14

You are cordially invited to attend the ordination of Meagan Smith into the Gospel Ministry on Saturday afternoon, April 14, at 3 p.m. in our sanctuary. A reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

This Week at First Baptist

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room
Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor

Office closed on Easter Monday and all weekly activities are canceled.

Easter Lily Dedication

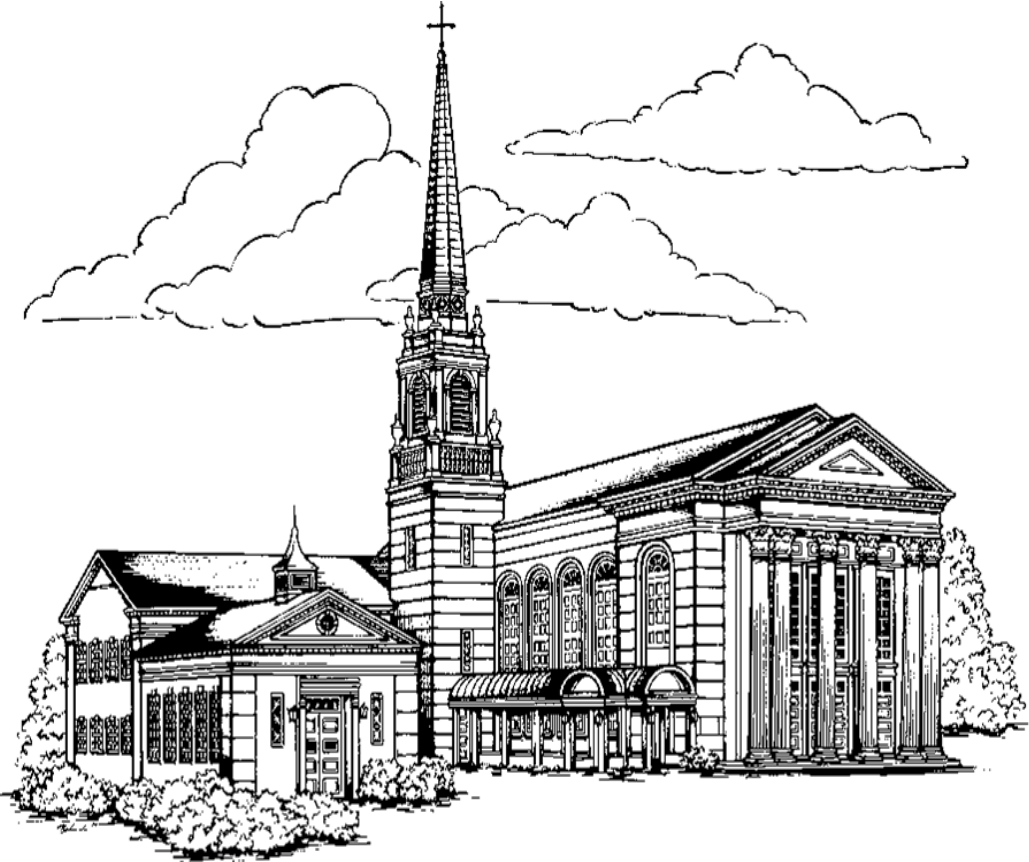
In memory of Eloise S. Bates by Bill, Beth, Grayson & Taylor
In memory of Betty G. Bunce by Bill, Beth, Grayson & Taylor
In memory of Paul Miller (Kelly's father) by Kelly Lambeth and Family
In memory of their parents by Sterling and Tina Wall
In memory of Hazel Frady's Family by Hazel Frady
In memory of Harry & Sarah Hartley by William and Melinda Hartley
In memory of L. Earl & Mary Jennings by William and Melinda Hartley
In memory of Jack and Louise Michael by Tim and Lisa Michael
In memory of Evelyn Tate by The Bob Tate Family

In honor of Hazel Frady by The Sterling Wall Family
In honor of Carol Jean Wall by Sterling and Tina Wall

SAVE THE DATE: Homecoming Sunday, April 29, 2018: Service at 11 a.m.
Special Guest Minister: Tracy Fulbright Love
Special Music by Fulbright Family starting at 10:30 a.m.
Old-Fashioned Church Covered Dish following the service

Extended Sessions:

April 1st- Anna Raye Tate
April 8th- **Bed Babies**-Libby Foster/Courtney Foster **Toddler/2-Year Olds**-M/M Dale Lambeth **3 and 4-Year Olds**- Donna Bishop/Ben Bishop/Ann Bishop



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