

*The Worship of God*

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

The Gathering

“Never once did Jesus scan the room for the best example of holy living and send that person out to tell others about him. He always sent stumblers and sinners. I find that comforting.”

Nadia Bolz-Weber

Pre-Service Music

Jane Hedrick

Announcements as we prepare for worship

Prelude

“Beautiful Savior”

arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Choral Introit

Were You There.....

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Opening of the Bible Maddox

Cameron

Call to Worship

Hailey Walker

Leader: We are the body of Christ.

People: We are part of Church Universal. Faithful people gathered to love and serve God.

Leader: We have found a welcoming presence.

People: Thanks be to God who has welcomed each one of us!

Leader: Let us extend that same loving welcome to all people.

People: For only together can we find wholeness as the Body of Christ.

Hymn No. 708

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children’s Time

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 56: 3-8

Hymn No. 437

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Beck

Reading

“Table Blessing”

Whitney Brooks

By Jan L. Richardson

Morning Prayer

Anthem

“Psalm 130”

MANZ

New Testament Lesson

John 2: 13-25

Sermon

“Tables”

Meagan Smith

Hymn No. 697

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

Offertory Prayer

Kim Lingerfelt

The Offertory

“O Stainless Lamb of God”

J.S. Bach

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Choral Benediction

“Near The Cross”

Fanny Crosby

Postlude

Postlude in G

Gerald Peterson

Today’s Lay Reader is Debbie Tate

Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

No Bible Study This Week

The Bible Study on the parables will resume the week of March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Debbie Auman and her family in the death of her father Kenneth Fisher of Lancaster, Pennsylvania on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **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
Monday at 1:00 p.m.	Frady/Johnson Mission Group in the Conference Room
Today at 5 p.m.	Youth Choir in the Music Suite
Today at 6 p.m.	Snack Supper followed by Youth
Activities	
Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.	Adult Senior Choir in the Music Suite
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir in the Music Suite

### **Family Night Dinner**

Join us as we discuss and practice prayer. The menu will be spaghetti (angel hair) with sauce and meatballs or cheese ravioli with sauce (meatless option) with garlic bread, assorted salads, and dessert. Please make your reservations by noon on Monday.

### **Church Pictorial Directories Have Arrived!!**

You can pick up your new directory after the service today in the library. They are also available in the office during the week.

### **TDCWL**

There is a meeting tomorrow evening at 5:30 in the fellowship hall for anyone interested in learning about some of the strength and stamina projects. There are also sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall for other projects. Touching Davidson County With Love is fast approaching, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We need your help for a variety of projects. See Judy LeCroy, Kay Albright or Tobin Shepherd for more information.

### **144 Challenge – Money Tree Fundraiser**

Help support our youth as they travel to Belize this summer by participating in the 144 Challenge! There are envelope trees in the sanctuary and fellowship hall with envelopes numbered from 1 to 144. Please consider taking an envelope with an amount you are able to give.

### **Extended Sessions:**

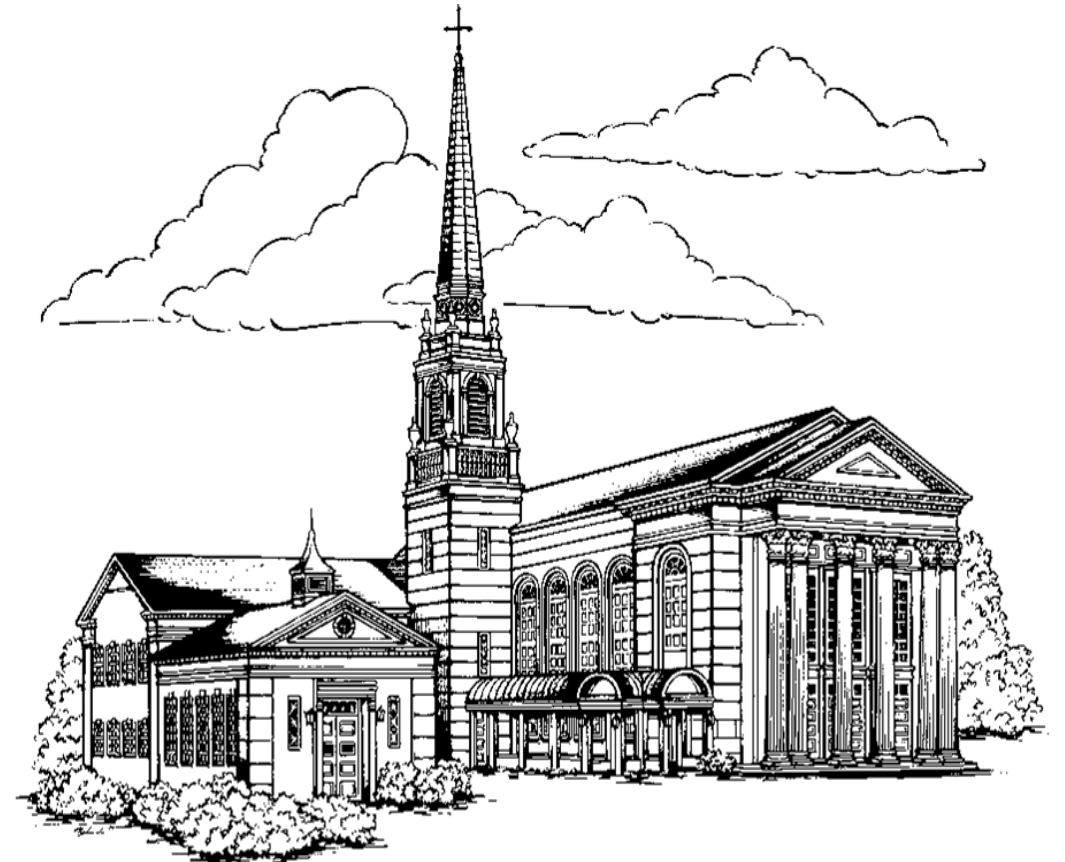
March 4<sup>th</sup> **Bed Babies** –M/M Jon Myers **Toddler/2 Year-Olds** –Wendy Skotthy **3 and 4-Year Olds** – Alyson Honeycutt/Grace Upton  
March 11<sup>th</sup> **Bed Babies** – M/M Kyle Kepley **Toddler/2 Year-Olds** –M/M Thomas Jolly **3 and 4-Year Olds** – Katie Hartley/Kelly Wright

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