

The Worship of God

April 22, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Gathering

Once the scales have fallen from one's eyes, once one has seen and believed that reality is put together in such a fashion that one is profoundly united to and interdependent with all other beings, everything is changed. One has a sense of belonging to the earth, having a place in it along with all other creatures, and loving it more than one ever thought possible.

Sallie McFague

Pre-Service Music

Davidson County Chamber Winds

Announcements as we prepare for Worship

Prelude “What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Don Phillips

Choral Introit “Glory Be to God the Father” arr. Paul Freeman

Opening of the Bible

Jake Brown

Call to Worship Hailey Walker

Leader: Come, let us dwell in God's shelter.

People: Let us dwell in God's work of art.

Leader: Come, because the earth is the Lord's, and God's earth is our home.

People: We live in God's world; we are not alone.

Leader: We share this life with the heavens and the earth, with the waters and the land, with trees and grasses, with fish, birds, and animals, with minerals and creatures of every form, and with all our brothers and sisters.

People: God is good and everything God makes is good.

Hymn No. 2 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” NICA EA

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:24-31

New Testament Lesson

John 1:1-5

Musical Selection	“On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss”	David Holsinger
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Hymn No. 45 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

Morning Prayer Dr. David Whiteman

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Sermon "Connected in Creation" Rev. Meagan Smith

Hymn No. 353 “For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX

Offertory Prayer Lane Gilliam

The Offertory “Holy Spirit, Light Divine” arr. Alice Jordan

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Choral Benediction “Glorify Your Name” arr. Paul Freeman

Postlude “God of Grace and God of Glory” arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

Today's Lay Reader is Brenda Hipp

Musicians for Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani – Organist Davidson County Chamber Winds
The Sanctuary Choir

Budget Update

Received last week \$6,516

Year-to-date deficit \$33,301.07 as of March 31st

Today is Budget Catch-Up Day!

This Week at First Baptist

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.
Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Today at 5 p.m.
Today at 6 p.m.
Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.
Thursday at 7 p.m.

Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room
Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor
Youth Choir
Snack Supper followed by Youth Activities
Senior Adult Choir in the Music Suite
Children Activities
Sanctuary Choir in the Music Suite
Handbell Choir in Handbell Room

Created to Create

All children are invited to join us this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a Messy Art Party! Wear clothes you can get messy and come celebrate Earth Day by creating art together.

Women's Fellowship

Please come join us for a time of fellowship on Saturday, April 28th at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. It's an exciting time as FBC women are interested in finding ways to get together and possibly do projects, bible study, etc. If you are able, please bring a brunch dish. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Houser or Debbie Auman.

First Baptist Academy on Wednesday

This Wednesday we continue to offer a class on Art Journaling led by Whitney Brooks which will be held in the Rochelle Baker SS classroom, a class on the parables led by Ray Howell which will be held in the fellowship hall, or Chrismon classes in Chrismon room.

Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Assorted Salads, and Dessert

Children: Same

Extended Sessions:

April 22th-**Bed Babies**-Wendy Skotthy, **Toddler/2-Year Olds**-M/M Bryan Lingerfelt,
3 and 4-Year Olds-M/M Dale Frank

April 29th- **Bed Babies**- M/M Richard Baxley **Toddler/2-Year Olds**-M/M Zak Young
3 and 4-Year Olds- Ray Nance Howell & Tori Houser

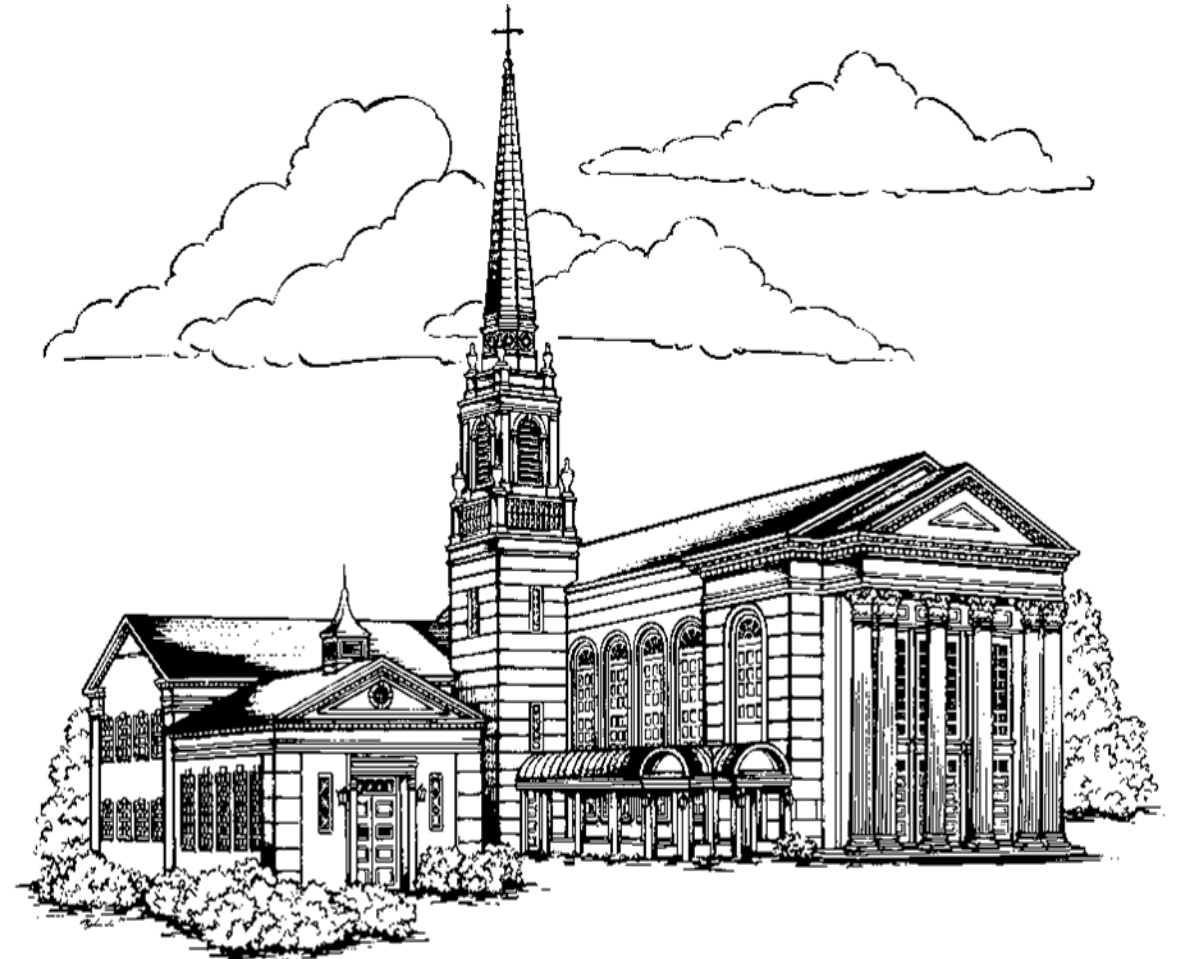
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