

The Worship of God

September 8, 2019

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

We don't go to church. We are the church! We gather in this sanctuary grateful for this fellowship that accepts us as we are, seeks to nourish our growth, and blesses us with God's redemptive presence. We are the church, the body of Christ—let us worship God.

Prelude

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

Jeanne Shaffer

Choral Introit

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

ST. MARGARET

Opening of the Bible

Daisy Ward

Call to Worship

Jenna Young

Leader: In mutual compassion and authentic love,

People: We gather as the family of God.

Leader: We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives,

People: To build up this community of faith.

Leader: We bring our songs of praise and joy,

People: As we sing to Jesus, our great Savior!

Leader: We sing to Jesus, our great friend!

Hymn No. 89

"Our Great Savior!"

HYRYDOL

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings

Feature

"Backpack Program at South Lexington School"

Julia Dunn

Hymn No. 429

"Let Your Heart Be Broken"

WYE VALLEY

Scripture Lesson		Romans 12: 3-13
Morning Prayer		
Gospel Lesson		Luke 2: 41-52
Anthem	"Make A Joyful Noise"	Betty Jane Honeycutt
Sermon	"We Are the Church"	Dr. Ray Howell III
Hymn No. 514	"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"	ASSURANCE
Offertory Prayer		Tobin Shepherd
The Offertory	"Chime Prelude"	Raymond Herbek
Doxology		OLD HUNDREDTH
Congregational Benediction No. 696	"The Bond of Love"	BOND OF LOVE
<i>We are one in the bond of love; We are one in the bond of love. We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God; We are one in the bond of love.</i>		
Postlude	"Trumpet Tune"	George Telemann
Today's Lay Reader is Kathy Hinkle		

Music for Today's Service	
Beverly Khemlani, Organist	Sanctuary Choir
Welcome New Members	
Last Sunday we joyfully welcomed Mark, Crystal, Dustin, and Joe Leonard into the fellowship of our church. They join us on transfer of letter from the Jersey Baptist Church.	

This Week at First Baptist

Today at 9 a.m.
Today at 9:30 a.m.
Today at 10 a.m.
Today at 2 p.m.
Today at 4:30 p.m.
Today at 6 p.m.

Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room
Coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
"The Gathering" in the Fellowship Hall
Book Lovers Club in the Library led by Kay Albright
Belize Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
Youth Snack Supper followed by Youth Group

Church Budget

The month of September is a time for us to focus on our church as a loving Christian family. The operation of our church depends on your faithfulness. We need over \$15,000 per Sunday to reach our church budget for 2019. We are the church! May we be faithful to God because he is always faithful to us.

FBC Family Dinner

Join us next Sunday, September 15 at 6 p.m. for a true family dinner. The children will be finishing Faith Factory and the Youth will be getting ready for Youth Group. We want to spend time together, children, youth, and adults. The Randy Hall Sunday School Class is providing hot dogs and the youth are providing chips and drinks. Please bring your favorite dessert! Do let us know if you are coming so we can be prepared.

FBC Fellowship Night

Join us for a special evening of fun and fellowship on Wednesday, September 18. Our deacons will prepare our meal. Please let us know if you are coming so we can be prepared.

Bible Studies

Our Monday night/Tuesday morning Bible Study will begin on September 30 and October 1. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday night and 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. The Women of the Word Bible Study will begin on Monday and Tuesday, September 16/17 at First Presbyterian Church.

September 8th **Bed Babies-** Libby and Courtney Foster
2-4 Year Olds- Wendy Skotthy/Alyson Honeycutt/Grace Upton

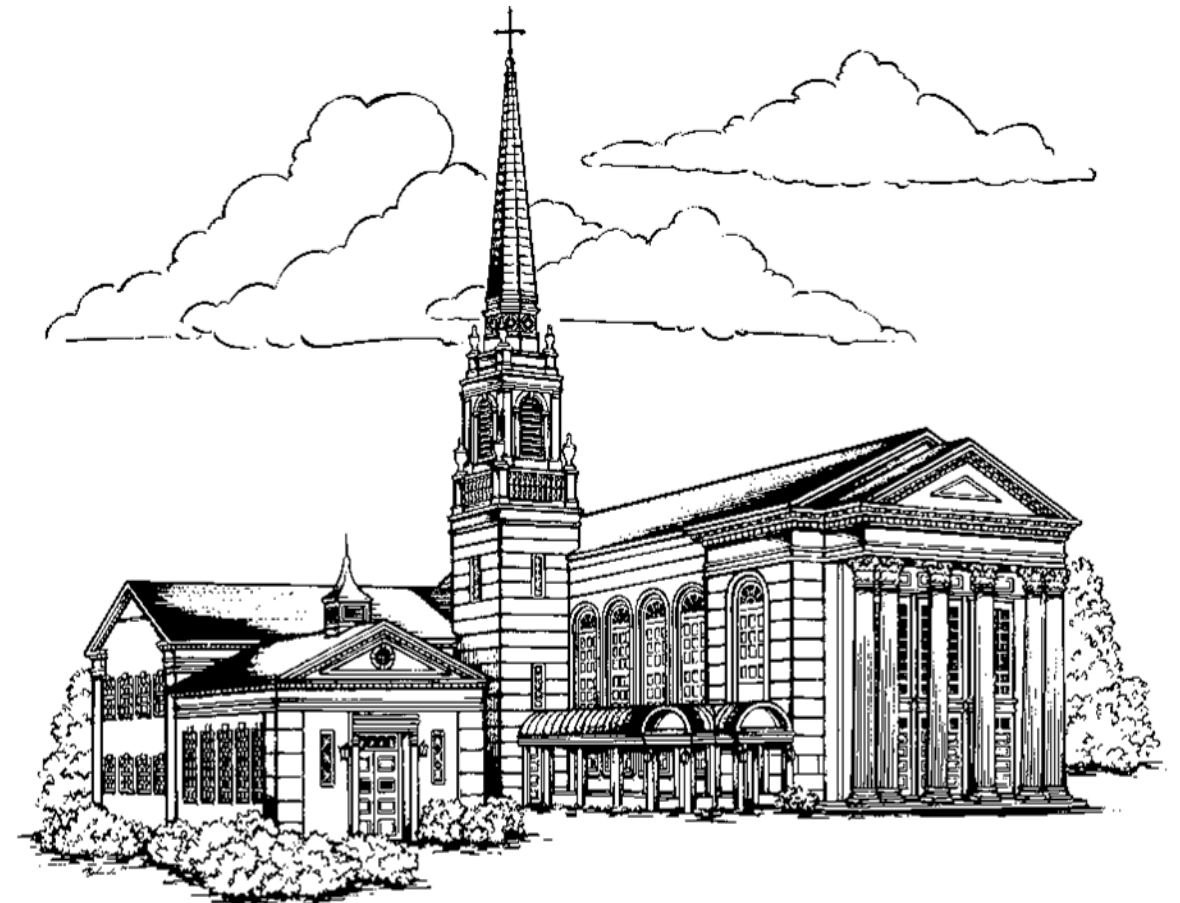
September 15th **Bed Babies-** M/M Richard Baxley
2-4 Year Olds- M/M Cory Kehl

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