

The Worship of God		
November 24, 2019	Thanksgiving Sunday	
The Gathering		
“We gather together with hearts of Thanksgiving as we celebrate the ministry of Baptist Children’s Homes sharing hope and changing lives. Come, ye thankful people come. Let us worship the God of hope and new creation!”		
Prelude	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	arr. Don Phillips
Choral and Congregational Introit No. 536	“Open Our Eyes, Lord”	arr. Allen
Opening of the Bible		Cayden McCarthy
Call to Worship		Luke Thornhill
Leader: To the Thanksgiving table of plenty, People: Come, ye thankful people, come! Leader: To the kitchen where familiar hands prepare with love, People: Come, ye thankful people, come! Leader: To the farm where calloused hands plant and tend, People: Come, ye thankful people, come! Leader: To the rich earth, where roots stretch and seeds grow, People: Come, ye thankful people, come! Leader: To this service of worship and praise of the God of creation, People: Come, ye thankful people, come!		
Hymn No. 381	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”	ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
Lighting the Christ Candle		
The Children’s Time		Jen Fuller-Allen
Christian Greetings		Lewie Phillips

Introduction of Guest Preacher		Julia Dunn
Old Testament Lesson		Psalms 100
Morning Prayer		
Hymn No. 376	“We Gather Together”	KREMSER
New Testament Lesson		Mark 5: 21-43
Solo	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	DIX
Sermon	“A Reclaimed Child”	Jim Edminson
Hymn No. 60	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	FAITHFULNESS
Offertory Prayer		Harrison Fulbright
The Offertory	“May the Mind of Christ”	C. Barham Gould
Doxology		OLD HUNDREDTH
Choral Benediction	“Go Forth For God”	Kenneth Duke
Postlude	“Now Thank We All Our God”	arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Today’s Lay Reader is Vinnon Williams

Music for Today’s Service

Peggy Barnhardt, Organist	Will Tate, Soloist	Sanctuary Choir
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Welcome Jim Edminson

We welcome Jim Edminson to our pulpit today. Jim is the Assistant to the President at Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina and is the Editor of *Charity and Children*.

This Week at First Baptist

Today at 9 a.m.
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Today at 9:30 a.m.
Today at 7 p.m.
Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room
Finance/Budget joint meeting in Parlor
Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor
Deacons meeting in the Parlor
Sanctuary Choir in the Music Suite

Christmas Food Boxes

Our annual Christmas Food Boxes will be packed and delivered on Wednesday, December 11. We will be providing food boxes for 60 local families with school-age children. Financial support is needed as well as help on December 11. Contact Jim Honeycutt or Peggy Barnhardt for more details.

Nine Lessons and Carols Meal—December 15

We invite you to join the choir and orchestra following the Nine Lessons on December 15 for a delicious meal. The cost is \$15 and reservations are necessary.

Birthday Party for Jesus and Children's Nativity

Children will gather in the Children's Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 8 at 10 a.m. for the Birthday Party for Jesus. Please bring a pair of new pajamas for the IAMJ3 Ministry. Join our children Sunday evening, December 8, for a Children's Nativity in the Fellowship Hall. A meal and time of fellowship will follow including decorating Gingerbread Houses.

Childcare for Nine Lessons and Christmas Eve

Please let us know if you need childcare for the Nine Lessons on December 15 or Christmas Eve. Please contact us so we can make appropriate arrangements.

The Church Office and MBCC will be closed on November 28th and 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.

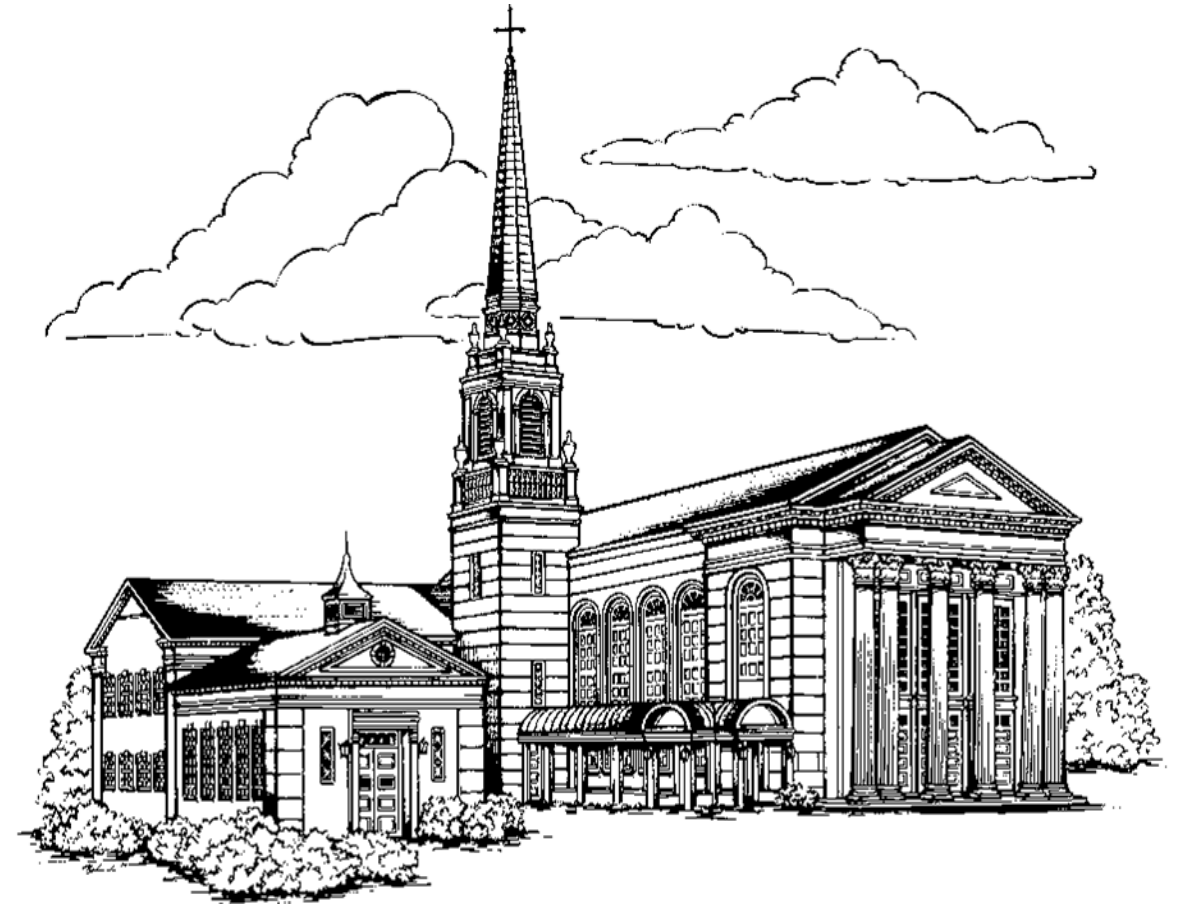
November 24th **Bed Babies-** M/M Jon Myers
 2-4 Year Olds- June Honeycutt/Lori Gilliam
December 1st **Bed Babies-** Katie Hartley/Kelly Wright
 2-4 Year Olds- Ray Nance Howell/Anna Raye Tate

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