

The Worship of God		
February 23, 2020	Last Sunday after the Epiphany	
The Gathering		
Worship is real. It is directed by God and empowered by His Holy Spirit. So rejoice in this place! God has brought us to this hour and He has promised to meet us here.		
Family Matters Sunday School Class Focus	Kim Lingerfelt	
Prelude	“Prelude on Hyfrydol”	Rowland Prichard
Choral Introit		
Opening of the Bible	Ella Rae Howell	
Call to Worship		
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”	HYFRYDOL
Lighting of the Christ Candle		
The Children’s Time		
Christian Greetings		
Open Door Sunday School Class Focus	Josh Boyle	
Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 18: 1-5	

Morning Prayer		
Gospel Lesson	John 15: 12-17	
Mission Emphasis	Newell Davis	
Hymn No. 622	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	CONVERSE
Offertory Prayer	Harrison Fulbright	
The Offertory	“Orison”	Douglas Wagner
The Gloria Patri	GREATOREX	
Anthem	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	Gilbert Martin
Sermon	“I Have a Friend”	Dr. Ray Howell III
Hymn No. 514	“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”	ASSURANCE
Choral Benediction		
Postlude	“Moderato”	J. Blied

Today’s Lay Reader is Jim Honeycutt		
Musicians for Today’s Service		
Beverly Khemlani, Organist	Sanctuary Choir	

Bible Study on Acts Continues Monday and Tuesday

Our Winter Bible Study will meet this week as we continue our study on the book of Acts. Join us at 7 on Monday night or 10:30 on Tuesday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week at First Baptist

Today at 9 a.m.
Today at 9:30 a.m.
Today at 4:30 p.m.
Today at 6 p.m.
Today at 7 p.m.
Monday at 7 p.m.
Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Prayer Ministry - Conference Room
Coffee and fellowship - Second Floor
Faith Factory- Second Floor
Snack Supper followed by Youth Group
Deacons- Church Parlor
Bible Study- Fellowship Hall
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Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Music Suite

Soup and Sandwich Lunch on March 8

Our youth are preparing for their summer mission trip to Belize. Join us for Joyce's delicious vegetable soup and sandwiches with homemade desserts following the worship service on March 8. You can make reservations today. Please consider donating a dessert for this special event. If you have already volunteered, thank you. You can bring the desserts to the fellowship hall on the morning of March 8. Please contact Carol Frank if you can help.

Riverdale Next Sunday

Next Sunday we will travel to Riverdale through a narrative titled: "Snow White Dove." The narrative will be accompanied by Brannon Gilliam and Lee Spears who will sing "Drifting Too Far From the Shore" and "Wings of a Dove." The Sanctuary Choir will lead into the narrative by singing "Shenandoah."

Community Lenten Services

First United Methodist Church will be hosting the Community Lenten Services each Wednesday at noon during the Lenten season. A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will follow each service. Donations will be accepted for the meal. This year's offering will benefit Open Hands Ministry. The services begin this Wednesday with an Ash Wednesday Service.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Ray and Joyce will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 25 – March 7, 2021. Details on the trip and enrollment forms are now available in the church office.

Touching Davidson County with Love is April 4

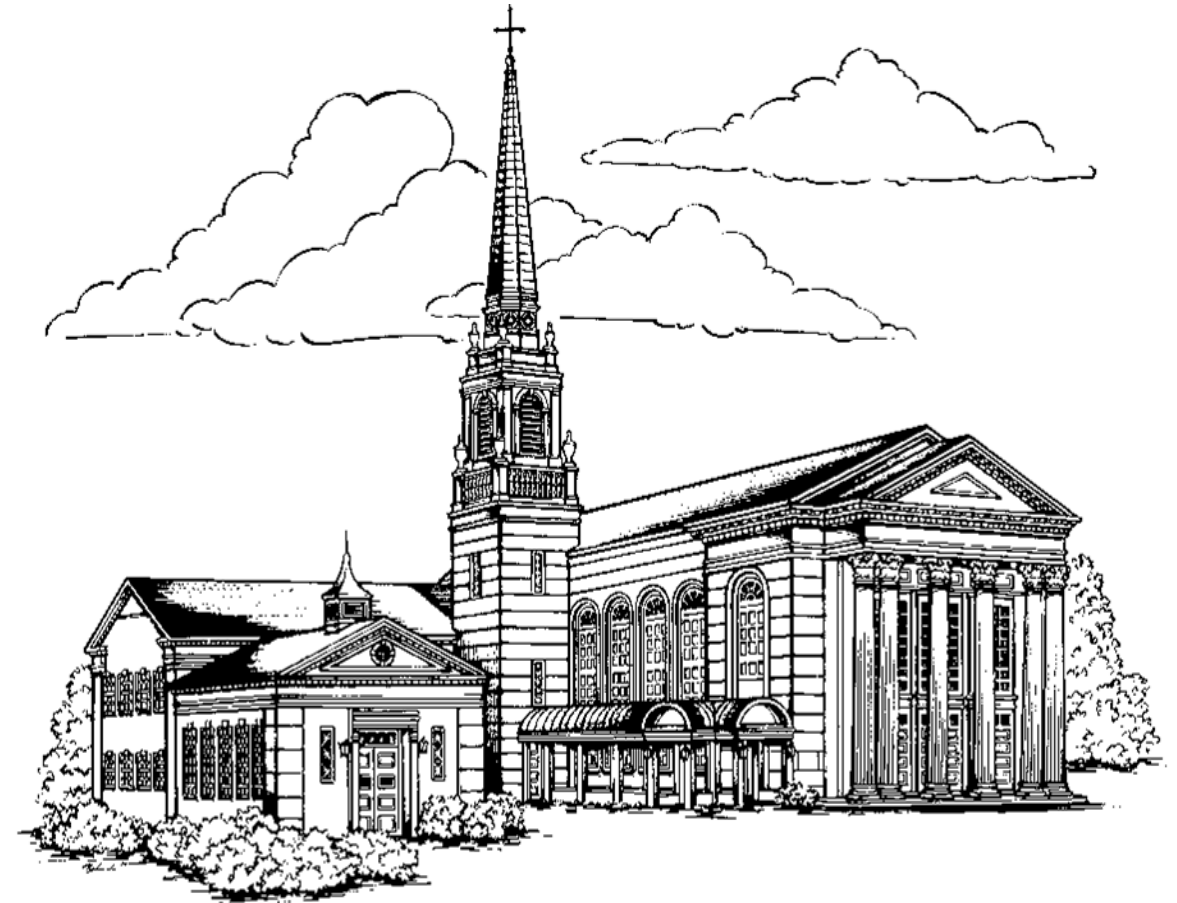
February 23rd **Bed Babies-** Donna Routh/Wendy Walker
2-4 Year Olds- M/M Dale Lambeth

March 1st **Bed Babies-** M/M Richard Baxley
2-4 Year Olds- Sandra Blackwelder/Crystal Alexander

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