

## The Worship of God

October 1, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Gathering

To all who are weary and in need of rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who feel lost and worthless and wonder if God even cares;  
To all who fall and desire victory;  
To all who sin and need a Savior;  
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;  
And to whoever else will come,  
This church opens wide her doors  
And offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Prelude** "Christ for The World We Sing" Italian Hymn

**Choral Introit**  
Opening of the Bible Lane Hopkins

### Call to Worship

Minister: Come, we that love the Lord!  
**People: And let our joys be known.**  
Minister: Join in a song with sweet accord,  
**People: As we march through Emmanuel's ground,**  
Minister: Come, we that love the Lord!  
**People: And let our joys be known.**

**Hymn No 22** "Come, We That Love the Lord" ST. THOMAS  
**Lighting the Christ Candle**

### The Children's Time

### Christian Greetings

**Old Testament Lesson** Psalm 145

### Morning Prayer

**Hymn No. 621** "I Must Tell Jesus" ORWIGSBURG

**Offertory Prayer** "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

### The Offertory

### Doxology

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 5: 13-16

**Hymn No. 736** "Rescue the Perishing" RESCUE

**Sermon** "In It Together" Jim Edminson  
Mark 2: 1-13

**Anthem** "Lonesome Valley" Gilbert M. Martin

### Choral Benediction

**Postlude** "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" John Wesley

**Cheryl Wicker is our Lay Leader**  
**Marty Stanbery is our Organist**  
**The Sanctuary Choir is under the direction of Wes Richardson**

### Fall Bible Study

Fall Bible Study begins tomorrow night, Monday night, October 2, in the church Sanctuary. We will resume our study of the Gospel of Matthew. The study will continue for seven weeks and will be available on our YouTube Channel.

**Pierce Pettis Concert**  
**October 19 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

We are honored to have singer/songwriter Pierce Pettis to present a concert on October 19. Admission is free, but a love offering will be received.

# First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

## Worship Live Streaming

Our Tech Team has been hard at work to find an alternative to our radio ministry. We are pleased to announce that you can now call 833-659-9737 and listen to our Sunday morning worship service. When you call, you will have the option of pressing 1 and receiving a phone call when the live stream is ready. Or you can call during the week and listen to the previous Sunday's worship service. Thank you to our Tech Team for making this happen.

## Children's Ministry

Dear Church Members - we **NEED** your help!! Prior to COVID, we operated three rooms in our church nursery - Bed Babies, Toddlers & Twos, Three & Four Year Olds. Now we are only able to operate one room and we do not have enough volunteers to keep it staffed.

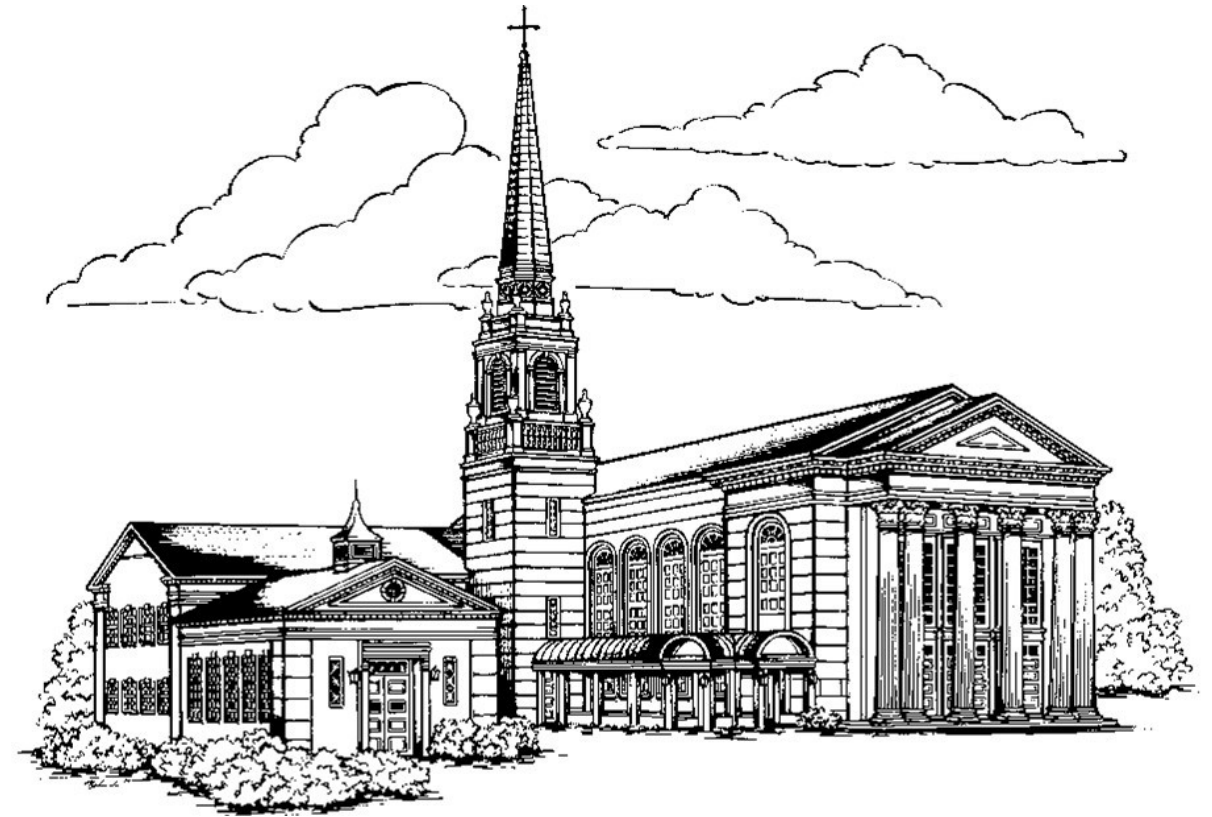
Right now, church nursery services are **provided for kids ages 0-5 only** due to space and volunteer limitations. All school age children are welcome in the Sanctuary and we have some new opportunities for big kids who may need a break during the service to step inside the vestibule for a break. If you are able to help in the nursery, please contact Jen Fuller Allen at [jen@lexingtonymca.com](mailto:jen@lexingtonymca.com). If you would like to help with school age children activities, please contact Eryn Myers at [jegwmyers@triad.rr.com](mailto:jegwmyers@triad.rr.com)

## Sunday School Attendance

September 24 98  
September 17 95

## Extended Session

**Today** Dave, Kristi, Mary Evann & Sarah Thornhill  
**October 8** Dan Hopkins & Jen Fuller Allen



**WES RICHARDSON**  
Minster of Music

**RAY HOWELL III**  
Senior Minister

**JIM TATE**  
Interim Business Administrator

**CARSON HUFF**  
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