

The Worship of God		
March 17, 2024	St. Patrick’s Day	
The Gathering		
<i>I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, the One in Three.</i> St. Patrick		
Prelude	“Celtic Blessing”	Jeff Parks
Christian Greetings		
Call to Worship		St. Patrick
Minister: Our God is the God of all, the God of heaven and earth, of the sea and of the rivers;		
People: <b>The God of the sun and of the moon and of all the stars; the God of the lofty mountains and of the lowly valleys.</b>		
Minister: Lord, be with us this day, within us to purify us; above us to draw us up;		
People: <b>Beneath us to sustain us; before us to lead us; behind us to restrain us; around us to protect us.</b>		
Hymn No. 384	“This Is My Father’s World”	TERRA BEATA
The Children’s Time		
Scripture Lesson		Ephesians 6: 10-20
St. Patrick Confession of Faith	“I Bind unto Myself Today”	No. 1
Hymn No. 543	“Christ Beside Me”	BUNESSAN
Offertory Prayer		Greg Briggs
The Offertory	"Just As I Am"	Joel Raney
Doxology		

Morning Prayer		
Hymn No. 48	“God of Creation, All Powerful”	SLANE
Homily	“The Man, The Myth, the Legend”	Ray N. Howell III
Hymn No. 532	“Be Thou My Vision”	SLANE
Anthem	“O Love”	Elaine Hagenberg
Cello Solo	“Gabriel’s Oboe”	Ennio Morricone
Anthem	“Shall We Gather at the River”	arr. Jay Rouse
Choral Benediction	“An Irish Blessing”	
Postlude	"Ah Holy Jesus"	Johann Cruger

Today’s Lay Reader is Connie Russell

Musicians for Today’s Service  
Alex Johnson, Cello  
Our Organist is Marty Stanbery  
Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church  
Sanctuary Choir of First United Methodist Church  
The Combined Choirs are under the direction  
of Wes Richardson & Lee Mabe

Habitat House Dedication Today

You are invited to a dedication of a Habitat House at 2 Robbins Circle this afternoon at 2 p.m. The house will be in memory of Brenda Houser. Brenda was very active in Habitat for Humanity, serving on the Board of Directors.

Winter Bible Study Will Conclude Tomorrow Night

The final session of the study of Ephesians will be Monday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The entire study is available on our YouTube Channel.

# ***First Baptist Church Lexington, NC***

## **Palm Sunday Next Week**

We will enter Holy Week next Sunday with the celebration of Palm Sunday. Children are invited to participate in the Parade of Palms at the beginning of the service. The choir has two beautiful anthems: "The Palms" by Faure and a Joseph Martin composition, "A Shadow Fell on Sharon's Rose."

## **Palm Sunday Community Celebration**

The Community Palm Sunday Community Celebration started in the 1970's under the leadership of Dr. Hoke Coon. We revived this great tradition a number of years ago and it is always a day of great joy and celebration. Following our Palm Sunday worship at the church, you will have the option of walking to the Square or driving over. The Community Service begins at 12:15 p.m.

## **Sunday School Attendance**

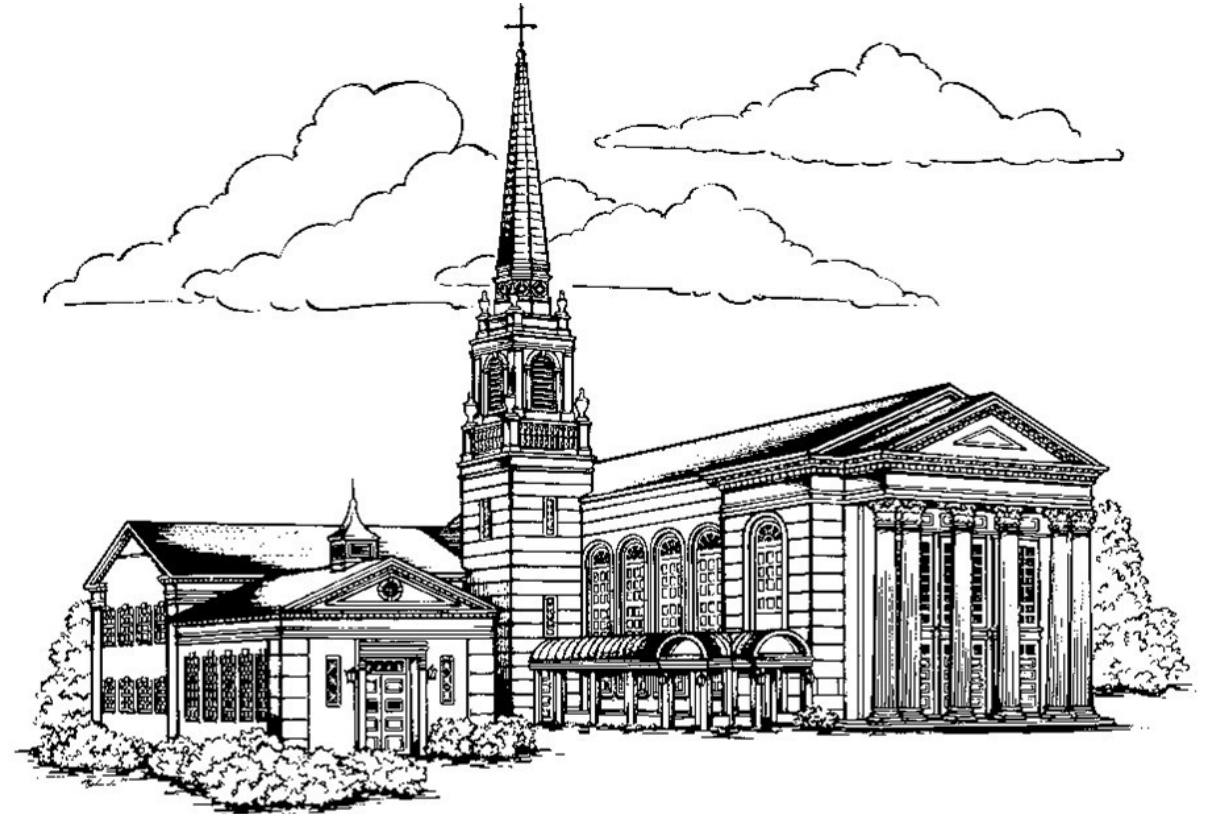
March 10	99
March 3	80

## **Extended Session**

<b>Today</b>	June Honeycutt & Margaret Ann Maddox
<b>March 24</b>	Jen & Elaine Allen

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