

## The Worship of God

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Gathering

In God's love and mercy,  
We are given each new day,  
To be blessed by God's steadfast love and faithfulness  
And to be a blessing by putting on love.

**Prelude** "St. George's Windsor" arr. Hal Hobson

### Choral Introit

### Call to Worship

Minister: We gather to worship God.

**People: Who loves us with an everlasting love.**

Minister: God loves us and showers us with mercy and grace.

**People: We come with grateful hearts for God's exceeding love.**

Minister: Love divine, all loves excelling.

**People: Joy of heaven to earth come down.**

**Hymn No. 558** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

### The Children's Time

### Christian Greetings

**Testimony** Carl Meola

**Hymn No. 696** "The Bond of Love" BOND OF LOVE

### Offertory Prayer

**The Offertory** "We Gather, We Praise" arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

### Doxology

**Scripture Lesson** Colossians 3:12-17

### Morning Prayer

**Hymn No. 486** "There's a Wideness In God's Mercy" WELLESLEY

**Sermon** "Put On Love" Ray Howell

**Anthem** "The Gift of Love" arr. Hal Hobson

**Postlude** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Johann Steurlein 1575

**Our Organist and Pianist is Marty Stanbery**  
**The Sanctuary Choir is under the direction of Wes Richardson**

### Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian Sympathy is extended to Don Watson and his family in the death of his wife, Deb Watson, who passed away on Sunday, November 10 in Cumberland, Maryland. There will be a memorial service for Deb in our Sanctuary on Saturday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m.

### Mary Huff to Speak on Wednesday

We will welcome Mary Huff back to our church this Wednesday, November 20. A catered meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30pm. The cost is \$10 and today is the deadline to make a reservation. Mary will speak on her mission work in Thailand. Her visit is sponsored by the Carolyn Phillips Group.

### Christmas Shoe Boxes

Operation Christmas Shoeboxes are due this week. Please bring your shoeboxes to the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the Family Matters Sunday School Class for leading this effort.

### Salvation Army Christmas Angels

Christmas Angels for the Salvation Army are ready to be adopted today. Thanks to Jean Ashely for coordinating this great ministry.

# **First Baptist Church**

## **Lexington, NC**

### **Quarterly Business Meeting**

Our quarterly business meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will vote on the 2025 Church Budget Proposal. Financial reports will be reviewed. Information will be given on two recommendations that will need congregational approval.

### **Nursery Workers Needed**

We continue to need volunteers to take care of the nursery on Sunday mornings. This vital service is needed as our church continues to grow. Please contact Dustin & McKenna Young if you are willing to serve.

### **Sunday School Attendance**

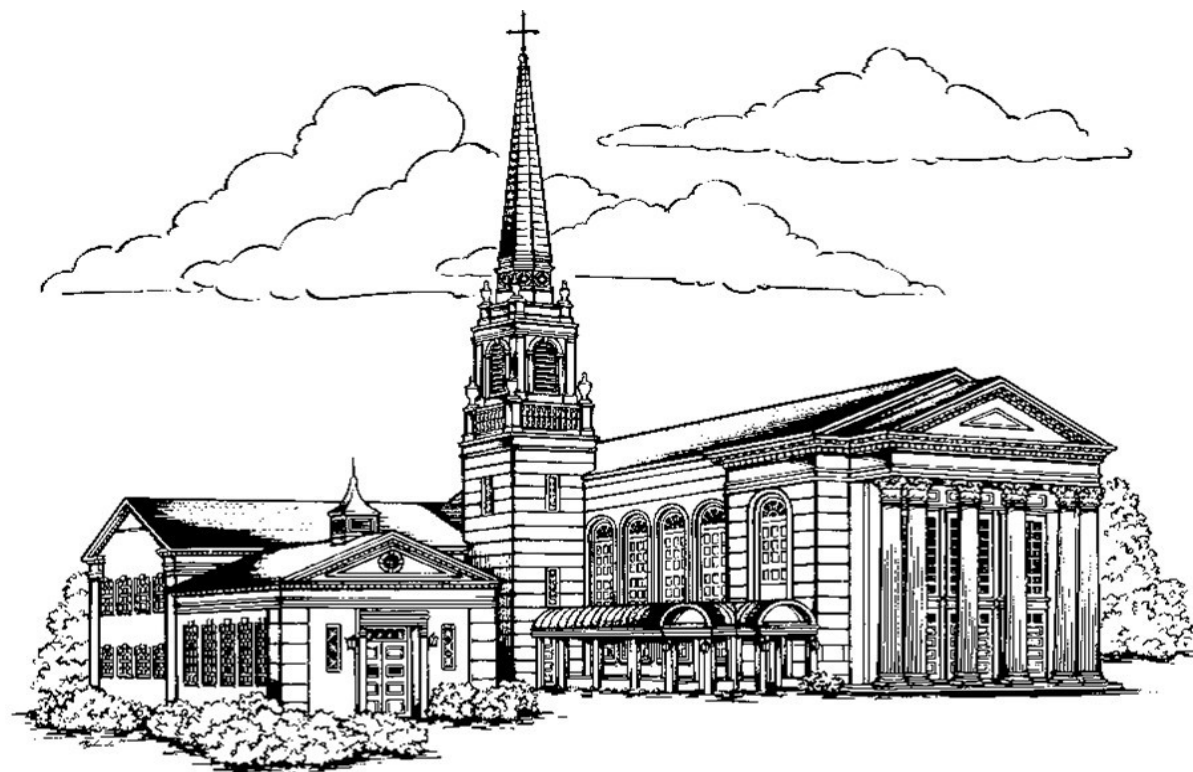
<b>November 10</b>	109
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### **Extended Session**

<b>Today</b>	Eryn & Jon Myers
<b>November 24</b>	Dustin & McKenna Young

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