

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON**

Sunday, March 26	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	SEE, Children's Choir, Refuge
Monday, March 27	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, March 28	5:30 pm	Capital Campaign meeting
Wednesday, March 29	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 31	all day	CBFNC General Assembly—FBC Hickory

**Acolytes for this morning's service are Harper Harris and Luke Miller.**

**God's Righteousness—A Lenten Journey through Romans.**  
3/26: Think, 4/2: Harmony.

**Red Cross Blood Drive, Monday, March 27, at Holy Cross Episcopal Church.** The event is from 12:30pm-5pm, and you can make an appointment by calling 1(800) 733-2767.

**CBFNC General Assembly, March 30-April 1.** The Annual Gathering itself is Friday, March 31, at First Baptist Hickory, from 8:30am-8:15pm. The Assembly will feature worship, workshops, exhibits, and fellowship, with Susan Sparks as the keynote speaker.

**The Children's Ministry Team will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 9, at 4pm.** We're asking for some help with donations of individually-wrapped candy (no peanut butter or nuts, please). You may bring candy to the church kitchen.

**Don't forget your cans!** Bring all aluminum cans (in bags, please) to church, and put your bag in the back of Dr. Bob Lair's pickup truck. The money collected for the scrap aluminum goes to provide resources for Guatemalan children.

**Scholarship Applications and Renewal forms** are in the church kitchen. We also have forms for Camp Scholarships. Please fill out a form and return it to the church by April 2, 2017.

**Give the Gift of Food** – Because we no longer use live Easter lilies, you may give a food box to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in memory or in honor of someone for Easter. The cost of each box is \$20. Envelopes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

**Men of the church—we need your help!** Brotherhood and FBC men will serve breakfast on Easter Sunday. If you want to help, please contact Phil Scoggins.

**Spring Flowers for Easter Sunday**—Please bring spring flowers and greenery on Easter Sunday, April 16, to decorate the outside cross, and proclaim that Christ has risen!

<b>March 19, 2017</b>		Heck-Jones Offering	\$ 7
Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 7,313	Capital Campaign	\$ 1,150
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 6,830	Dress-A-Kid TES	\$ 1,225
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$80,362	Easter Food Box	\$ 40
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$81,960	Annie Armstrong	\$ 110
		Food Pantry	\$ 393

**Welcome! We are grateful to worship with you today.** If you are a guest, we hope you will experience God's love through our worship and among our congregation. If this is your first time with us, please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate later in worship. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

**Nursery Care** is provided for children from birth to three years during Worship and Sunday School.

**Children, ages 4-Kindergarten,** may remain in worship or may exit after the Children's Time for a special time of worship and play. Parents may join them, or stay for the remainder of worship.

**Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.**

**Baskets for recycling bulletins are at the church exits.**

**March Mission Opportunity  
Dress-a-Kid for Tryon Elementary School**

We'll be collecting monetary donations (no clothing, please) to help buy socks, coats, underwear and shoes for children in need, and to replenish the Clothing Closet at Tryon Elementary when these items dwindle. You may use the envelopes at the sanctuary entrances, or you may designate "Dress-a-Kid" on your check's memo line. Thanks for your generosity.

**OFFERING - MARCH**

Ellis Fincher, Jr.—Lead Deacon, Sue Thompson  
JT Johnson, Danny Fox, Ed Justice

**GREETERS—MARCH**

Lane and Merry Price—Front  
Ashlyn Green—Hall  
Franklin Williams—Side

**DIACONATE**

Elizabeth Burrell, Chair, Phil Scoggins, Vice-Chair,  
Ellis Fincher, Ron Frady, Danny Fox, Susan Smith,  
Phil Feagan, Keith Collins, Sadie McKaig

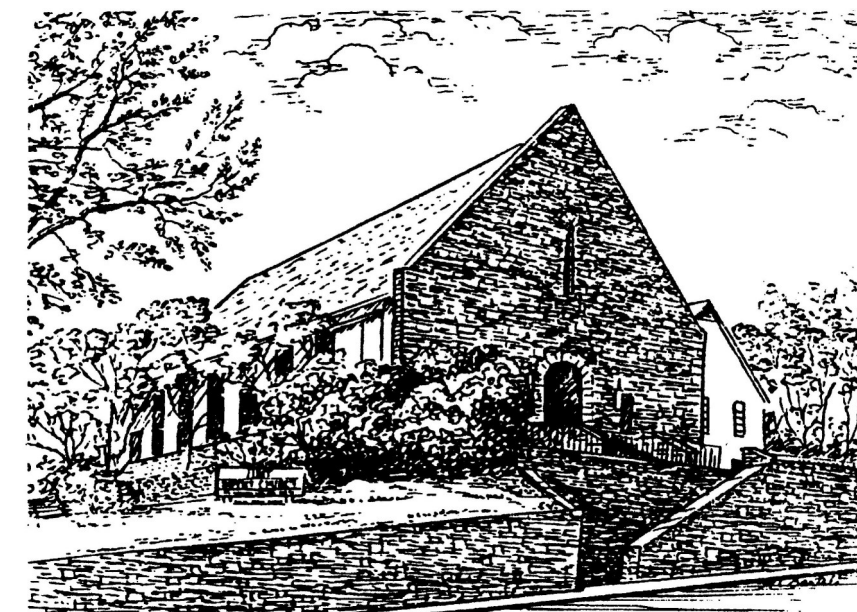
**CHURCH STAFF**

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor  
Jaime Fitzgerald, Minister to Youth  
The Reverend Jim Hawkins, Interim Minister of Music  
Kay Greene, Pianist  
E. Leslie Raymond, Organist  
John Spinks, Sexton

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**March 26, 2017**

**Eleven O'clock in the Morning**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

Eleven O'clock

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Music for Gathering** Kay Greene

**Ringing of the Hour** John Spinks

**Prelude** -Mark Hayes  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Call to Worship** Jim Hawkins  
(Romans 12:9-13, 13:10; The Message)

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it.

**Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good.**

Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

**Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame.**

Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder.

**Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.**

Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up.

**Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.**

You can't go wrong when you love others.

**When you add up everything in the law, the sum total is love.**

†**Hymn 43** TERRA BEATA  
*This Is My Father's World*

†**Invocation** Harper Harris

†**Passing the Peace** Jeff Harris  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Children's Time** "Mr. Skip" Williams  
(Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time.)

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**A Confession of Sin** Jeff Harris

Day or night, it is always the right time to come before God,

**For God already knows what lies in our hearts.**

Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

**For peace, for reconciliation, for grace.**

Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

**Our greed, our apathy, our meanness.**

Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

**Forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion.**

Let us confess our sins:

**Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:  
Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,  
That lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,  
Paths that lead to dread and death.  
Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,  
Life that is abundant and eternal,  
Life that began at the creation of all things.  
Forgive us, turn us to the right path,  
and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.**

And in silence, let us offer God the whole of our lives.

## Silent Confession

**Solo** -Kim McFarland -Dan Forrest  
*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me;  
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear:  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

**Assurance of Forgiveness** (Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Hear the good news!

**Christ died for us,**

**Christ rose for us,**

**Christ reigns in power for us,**

**Christ prays for us.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**Romans 12:1-5** Jaime Fitzgerald

**Romans 12:9-21** Jeff Harris

**Romans 13:8-10** Jim Hawkins

†**Hymn 290** I AM THINE  
*I Am Thine, O Lord*

**Sermon** "Think" Jeff Harris

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

†**Hymn 604** BEACH SPRING  
*Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

(Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.)

†**Offertory Prayer** Dave Graham

**Offering and Meditation** -Ruth E. Schram  
*Jesus Paid It All*

†**Doxology 253, Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** Jeff Harris

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

**Opportunities for Service** Jeff Harris

†**Benediction** Jeff Harris

†**Congregational Response** *Christ, Be Our Light*  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

†**Postlude** -Dale Wood  
*In Christ There Is No East or West*