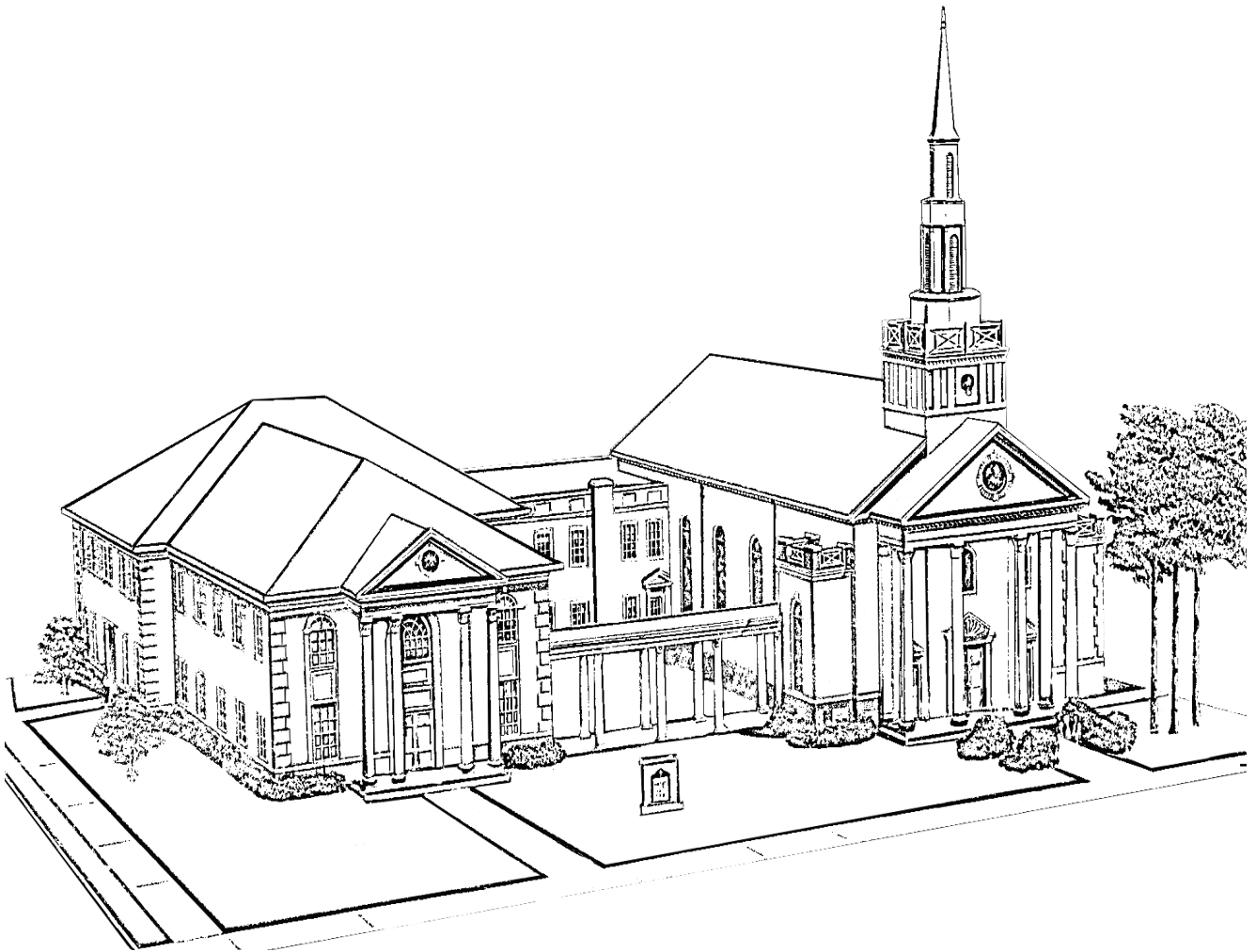


First Baptist Church



Whiteville, North Carolina

January 11, 2015

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2015

Morning Worship

Ten Fifty Five A.M.

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Daryl Trexler

Meditation

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.”

Prelude

Mrs. Leslie Bergbower

To Jordan Came the Christ Our Lord

James Mansfield

Call to Worship

Of the Father's Love Begotten

The Chancel Choir

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Invocation

Rev. Trexler

* **Hymn of Praise, No. 14**

LOBE DAN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon on the last stanza of this hymn. Children first grade and younger who wish may attend Children's Worship.

Children's Sermon

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 34:4-7a

Rev. Eddie Fort

Hymn No. 545

Love Is the Theme
(refrain, stanza 1 and refrain)

FISHER

Love is the theme, love is supreme;
Sweeter it grows, glory bestows;
Bright as the sun ever it glows!
Love is the theme, eternal theme!

Of the themes that men have known,
One supremely stands alone;
Thro' the ages it has shown,
'Tis His wonderful, wonderful love.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 103

Congregation

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget his benefits—

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far removes our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

People: As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

Leader: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Bless his holy name.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

*** Offertory Hymn**

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

BEACH SPRING

Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
life that fills the soul and senses—all burst forth at your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, great Creator, God and Friend:
boundless power gave full expression to your love which knows no end.

Who am I that you should love me, meet my every need from birth?
Why invest yourself so fully in a creature made of earth?
In your loving heart you planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;
through my soul you breathed your Spirit, planted your own image there.

I am yours, Eternal Father, all my body, mind and heart.
Take and use me to your glory, form yourself in every part.
Lord, your love brings joy and gladness flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being rise to you, their source and goal.

*** Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Armond Carter

Offertory

Down to the River to Pray

Mrs. Bergbower
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*** Offertory Response, No. 253** OLD 100TH (altered)
*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.*

Worship through Song The Chancel Choir
God So Loved the World John Stainer

Sermon Who Is God? Rev. Trexler
1 John 4:7-12

*** Hymn of Commitment, No. 580** ST. PETER
O God of Love, Enable Me

*** Benediction** Rev. Trexler

Choral Response The Chancel Choir
Go With God Wesley Forbis

*** Postlude** Mrs. Bergbower
Postlude in B-flat arr. Michael Ryan



The flowers are given to the glory of God in honor and in celebration of the marriage of Brittany and Gray Cook by the Cook family.