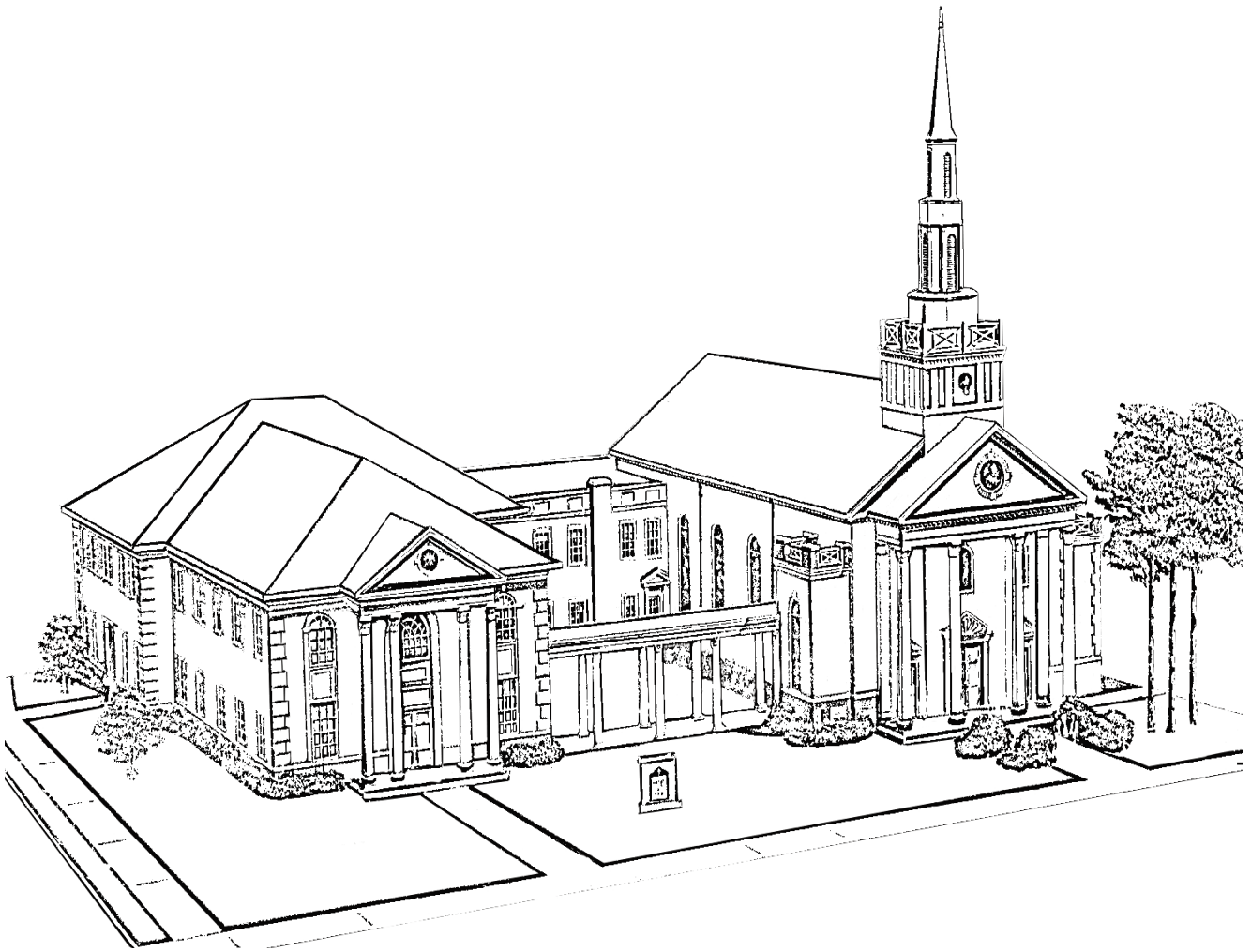


First Baptist Church



Whiteville, North Carolina
July 5, 2015

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

July 5, 2015

Morning Worship

Ten Fifty Five A.M.

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Eddie Fort

Meditation

“Freedom is our legacy, our obligation,
and our identity as a people of God.”

Prelude

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mrs. Leslie Bergbower
arr. Charles Ore

Call to Worship

Surely the Lord Is in This Place

The Chancel Choir
Herbert Colvin

Invocation

Rev. Judy Powell

* **Hymn of Praise, No. 629**

NATIONAL HYMN

God of Our Fathers

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

Hymn No. 634

My Country 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

Litany in Celebration of Religious Liberty

Leader: Magistrates are not by virtue of their office to meddle with religion or
matters of conscience, to force or compel people to this or that form
of religion. (John Smyth, 1612)

People: **We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully
within it.**

Leader: No king nor bishop can or is able to command faith. That is the gift
of God. To constrain princes and peoples to receive the one true
religion of the gospel is wholly against the mind and merciful law of
Christ. (Leonard Busher, 1614)

People: **We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully
within it.**

Leader: Every person ought to be left free with respect to matters of religion. The Holy author of our religion needs no compulsive measures for the promotion of God's cause. (General Committee of Baptists in Virginia, 1785)

People: We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.

Leader: Everyone must give a personal account to God, and therefore all people ought to be at liberty to serve God in a way that each can best reconcile to [their] own conscience. (John Leland, 1791)

People: We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.

Leader: Religion must be forever voluntary and [uncoerced]. It is not the prerogative of any power to compel people to conform to any religious creed or form of worship, or to worship, or to pay taxes for the support of a creed they do not believe. God wants free worshipers and no other kind. (George W. Truett, 1920)

People: We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.

Leader: Baptists believe in free churches within a free state. We believe religious liberty to be an inalienable human right and indispensable to human welfare. Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion or restraint in religion. (The American Baptist Bill of Rights, 1939)

All: We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.

*** Offertory Hymn, No. 626**

ST. ANNE

In Christ, Our Liberty
(Stanzas 1, 3-5)

*** Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Carlton Prince

Offertory

Thank You, Lord

Mrs. Bergbower
Benton Price

*** Offertory Response, No. 253**

OLD 100TH

*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

Give Glory to God Forever

The Chancel Choir
Charpentier,
arr. Patrick Liebergen

Sermon

Come Out, You're Free
1 John 4:1-20

Rev. Powell

* Hymn of Commitment, No. 52

HE LEADETH

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

* Benediction

Rev. Powell

* Choral Response

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

The Chancel Choir
John Stainer

* Postlude

God of Our Fathers

Mrs. Bergbower
arr. Robert Hughes



The flowers today are given by Carlton and Mary Jean Prince to the glory of God and in humble gratitude for all who have given any effort to make God's laws and precepts a part of the guiding principles of our nation.

We welcome Rev. Judy Powell as our guest minister.

Today's meditation is quoted from Dr. Jeffrey S. Rogers, pastor of FBC Greenville, SC.

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Sunday, July 5

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
10:55 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship

Monday, July 6

Church Office will be closed

Wednesday, July 8

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

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