

F O U R T H

# Sunday of Easter



**First Baptist Church**

Whiteville, North Carolina

May 7, 2017

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven O'clock**

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\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Rev. Ryan Clore

**Meditation**

Good Lord, who sent Jesus to be the Shepherd of us all,  
our redemption and our protection:  
Direct us by your presence  
and watch over our paths with guiding love,  
that we may keep our hearts fixed on you  
and so follow your path  
that we may come to where you would have us.

**Prelude**

*Pastorale*

Mr. Jim Council  
Johann Sabastian Bach

**Call to Worship**

*This Is the Day*

The Chancel Choir  
Dennis Lewallen

**Invocation**

Rev. Clore

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 7**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

**Responsive Prayer**

Congregation

**Leader:** Gentle Shepherd, some days we are as firm in our faith as the disciples at their surest hour, and sometimes we are like lost sheep.

**People:** Even when we are uncertain where the flock is going, we believe you are ahead of us. No matter how far we wander, no one will snatch us from your hand.

**Leader:** Be patient with us, God. Sometimes we panic easily. So calm us. We refuse to be pushed. Gently lead us. We make a lot of decisions based on our appetites. Help us hunger for the things that will truly nourish our bodies and spirits.

**People:** We may even butt heads for no reason at all. Help us to be patient with each other. After all, we are part of a flock.

**Leader:** You can see that we desperately need you to be our shepherd. We are depending on you to distinguish the pain of one of us from the cry of another. You know us each by name.

**People:** Teach us to listen to your distinctive voice so that we may follow you, and actually love one another as you have taught us.

**Leader:** For the tone of your voice is gentle. Its words are strong; its meaning is love.

**People:** Will it be the only voice we follow? This is our prayer.

**All:** (sing hymn no. 61, stanzas 1 and 2)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray. (refrain)

**Refrain:**

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

**Epistle Reading**

1 Peter 2:19-25

Mrs. Donna Prince

\* **Offertory Hymn, No. 535**

HYFRYDOL

*I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

\* **Offertory Prayer**

Mr. David Jordan

**Offertory**

*Voluntary in E Flat*

Mr. Jim Council  
Benedetto Marcello

\* **Offertory Response, No. 27**

*Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Children's Sermon**

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Clore

**Worship Through Song**

*Sing Alleluia*

The Chancel Choir  
arr. Patrick Liegergen

**Gospel Reading**

John 10:1-10

Rev. Clore

Sermon Christianity: Building Something by Building Others (Up) Rev. Clore

\* Hymn of Commitment, No. 613 BEACH SPRING  
*The Servant's Song*

\* Benediction Rev. Clore

\* Benediction Response The Chancel Choir  
*Go Out in Joy* Milburn Price

\* Postlude Mr. Council  
*Fughetta* Karl Heinrich Graun



The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Opal and Willard Huggins by their children.

Today's meditation was adapted from *And Also With You*,  
OSL Publications, Akron, OH, 1992.

Today's responsive prayer was copied from *Prayers & Litanies*,  
Smyth & Helwys Publishing, Inc., Macon, GA, 1999.

### Sunday, May 7

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship  
4:30 p.m. Youth & Adult Handbells  
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Rehearsal

### Monday, May 8

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

### Tuesday, May 9

6:00 p.m. VBS Meeting - for anyone interested  
in working in Bible School

### Wednesday, May 10

5:10 p.m. Children's Music Activity Grades 1-5  
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (Luke 1-2)  
**Godly Play Children's Activity**  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Ministerial Staff**

Rev. Ryan Clore, Pastor  
Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

### **Support Staff**

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### **Deacons of the Week**

Rose Langston / Kate Carter