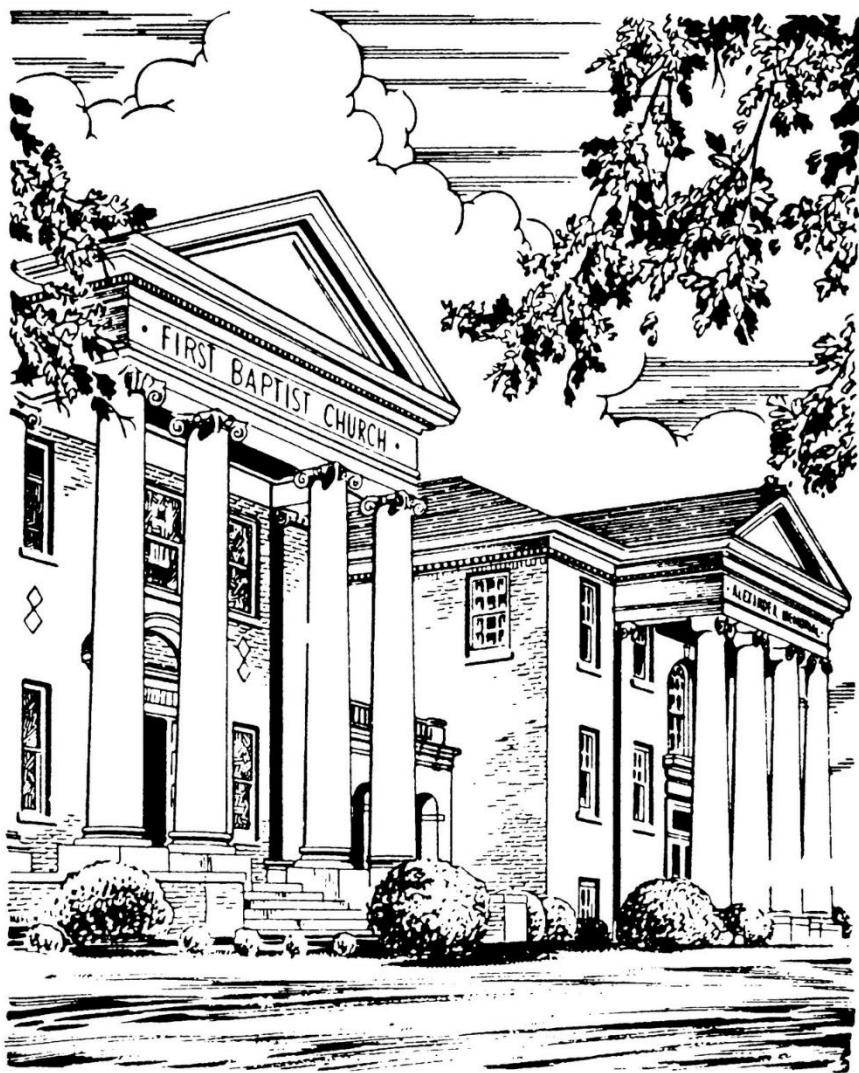


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FOREST CITY, NC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 – ELEVEN O'CLOCK



All are Welcomed. Questions are Embraced. Wounds are Healed. Lives are Changed.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Invitation to Worship Nan Thompson

Greeting Debbie Bound

Prelude *Thanks Be To Thee* Phillip Greene
G.F. Handel

Unison Call to Worship Rev. Justin Mofield

Patient Father, you are slow to anger and abound in love, help me be like you! Let your peace that doesn't make sense, fill my passionate heart. Let your kindness and gentleness shape my responses to the circumstances and people around me. Help me follow my anger to justice and clarity. Make my desires be for goodness and truth. Remind me that self-control is a gift, and please help me manage my responses and impulses today. Amen.

Hymn 532 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Diane Nelson

Gloria Patri Hymn 805 GREATOREX

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

Children's Time Kelly Hall

Hymn 560, Verse 1 Sanctuary Choir Ensemble
May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Congregational Scripture Reading Rev. Justin Mofield
Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.

Hymn 560, Verses 2-6 ST LEONARDS
May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Sermon

Fruit of the Spirit:
Self-Control
Galatians 5:13-26

Rev. Garin Hill

Hymn of Dedication 557

SCOTT

Open My Eyes That I May See

Offertory Prayer

Abigail Thompson

Leader: Giver of every good gift, may we manage our resources wisely and generously for God's glory.

People: May our giving reflect trust in God's provision and a desire to further the kingdom.

Leader: May our lives, transformed by grace and guided by the Spirit, reflect the self-control that comes from a close relationship with God.

People: We offer our gifts and ourselves to God, with trust that they will be used for divine purposes and bring hope and healing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Offertory

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

Sanctuary Choir

Words: Thomas T. Lynch, 1818-1871 Tune: Adore te devote, 1697

Arrangement: K. Lee Scott © 1984, Augsburg Publishing, A-729364

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now they truth to see, I would be like thee;
And with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me. I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And what ever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now the pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord Thine the victory.*

*Gracious Sprit, dwell with me.
I would be like thee!*

Benediction

Rev. Garin Hill

JOINING MEMBER WELCOME

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our comfort, our care, our kinship, and our love. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and live in community with you through God's grace.

EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER

Ms. Debbie Bound, Minister of Senior Adults
Mr. Phillip Greene, Organist
Mrs. Kelly Hall, Children's Minister
Rev. Dr. Garin Hill, Pastor
Mrs. Rachel Knobil, Pianist
Mrs. Laura Link, Office Administrator
Mr. Johnny McDonald, Groundskeeper
Mr. Justin Mofield, Minister of Youth
Rev. Dr. Diane Nelson, Associate Pastor of Music

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