

*Please use these moments prior to the service to share a personal word of how you will pray for our new deacons, Hailey Mofield and Annette Pendergraft. Our youth will provide pens and notes in the foyer for you. Bring your note to the front of the church and place it in the basket during the Laying on of Hands. You are welcome to "lay on hands," just leave your note, or both.*

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## FOREST CITY, NC



A Service Ordaining

*Hailey Phifer Mofield*  
*Annette Nuhrah Pendergraft*  
to the Deacon Ministry

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Nan Thompson

GREETING

Rev. Garin Hill

TRINITY CHIME

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 11:6-9; 40:3-5

Marty Pendergraft

Leader : 'Prepare the way,' the prophets call, 'make ready the highways for God.'

**People: How we long to walk down the sidewalks in God's kingdom of peace!**

Leader : Prepare your hearts, for God's realm opens up a new day.

**People: We yearn for the time when the wolf and lamb will live together in harmony.**

Leader: Prepare the way,

**People: God promises a new day when adversaries will lay down their arms.  
We dream of a world transformed by God's love.**

Leader: May the God of hope fill your hearts with all joy and peace.

**People: We rejoice for God's Spirit is in our midst!**

HYMN 45

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

- 1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise his name – I'm fixed upon it – name of God's redeeming love.***
- 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.***
- 3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the throne of God;  
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kelly Hall

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Justin Mofield

GLORIA PATRI (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.***

1. ***Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.***

***Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

2. ***Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)***
3. ***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)***

### THE BLESSING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Scott Barefield

**Leader:** Gracious God, you call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in your love and provision.

**People:** **Give us courage to step out boldly, to plant our small seeds generously, and without fear. Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, your kingdom might come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Sanctuary Choir

Robert G. Newton

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he maketh me lie down in green pastures.*

*He leads me by still waters and he restores my soul,*

*He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil;  
for thou art with me, thy rod and staff, they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table in the presence of my enemies;*

*Thou anointest me with oil, my cup o'er flows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.*

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE DEACON CANDIDATES

PRAYER OF BLESSING & COMMISSIONING

*Hailey Phifer Mcfield*

*Annette Nuhrah Pendergraft*

PRESENTATIONS

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Rev. Garin Hill

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you for these servants,  
whom you have called to serve.

**People: Hear our prayer on their behalf.**

Leader: Grant our leaders the spirit of Solomon.

**People: Give them sound wisdom, knowledge and understanding.  
Lead them in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Counsel them, that they may do your work.**

Leader: Grant them joy and strength.

**People: In the midst of challenges help them persevere, even when their spirit is tired  
and weak, and their feelings veer toward inadequacy. May they continually  
draw on your strength.**

Leader: Give them a spirit of love and of a sound mind.

**People: Keep them obedient to your word with a clear understanding and sound  
judgment of the scriptures.**

**All: Help them to walk in joy, determination, steadfastness and endurance.  
We lift this prayer in your name. Amen.**

HYMN 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

BENEDICTION

Rev. Garin Hill