First Baptist Church
Forest City, NC
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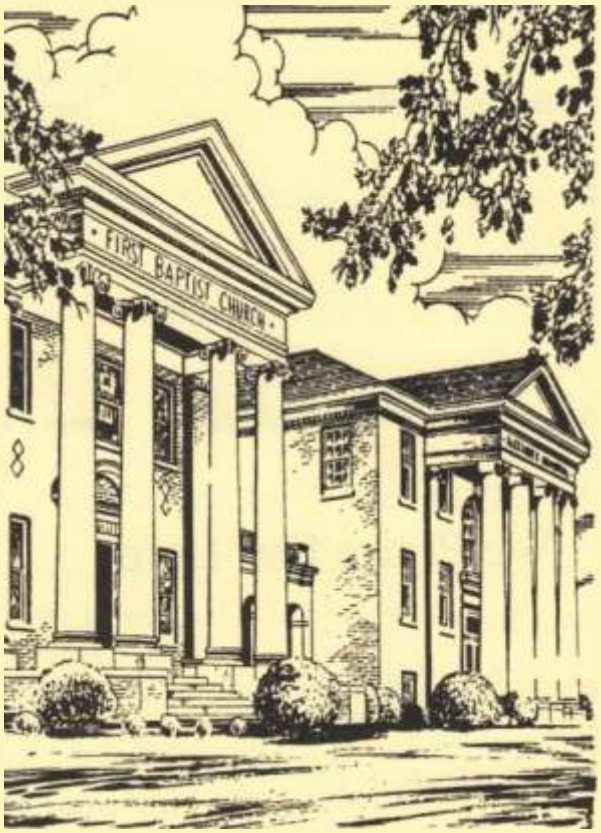

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard,
so that you also may have fellowship with is.
And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son,
Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:3)

The Community of Faith Gathers . . .

An Invitation to Worship — Loretta Luckadoo, piano

Welcome to Worship — Tony Spencer

Call to Worship

Leader: In a time of celebrating national freedom,
People: We have come to celebrate the freedom and values we have found in Christ.
Leader: In a time of historical and national pride,
People: We have come to clarify our vision and dreams that we can, in our time, honor God in the direction that we choose to walk.
Leader: In a time of confusion, victories and defeats,
People: We come asking for wisdom, patience and strength.
ALL: In this hour, we come seeking the light of God's truth that can indeed make us free.

To Lift Up Praise,

Hymn to the Trinity 358 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

Invocation and Lord's Prayer — Brandi Powers

Our Statement of Faith 106 *Jesus, Name Above All Names* HEARN

To Confess Our Sins,

Call to Confession *Hear My Prayer, O Lord* Dvorak
Alexandra Mauney, soprano

Prayer of Confession 457

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess in your presence the sinfulness of our nature and our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy, O Lord, upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you; and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness *Seek and You Will Find* Sleeth
Alexandra Mauney and Richard Mauney

To Hear God's Word Proclaimed,

Scripture Reading — Ephesians 2:11-22

Anthem *God of Our Fathers* arr. Hustad
(On cue, the congregation please sing)
Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine.
All glory, laud, and praise be ever thine!

Sermon *Patriotism, Good and Bad* Scott Schauf

To Be Renewed,

Hymn of invitation 719 *If My People's Hearts Are Humbled* BEECHER

And to Share God's Blessings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory *Once to Every Man and Nation* arr. Manz
Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth and falsehood, for the good or evil slide;
Some great cause, some great decision, offering each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

Benediction *Doxology* Old 100th