

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Jack Causey

*BENEDICTION

Steven Fuller

*POSTLUDE Fantasy on "Foundation" EDWIN D. CHILDS

*All rise, in body or spirit

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Rev. Steven Fuller, Minister of First Baptist Church, by
the congregation.*

If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored that you are here. We hope that worship will be a meaningful experience for all present. Everyone is kindly requested to sign the blue friendship registry, located at the end of the pew.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, January 22, 2017

Babies-Age 3 - Room 108: Regina Blalock

Ages 4-6 - Room 117: Bruce and Fuchsia Yelton

Ages 7-11 - Room 106: Donnie and Regina Cann

Rev. Steven T. Fuller, Senior Minister

Pastor Asher Panton, Associate Minister

Daniel J. Wynkoop, Director of Music

J. Marcus Wingate, Organist

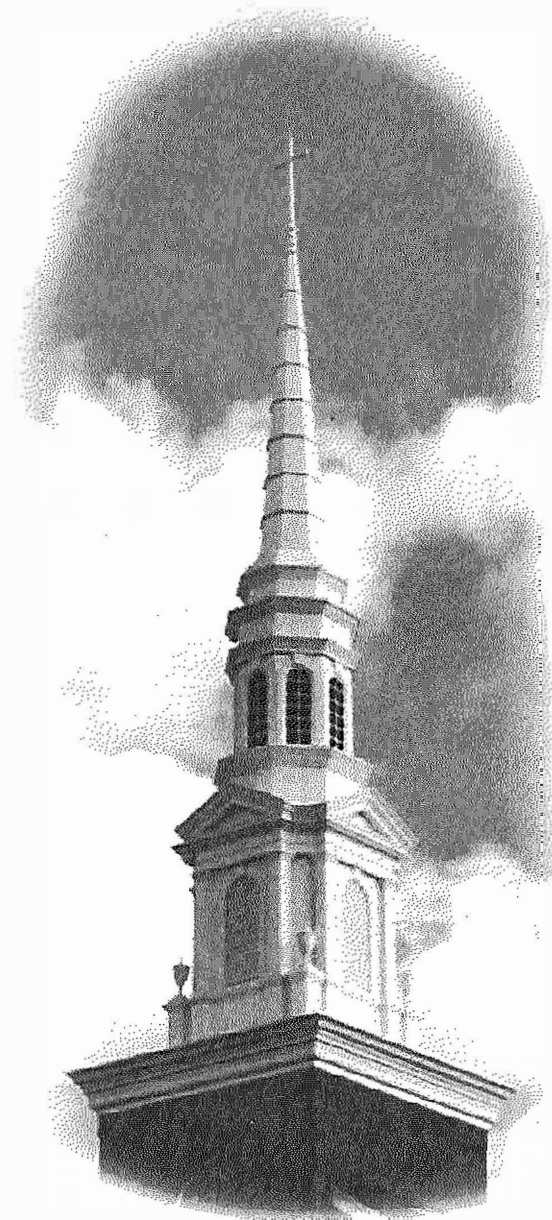
Alice M. Foy, Administrative/Financial Assistant

Steve Medlin, Maintenance

Jeanene Kelly, Church Hostess/Maintenance

Shannon Greene, Child Care Ministries Director

Jennifer Wilson, Child Care Ministries Assistant Director



First Baptist Church

Gastonia, North Carolina

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Gastonia, North Carolina
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2017

*We welcome you to the worship of God at First Baptist Church,
and we invite you to welcome one another at this time.*

PRELUDE "Voluntary VII" GEORGE F. HANDEL

*HYMN NO. 7 HYMN TO JOY
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Joan Martin
Leader: We are called to worship a great God and to
follow the great commandment, so
People: Let us love the Lord our God with all our heart
Leader: and with all our soul and with all our mind.
People: And love our neighbors as ourselves.
Leader: Let this be the center of our worship
All: and the center of our life together. Amen.

WELCOME Dickie Laws
Civic Welcome Mayor John Bridgeman
Civic Welcome County Commissioner Tom Keigher

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27:1-4 Asher Panton
I Corinthians 1:10-18
Leader: This the word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

PASTORAL PRAYER Asher Panton
LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF SERVICE NO. 613 BEACH SPRING
"The Servant Song"

OFFERING
Offertory "Celebre Largo" GEORGE F. HANDEL
*Hymn No. 252 "Gloria Patri" GLORIA PATRI
*Prayer of Dedication Pat Taylor

CHARGE TO THE CHURCH Larry Hovis
CHARGE TO THE PASTOR George Fuller, Jr.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:34-40 Justin Williamson
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Here I Am Lord" DAN SCHUTTE

SERMON Emily Hull McGee
"Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing"

LITANY OF INSTALLATION Bill Blalock
Leader: Do we, the members of First Baptist Church, accept
Steven Fuller as our pastor, chosen by God through
the voice of this congregation to guide us in the
ways of Jesus Christ?

First Baptist Church: Yes, we do.

Leader: Will we affirm him as our pastor, but also as a
husband, father, son, brother, and friend to others,
knowing that his calling as our pastor is part of his
broader calling as a disciple of Christ and a child
of God?

First Baptist Church: Yes, we will.

Leader: Will we encourage him, support him, follow him,
serve him, challenge him, and forgive him,
seeking to love him as our pastor in the manner we
want to be loved and Christ calls us to love?

First Baptist Church: Yes, we will

Leader: And do you, Steven Fuller, affirm us as your church,
committing to pastor us, encourage us, support us,
lead us, serve us, challenge us, and forgive us,
seeking to love us as you want to be loved and
Christ calls you to love?

Pastor: Yes, I do.

**All: May the grace and peace of God be with us as we
seek the Kingdom of God together, with Steven
as our Pastor and Christ as our King.**