

### **WORSHIP CARE & CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

Worship Care is available for children aged 3 and under. Our greeters can assist you with more information and getting to the nursery.

Following A Story for All People, children up to 2nd grade are invited to walk with us to Children's Worship. Following the service, parents should pick their children up in the Children's Classroom.

Worship Bags are available in the Sanctuary entrances for children in 5th grade and under.

### **175TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

This year, we are celebrating 175 years! Join us for a birthday party and churchwide talent show on Saturday, March 14, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bring a finger food to share - we'll provide the cake.

### **LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES**

Mark your calendar for the weekly community Lenten services, led by the Rutherford Ministerial Alliance. During Lent, we will gather each Wednesday at Noon for a short Lenten service followed by a simple, free lunch. This week's service is on March 4, at Rutherfordton Presbyterian, and the speaker will be C. Pierson Shaw, pastor of Advent Lutheran Church. The full schedule is listed in this week's newsletter.

### **SENIOR ADULT PIZZA PARTY**

Our senior adults are invited to a pizza gathering on Thursday, March 19, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This is an informal gathering where we can enjoy each other's company and pizza from a local restaurant. You can sign up at the Welcome Center. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 15.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 28 at 11:00 a.m., and we need eggs and fillers! Can you help? We'll be collecting donations until March 22nd. They can be dropped off in the Welcome Center or Children's Area. Thanks for supporting this fun spring event for our community!

### **MIDWEEK GATHERINGS**

Join us on Wednesday evening for dinner and mid-week gatherings. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., and the menu is Fried Chicken and sides (\$8 per adult, \$5/child, \$20 family max). Following dinner, children's programming, Open Minds on Main, and a Lenten study on the Grace of Les Miserables will meet. Join us!

### **WAYS TO GIVE**

We offer a safe and online giving option. You can access online giving under the "Giving" tab on our website or by scanning the QR code.



Celebrating 175 Years of  
Loving God  
Loving Others

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# Wandering Heart

*"Rescue me  
from danger"*

March 1, 2026

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RUTHERFORDTON

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March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE Pam McNeil

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Patia Mode  
Annaleigh Boyce

CALL TO WORSHIP Beth Heffner

\*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

A STORY FOR ALL PEOPLE Donna Sand  
*All children are invited to come forward*

\*HYMN 72 *Day By Day* BLOTT EN DAG

READING FROM THE PSALMS Pam LaBreche  
Psalm 22:23-31

PASTORAL PRAYER John Miller

\*HYMN (Insert) *Into the Waters* HERZLIEBSTER JESU

THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY Meryl Lawrence

CHORAL ANTHEM *Hear My Prayer* Hogan/Emerson  
Sanctuary Choir  
Alison Moore, Piano and Pam McNeil, Organ

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.  
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.  
O Lord please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.  
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.  
When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home.  
Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say well done.  
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.

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SERMON "Rescue Me From Danger" Aimee Hobbs  
Matthew 14:22-33

OBSERVANCE OF COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Offertory Moment Donna Sand

Offertory Meditation  
"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under  
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."  
2 Corinthians 9:7

Offertory Music Alison Moore  
\*Doxology 706 OLD 100TH, alt

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Jane Simpson

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Aimee Hobbs

\*INVITATION HYMN 509 *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY

\*BENEDICTION Aimee Hobbs

\*CLOSING HYMN 509 *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY  
(Refrain)

\*POSTLUDE Pam McNeil

\*Please stand if you are able  
\*\*Remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices\*\*

The flower in the sanctuary is in celebration of the arrival of Samuel David Bond, born  
February 19, 2026, to parents, Andrew and Becca Bond, and grandparents, Chip and Judy Bond.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We hope that you will find comfort, joy, a sense of home, and the leading  
of the Holy Spirit as you worship with us this morning. We would love to  
have a record of your attendance with us today. If you are visiting for the  
first time or have never filled out a visitor card, we invite you to take one  
from the pew rack and fill it out. Please place it on the pew as you leave.

**LOCAL MISSION EXIT OFFERING**

Following the worship service this morning, there will be members of our  
Deacon Council at each exit with baskets so that you may give to our  
church's Local Mission Fund. These gifts help those in our community  
needing assistance.