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**Worship Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**, 4:00p

**Sunday Mass 11:15a**; En español, 1:00p

**Daily Mass, Holy Days** Consult bulletin

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

**Sunday Mass** 9:00a

**Communion Service** Tuesdays, 12:15p

**Holy Days** 7:00p

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By appointment

**Welcome, New Parishioners**

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

**Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony**

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 19, 2023**

# SCOTT WESLEY BROWN IN CONCERT



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 ~ 6:30p**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**110 Cwyn Avenue, Elkin NC**

*Scott Wesley Brown is an American CCM singer and songwriter. He has recorded 25 albums and toured in over 50 countries. His songs have been covered by other Christian artists – including Petra, Pat Boone, Bruce Carroll, Sandi Patty, and Amy Grant – and by opera star Plácido Domingo. Brown is an ordained Baptist minister and served as a worship pastor in San Diego.*

My friendship with Scott began in 1970 in Falls Church, VA. Both of us were in the beginning of our ministry.

We connected right away. It is a joy to have Scott come here and share his gift of music with you.

Please come to his concert

**~ TONIGHT ~**

**November 19, 6:30p.**

**First Baptist Church**

They have graciously offered to host since they have the sound equipment set-up.

*Thank you!*

*Janis*



**Falls Church, 1970**

*Morning Church!*

“The Day of the Lord” in the Letter to Thessalonica is our pre-Advent reality check. “The Day” refers to the Second Coming of Christ. For the Hebrews and the early Christian community, *and* for us, *The Day* is the myriad of changes we encounter each day as we journey home.

The end of the Liturgical Year focuses on *End Times*. “Ends” come on us “like a thief in the night”, like pre-mature labor pains. *End Time* experiences can either paralyze us in fear or propel us to serve. For Children of the Light and of the Day, *End Times* are invitations to step out in faith and to trust God wholeheartedly. The *End Time* is our last breath, or every experience, relationships, and every unrepeatable encounter that intersects our faithjourney before death.

These *Sacred Intersections* serve as a spiritual mirror that reflect our capacity for integrity, ingenuity, and courage. These *Sacred Intersections* are graces offered for a specific time and a particular choice. Today’s pre-Advent reality check: choose to live like Proverb’s Valiant Woman who cultivated her God-given gifts *or* choose to be like a servant who hoarded his. The servant’s *End Time* choice wasted his most precious gifts: trust, time, talent, and treasure.

Like the Scripture’s Valiant Woman and Parable’s Servant, our ingenuity is most challenged when we encounter an *End Time* experience, i.e., a difficult diagnosis, a moment of surrender to God’s Will, the end of a key relationship, a personal loss/death, or leaving what is familiar to take that next, uncertain step on this adventuresome faithjourney.

God’s grace is most certainly present at every one of our *End Times* protecting us from the proverbial “thief in the night” who tries to steal our hope. Draw strength at each Sacred Intersection with Grace of God. Pray to be faithful servants till your final *End Time*. Console and inspire each other with the witness of our integrity, ingenuity, service, and courage. Let us not rest until we put all our “peace and security” (1 Thes. 5:3) in Christ.

Let’s welcome the *Day of the Lord* as the *Sacred Intersection of Presence*  
remembering we belong to neither darkness or night.  
We are *Children of Light and of the Day!*

God’s blessings,



### A BLESSING FOR AN ANNIVERSARY DATE

~ Jan Richardson



I am imagining  
you have learned by now  
that time will never move  
quite straight for you  
again ~  
no more forward only,  
if ever it traveled that way.

Now it will be  
the bend and  
the turn of it,  
the curve and  
the cradling of it,  
the unfurling,  
unfolding,  
unwinding of it  
as it arcs you around  
in this spiral  
of seasons,  
as it draws you around  
in this circle  
of days.

Like today,  
for instance—  
this day that marks  
a year since last  
you passed by  
this gate,  
this threshold,  
this door  
that lives with such  
vividness in your memory,  
opening onto the  
chamber of your heart  
where what this day  
once held  
keeps happening.


Let yourself listen  
for the liturgy  
that persists here,  
for the life you shared  
that still opens out  
along secret paths.

Let yourself  
linger again  
at the door  
of this day.

Let yourself  
give yourself into  
its hours with  
exquisite kindness  
and wondrous care.

Light the candles  
in celebration  
of what remains,  
in the ceremony  
of what abides  
in the shelter  
of these hours,  
in the mystery  
of this day.



NOVEMBER	
19	33rd Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a <b>Scott Wesley Brown Concert, 6:30p</b> <b>First Baptist Church, Gwyn Ave</b>
21	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen Ministerial Assoc., 12N ~ HCMC Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen
22	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
23	<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b> 
26	Feast of Christ Our King <b>RCIA Rite of Welcome, 9a</b>
28	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen
29	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
30	<b>Feast of St. Andrew</b> Christmas Novena begins

Mass Intentions	
19	+Kathleen Hyer 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
26	RCIA Candidates & Sponsors

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

20 Reyna Hernandez	24 Lupe Hernandez
21 Newell Hauser	25 Victor Bustos, Jr.
21 Ronnie Krakovsky	26 Victor Bustos, Sr.
22 America Lopez	28 Stephen Faust
22 Ryan St. Cyr	29 Grace Jenkins
24 Dalilah Hernandez	



### Christmas Flowers

Here is your opportunity to remember a loved one or honor a friend and help decorate the Christmas Season.

An envelope for your Christmas Flowers are located in the pew pockets

Simply fill out the info on the envelope's cover, and enclose your monetary gift.

Print the names of those you wish to be remembered/honored on the back. Place the envelope in the collection.



**CARE for CREATION**  
**RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES**  
**IN THE LOBBY CONTAINERS**

...to our Men's Breakfast group who built a much-needed retaining wall to prevent water entering our basement...and Rob Worley who is spearheading this project...to Judy S. and Frank Simon, Sam, Brylee, & Shayla Ange, our sacristans who set up and clean up for each Mass...to our Ladies Guild for all their behind-the-scenes ministries...and for all who have taken the initiative to do what needs to be done these past two weeks around church, like our Tuesday Communion Service group who continue to gather and share leadership for the service each week...thank you for your cards and prayer; it means so much! Gratefully, S. Janis



### GIVING TREE & ECSCHOOL ~ K-12

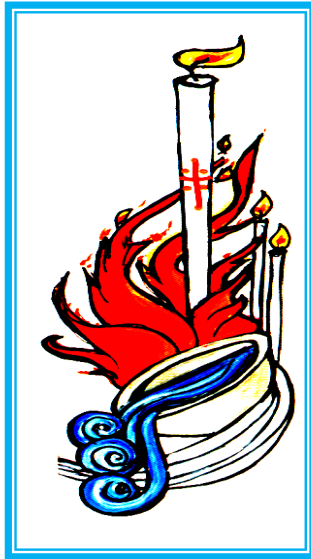
This year ECS is trying something different for our area Giving Tree.

**128 youth** who will be gifted by the area churches. St. Stephen has been asked to donate **gloves/mittens & toboggan sets and colored pencils & sketch books**

If you wish to participate in the year's Giving Tree, please purchase the item(s)

*Add a tag with the age and gender of the Youth who will receive your gift.*

**Bring your gift(s) to church:**



*In every place and time,  
the blessed walk among us  
There's a mighty throng  
that stands at our side  
The saints and beloved of God...  
~ Dan Schutte*

### *The Saints and Beloved of God of St. Stephen*

Irene Krakovsky	August 10, 2007	Mary Elizabeth Collins	September 22, 2016
Herbert Weibel	September 13, 2007	Mary Lockhart	August 17, 2017
Wallo Clark	March 25, 2008	Ella May LeBlanc	November 17, 2017
Lawrence Watson	August 6, 2008	Ruth Harris	December 14, 2016
David Balzer	September 10, 2008	Adrienne Lux	March 13, 2018
Danny Smitherman	November 15, 2008	Marcia Morrey	March 22, 2018
Anthony Stammetti	December 2, 2008	Sally Bianco	April 18, 2018
Lori Knowles	May 17, 2009	Helen Purcell	December 5, 2019
Infant McKinley Orta	March 10, 2021	Gloria Garcia Barrientos	December 27, 2017
Phil Altemueller	October 25, 2010	Faith Balzer	January 25, 2019
Clarence Brandenburg	January 11, 2011	Joseph Krakovsky	March 17, 2019
Infant Arturo Sanchez	April 10, 2011	Ramona Schaufenbuel	August 14, 2019
Eleanor Golaszewski	April 10, 2011	Robert Ackerman	August 3, 2019
Mary Adari	May 28, 2011	Ruth Weibel	March 25, 2020
Earnest Blevins	March 8, 2014	Fay Burgoon	August 15, 2021
Infant Jael Jesus Rodriguez	March 31, 2015	Stanley Ring	September 11, 2021
John Cahill	April 17, 2016	Octavio Rodriguez	September 11, 2021
Gregory Collins	September 15, 2016	Thomas Lux	January 1, 2023

# Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.



What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy.

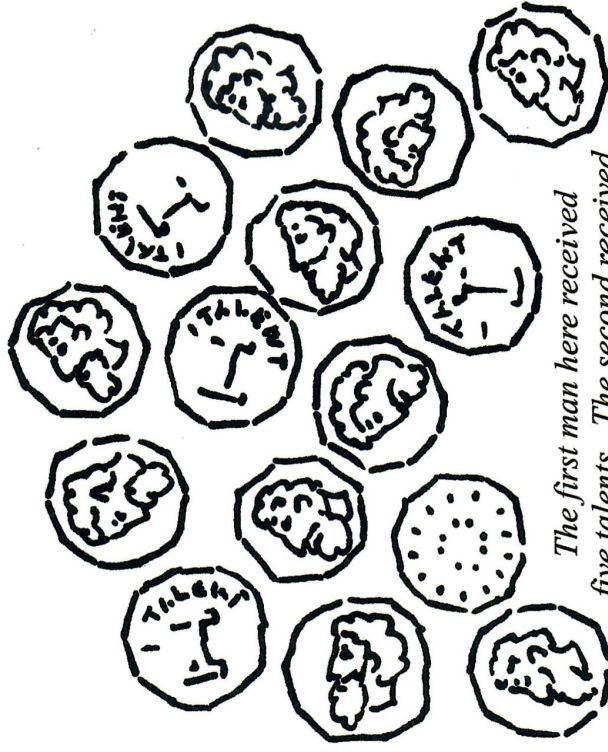


Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?

Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.  
 Answer to picture puzzle: Top, left to right: 6, 2, Middle: 4, 1, Bottom: 3, 5.

# The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 November 19th, 2023



The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.



# Saint Catherine of Alexandria

November 25

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, SAINT CATHERINE WAS BORN IN ALEXANDRIA IN EGYPT TO A WELL-TO-DO FAMILY. SHE WAS WELL EDUCATED, AND BECAME A CHRISTIAN.



WHEN SHE WAS 18 SHE SCOLDED THE ROMAN EMPEROR, WHO WAS PERSECUTING THE CHRISTIANS.

You are killing the people who worship the true God!



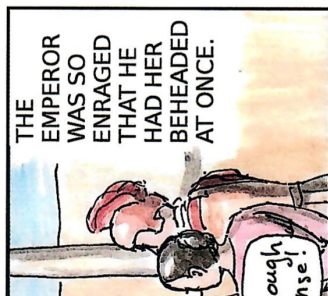
She's right! What have your gods done? WHEN HIS PHILOSOPHERS TRIED TO TELL HER THAT THE IDOLS WERE REAL GODS, SHE PROVED THEM WRONG.



Tell me more! WHEN HIS WIFE WAS CONVERTED, THE EMPEROR CONDEMNED CATHERINE TO DEATH.



SHE WAS TIED TO A WHEEL WITH SPIKES, BUT IT BROKE!



THE EMPEROR WAS SO ENRAGED THAT HE HAD HER BEHEADED AT ONCE.

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH MANY STORIES, SO IT MAY BE A BIT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. STILL, SHE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO US OF STANDING UP FOR THE TRUTH IN THE FACE OF DANGER. WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO DEFEND THE TRUTH.

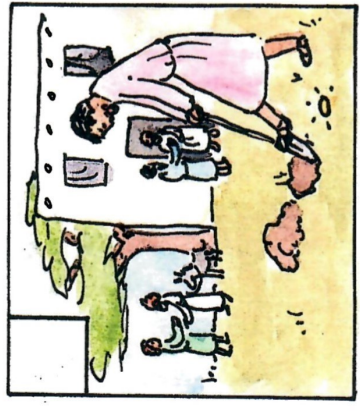
# Using the Master's Talents

- sort out the pictures -

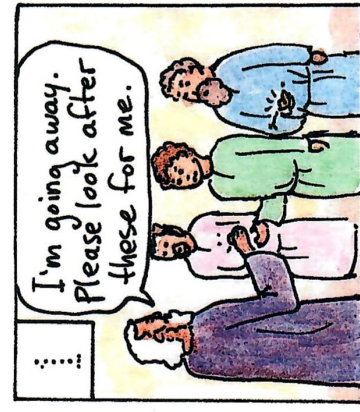
How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel? Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.



But you didn't use what I gave you! Your talent will be given to the servant with ten.



I've made five more. I made two more. I hid mine. Here it is.



I'm going away. Please look after these for me.



I have returned! Call the servants.



You two have done well. Come with me.



We pray  
for our sisters and brothers  
in Maui, Morocco,  
Middle East, (Oct. 7, 2023)  
and Libya... and the 32 places  
where war is being raged now.



*Our Lady of Protection*  
Ukrainian Madonna

**FEBRUARY 24, 2022**  
**21 months**

Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country  
to *Our Lady of Protection*,  
interceding to Mary to wrap their country  
with her mantle of loving protection.

With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become  
overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.  
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered  
to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.  
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your  
Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage  
~ not of news ~  
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms  
of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.

**Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!**

Do you know the number  
of U.S. Mass  
shootings and  
gun-related deaths  
so far in 2023?



**WHEN IS  
ENOUGH,  
ENOUGH?**



**Tri-C Almsgiving**  
Thank you so much !!

**NOV**

**Bar soap**

**DEC**

**Dry beans**