

The First Baptist Church at Worship
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 24, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM



In Preparation for Worship

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist
Linda J. Snyder, Soprano

“Prelude” and “Song Without Words” W. S. Lloyd Webber
Variations on “Aberystwyth” Ralph Vaughan Williams
“Amazing Grace” Lena J. McLin

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace. (John Newton)*

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN

#418 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
EIN' FESTE BURG

This hymn is often referred to as “the battle hymn” of the Reformation. Many stories have been relayed about its use. Albert Bailey writes, “It was, as Heine said, the Marseillaise of the Reformation...It was sung in the streets...It was sung by poor Protestant emigres on their way to exile, and by martyrs at their death...Gustavus Adolphus ordered it sung by his army before the battle of Leipzig in 1631...Again it was the battle hymn of his army at Lutzen in 1632...It has had a part in countless celebrations commemorating the men and events of the Reformation; and its first line is engraved on the base of Luther’s monument at Wittenberg...An imperishable hymn! Not polished and artistically wrought but rugged and strong like Luther himself, whose very words seem like deeds.” As you can see, this is a hymn close to the hearts of Protestants and Lutherans, a source of assurance in times of duress and persecution. The text is not restricted, however, to times of actual physical battles. In any time of need, when we do battle with the forces of evil, God is our fortress to hide us and protect us, and the Word that endures forever will fight for us.

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 138

Marlene Hopper

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 11:1-13

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#409 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
CONVERSE

The life of Joseph M. Scriven, the author of this text, was hard and filled with tragedy. At a young age he had to give up his military ambitions due to poor health. Things were looking up as he prepared to be married, but on the eve before his wedding, his fiancée died tragically in a drowning accident. Scriven moved to Rice Lake, Ontario, and was soon to be wed again. His second fiancée, however, also died suddenly from an illness shortly before the wedding. With no job in a hard economy, Scriven had to live with friends and acquaintances. His volunteer work with the impoverished and sickly as he tried to live as closely to the Sermon on the Mount as possible was frowned upon by those friends, however, and they quickly disassociated themselves from him. Penniless and alone, Scriven was later found drowned in Rice Lake. It's a tragic story and, like all tragedies, hard to make sense of. And yet, God still works in and through our stories and losses to fulfill His purposes. Shortly after Scriven moved to Ontario, it's said he wrote the text "What a Friend" to send back to his mother in Ireland to comfort her in a time of sorrow.

After its publication, a neighbor asked if Scriven really did write it, and he replied, “The Lord and I did it between us.” As one of the best-known hymns of comfort, it is certain that the Lord used Scriven to bless many in their own times of sorrow.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs after the Children’s Message for a “One Room Sunday School” class.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#399 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

Rev. Alspaugh

SPECIAL MUSIC

Linda J. Snyder, Soprano

“Deep River” Trad. Spiritual, arr. by Moses Hogan

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“Persistent Prayer”

The Response of God’s People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#406 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*
ABERYSTWYTH

Originally published under the title “In Temptation,” this hymn has as its theme the sufficiency of Christ to give comfort, power, and grace in any circumstance. It is a plea that Jesus will provide sanctuary to the tempted, because there is no other refuge. Christ is declared to be the sole desire of the Christian, who is undeserving, while Christ’s grace is declared sufficient to cleanse the Christian from all vile sins.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Festival Prelude on “Ein’ feste Burg” Jan Bender

(*) You’re invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.
Thank you!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

COVID-19 Update: Last week Montgomery County moved into the CDC's "High" COVID-19 Community Level, where they recommend masking indoors. So we also recommend that you wear masks indoors at church at this time for worship and other activities in keeping with that guidance. For more information see www.cdc.gov. We continue to encourage regular handwashing, sanitizing & physical distancing. And we urge you to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, get tested if you have COVID symptoms, and quarantine when necessary.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcdayton.org/>).

Live **Zoom gatherings** are usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 5:00PM unless otherwise announced. This is a time to connect with one another, pray, and have a lesson. Anyone is welcome to join us through any of these venues as we try to reach people in safe and meaningful ways.



Welcome to Our Guest Musician

First Baptist Church welcomes Dr. Linda Snyder who is professor emeritus at the University of Dayton where she served as department chair and head of the voice and opera department. She is past president of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and is still very active throughout the world as a vocal clinician and educator. Let us welcome Dr. Snyder.

Hospital Volunteer Opportunities

Pete Spiller will be visiting with us during our coffee fellowship time at 11:30 today. Pete will share about opportunities for volunteering with Kettering Health Dayton (Grandview Hospital) and be available to speak with anyone who is interested.

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Ammon Family	Florida Dixon	Reichard Family
Elizabeth Ard	Jim Earnest	Bill Salyers
Paige Bartlett	Neil Earnest	Judy See
Berghuis Family	Tim Earnest	Judy Smith
Jessica Blair	Lavanda Ferguson	Chas Snyder
Don Brown	Bev & Bill Harrell	Anita Suro
Melinda Brown	Linda Haskins	Kaye Suryk
Gerald Busch	Barbara Jett	Emily Taylor
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Anna Frances Lasley	Military Duty:
Tami Malone Charles	Gene & Mary K Lee	Sebastian Ewald
June Collier	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald
Pamela Cress	John & Shirley Nash	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Davis Family	Mary Ann Paloncy	Will Radachi
Dilworth Family	Rose Peacock	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of July 24 – 31

Sun. 24	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
Mon. 25	9:30a	.....	Vacation Bible School
	12-1p	.....	Book Club Lunch Hour
	2:30p	.....	Open Studio (Fireside Rm)
	5-8p	.....	Spiritual Writing Workshop (BYO Food)
Tue. 26	9:30a	.....	Vacation Bible School
	10:00a	.....	Sketch Group Class
	5:30p	.....	Painting Class
	6:00p	.....	FBC Softball Game (Rotary Park)
Wed. 27	9:30a	.....	Vacation Bible School
	1-4p	.....	Writing Consultations (by Appt w/Jerome)
	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
Thu. 28	9:30a	.....	Vacation Bible School
Fri. 29	9:30a	.....	Vacation Bible School
Sun. 31	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship

Matthew 25 Ministries Ukraine Relief

(Donations accepted thru end of August)

First Baptist is continuing our partnership with Christ Episcopal Church to collect items for Ukrainian Relief. Donations can be brought to the church and left in the Fellowship Hall through the end of August. Items left in the Fellowship Hall will be delivered to Christ Episcopal periodically. Donations can also be dropped off at Christ Episcopal. There is a M25M donation box in their parking lot similar to the M25M clothing donation box in the FBC parking lot. See below for the list of items now being collected. ***Please help us with this humanitarian relief effort. The need is great!***

- **Personal care products:** Antibacterial soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, razors, deodorant, lotion, feminine hygiene items, etc.
- **Paper products:** Toilet paper, paper towels, etc.
- **First-Aid items:** Bandages, gauze, pads, first aid tape, antiseptic creams, hydrogen peroxide, alcohol, latex gloves, instant cold packs, etc.
- **Clothing:** New and gently-used clothing
- **Linens:** Quilts and bedspreads, comforters, sheets, pillowcases, blankets, etc.
- **Baby and infant supplies:** Diapers, wipes, diaper rash ointment, baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, etc.
- **NEW stuffed toys:** New stuffed toys only. No battery operated stuffed toys or stuffed toys over 12" in height.

Vacation Bible School

"Traveling with Paul"

July 25-29 / 9:30AM – Noon / PreK - 5th Grade

Registration forms are available online at fbcd Dayton.org
and on the table by the church office.

FBC Softball Games

TUESDAYS @ 6:00PM

Rotary Park in Beavercreek