



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 Communion Sunday
 September 4, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM



In Preparation for Worship

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Soloist

Medley of Beloved Gospel Hymn Tunes Traditional

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked O'Hara

*I walked today where Jesus walked, in days of long ago, I wandered down each path He knew, with reverent step and slow. Those little lanes, they have not changed. A sweet peace fills the air, I walked today where Jesus walked and felt His presence there. My pathway led through Bethlehem, Ah! memories ever sweet, the little hills of Galilee that knew those childish feet. The Mount of Olives hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before. I saw the mighty Jordan roll as in the days of yore. I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed. The Garden of Gethsemane my heart felt unafraid. I picked my heavy burden up, and with Him by my side, I climbed the hill of Calvary, where on the cross He died.
 I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt Him close to me.*

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. Jason Alspaugh

*OPENING HYMN

#415 *Lift High the Cross*
 CRUCIFER

This 19th century English Christian hymn was written in 1887 by George Kitchin and revised in 1916 by Michael R. Newbolt. It has been suggested that the hymn was inspired by the story of conversion of Constantine The Great to Christianity after seeing a cross with *in hoc signo vinces* on it which means, in this sign, you will conquer.

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 139:1-12

Rev. Dr. Karen Johnson

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even

there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Rachel Powell, Layreader

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#493 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
ADELAIDE

After having her hopes of doing missionary work crushed, hymn author Adelaide Pollard became inspired to write a hymn about God working in her life. Written in just a single night, "Have Thine own way, Lord" quickly got published in multiple hymnals. The hymn gives full control over to God, begging him to transform our lives and to work his will in everyone. This classic hymn has reminded generations of believers to submit to God's will at all times and in all circumstances.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alsbaugh

(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

#394 v.1 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*
QUEBEC

**Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to hear Thy call.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. David Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Soloist
FBCD Music Director

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings S. Liddle

*How lovely are thy dwellings O Lord of hosts. My soul longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the
swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to
dwell in the tents of wickedness. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Johnson

"Known or Unown"

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me." ~Psalm 139:1

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Alspaugh and Ava Powell

SHARING OF THE BREAD

#460 (Vs 1-2) *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*
ELLERS

SHARING OF THE CUP

#459 (Vs 1-2) *Come, Share the Lord*
DIVERNON

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#497 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
ASSAM

As this hymn of commitment is sung, think about what it really means to follow Jesus. When someone volunteered to follow Him, Jesus' response was "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." This seems almost brutal, but it is true. The author of this hymn was most likely a convert in India facing persecution and possibly death for this commitment. As expressed through the song, this Christian had taken to heart Jesus' warning: "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Johnson

POSTLUDE

Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Soloist

I Got to Lie Down Hall Johnson

(Sung in Negro dialect)

I got to lie down, how shall I rise, and appear before the judgment bar. Dark was the night and cold the ground on which my Lord was laid, great drops of sweat like blood ran down, in agony He prayed. Dear Father remove this bitter cup if such thy sacred will, if not content I'll drink it up, thy pleasure, I'll fulfill. I would not live a sinner's life, I'll tell you the reason why, I'm scared my Lord might call on me and I wouldn't be ready to die. They'll wrap me in white linen and that's going to hold me fast, they lay me in my silent tomb, and that going to be my last. I got to lie down, how shall I rise, I got to appear before the judgment bar.

(*) 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!*



The chancel flowers are given today by Mary Herbert
 in loving memory of her parents, Logan & Ruth Herbert,
 who were married on September 2, 1922,
 100 years ago.



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: Montgomery County remains in 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.

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

Week of September 4 - 11

Sun. 4	10:00a	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
Mon. 5	Labor Day Holiday – Church Office Closed
Tue. 6	6:00p	FBC Softball Game – Last Game
Fri. 9	6:00p	Pos-4-Pos Monthly Dinner/Meeting
Sun. 11	10:00a	Worship Service – Homecoming Sunday
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes / Activities
	12:15p	BYF Gathering

(The church office will be closed Monday, Sep. 5, Labor Day holiday.)

Welcome to the Pulpit

Rev. Dr. Karen Johnson

Rev. Dr. Karen Johnson has served as Senior Pastor for Heritage Community Church in Cincinnati, and Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church in Kettering, each for over 10 years. In this last year, she has taken a rest from pastoring, which has allowed her to focus on spending time with her 95-year-old mother in South Carolina. Her most recent seminary work was for the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary. Karen's focus was the small church in America, and that resulted in creating a program of enrichment and encouragement for church leaders. Karen lives in Kettering, has two dogs, and is happy to be a new member at FBC.

Distribution of Photo Directory

The printed FBC Photo Directory will be distributed in the Fellowship Hall today during coffee fellowship. They will be available in the church office after today. Each family may take one Photo Directory. Included in each Photo Directory is a copy of the name and address directory that is always available through the church office. Contact Linda Blair or Roger Stephens for changes/additions to the directories.



HOMECOMING SUNDAY

September 11, 2022

While we continue to navigate our way through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this summer has in many ways resembled summers past, with folks being away, traveling and reconnecting with family and friends afar. And so, for the first time in a while our Homecoming Sunday on September 11th may actually feel more like coming home. On that day we welcome back familiar faces and we welcome those who are new to our community who may be looking for a congregation to call home. And to add a celebratory touch to the day, we'll have a nice cake added to our usual Coffee Fellowship spread.

This day also marks the time when we resume our full Sunday schedule with Sunday school classes and activities for all ages after worship. We encourage you to take advantage of these learning opportunities throughout the year; and we always welcome your ideas and input for future offerings. You can connect with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org) or Roy Vice, Chair of Christian Education (roy.vice@wright.edu). We look forward to welcoming everyone home this fall!

Here is what that schedule will look like:

- Worship: 10:00am (with Prelude beginning at 9:45am)
- Coffee Fellowship: 11:00(ish)-11:30am
- Sunday School for Adults & Youth (6-12 graders): 11:30am-12:15pm
- Children's Music & Activities (PreK-5 graders): 11:30am-12:15pm

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sabbatical Reflections & Conversation
Led by Pastor Jason Alspaugh
Sundays @ 11:30am / Chapel (1st Floor)
September 11 - October 2

Join Pastor Jason this fall as he shares his reflections from his sabbatical leave this past spring. The hope is that these reflections will spark conversation and inspire us to consider how the arts can enrich our life of faith together. He will share photos and stories in no particular order, weaving together his experiences and thoughts along the following four major themes:

Sep 11: To Be Remembered
Sep 18: The Art of Faith
Sep 25: Consider the Birds
Oct 2: Grace

Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) is Back !
SAVE THE DATES

As the summer season winds down, our Baptist Youth Fellowship for 6th-12th graders will be regathering. We will begin with an end of summer pool party at the home of Matt and DeAnn Owens. There will be pool games, food, and time to share stories from the summer. And then in September we will resume our usual schedule of gathering on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 12:15-2:30pm. We'll start making plans for the fall, have some conversation around matters of life and faith, and share in our usual silliness.

Things can change from year to year, and so we are asking that every youth participant fill out a new Medical-Transportation form. (NOTE: hard copies are available on welcome tables outside the church office and in the narthex). Friends are always welcome at BYF gatherings, but they, too, must turn in a completed and signed Medical-Transportation form in order to participate. Please turn in forms to Pastor Jason. RSVPs are also helpful for planning. You can just email Pastor Jason at jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org. We are looking forward to another great year of all things BYF!

Upcoming BYF Gatherings:

Sunday, Aug 28 @ Noon-2:30pm: Pool Party at the Owens's (796 Farmbrook Dr., Beavercreek, 45430)

Sunday, Sep 11 @ 12:15-2:30pm: BYF at FBCD

Sunday, Sep 25 @12:15-2:30pm: BYF at FBCD

REBUILDING TOGETHER DAYTON (RTD)
[Re]storing Hope Benefit Breakfast
Thursday, September 29 @ 8:00-9:00AM
Top of the Market – 32 Webster St. Dayton

Rebuilding Together Dayton relies on the generous support of businesses, organizations, congregations, and individuals throughout the Dayton area. FBC has supported RTD for many years. This event is an opportunity to learn more about RTD and hear from some of the people they have helped. The FBC Missions Board has sponsored a table at the breakfast. RTD CEO and FBC member Amy Radachi says all are invited but everyone should register at <https://rb.gy/c1lfow> so a headcount is received for food and name tags. Invitees can indicate FBC table under "who invited you." If you are interested in attending you may register yourself or contact Ted Greenwood at 937-461-5333 or ted.gpm@gmail.com.

Exploring Worship

For Jr/Sr High Youth

Below are some questions to help you think about our time in worship today. You can use the order of worship to help you with your answers. For any questions *you* may have, be sure to write them down, and feel free to talk about them with Pastor Jason or one of your folks.

MUSIC

Was there a song or part of a song you connected with? If so, name it and try to explain why.

Write down any words or verses in any of the songs we sang that may have been confusing to you.

SCRIPTURE

Was there a passage of Scripture or a verse you connected with? If so, write it down and try to explain why.

Write down any questions you may have about any of the Scriptures we read today.

SERMON

What was the main passage of Scripture on which the sermon was based (book, chapter, verse)?

In your own words, what do you think this Scripture was about?

How did the sermon help you understand this Scripture? What did you learn?

Write down any words or phrases you didn't understand, and/or any questions you might have:

ART

(Feel free to use this space to doodle or draw as you listen, pray, feel inspired.)