

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
15th Sunday After Pentecost / Communion Sunday  
September 5, 2021 10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Prelude in G Major  
Felix Mendelssohn

Partita on "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"  
Johann Gottfried

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 #310 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
HYMN TO JOY

Henry Van Dyke's brilliant hymn of praise has many layers that add to the beauty of his text. As hymnologist Albert Bailey writes, within Van Dyke's text, "creation itself cannot conceal its joy, and that joy is appreciated by God the center of it all; likewise all nature fills us with joy, caused fundamentally by our recognition of God as the giver." We experience joy on many levels: we witness the joy expressed by Creation, we bask in the joy of God as He delights in us, and we experience our own joy as we reflect on all God has done for us and through us. We have all heard this line over and over again, but it's worth repeating: we rush through life too quickly to stop and be filled with joy. We allow the phone calls we have to make, the laundry we need to fold, the paper we need to write, and the porch we need to fix get in the way of simply stopping, looking around, and being filled with joy and gratitude at the world God has given us. It's a world where we have people to call, children to clothe, knowledge to express, and parties to host. And more so than anything, even when it seems to be crumbling around us, it's a world redeemed by Christ. What can we raise to our Savior but this outburst of joy?

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON Rev. David Coggins

**James 2:1-17:** My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law

according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Alspaugh

(Today our Sunday School for preK-6 is on a mini fall break. And so, following the Message the children will return to their families and remain in worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER #412 v.1 Sweet Hour of Prayer  
SWEET HOUR

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known! In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC Sara Pearsaul Vice, soloist  
O Lord Most Holy ..... César Franck

*O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee; Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace. Father, Father, guide and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, Keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts; In all our sorrows let us find our rest in Thee; and in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power, Thine aid O send us; Hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favor, so shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.*

THE SERMON Rev. Alspaugh  
"The Royal Law"

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Coggins

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP #461 v.1-2 Let Us Break Bread Together (BREAK BREAD)

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

The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #507 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
African American Spiritual

Miles Mark Fisher, in *Negro Slave Songs in the United States*, writes that this African American spiritual could have been written in Virginia in the 1750s based on a story from Hanover, Virginia, 1756: "A black slave asked Presbyterian preacher William Davies, 'I come to you, sir, that you may tell me some good things concerning Jesus Christ and my duty to God, for I am resolved not to live any more as I have done...Lord [Sir], I want to be a Christian.'" What a powerful line – "I am resolved not to live any more as I have done." It is very easy for us to say as Christians that we have "arrived;" we've accepted the call, received Christ into our hearts, and are thereby "Christian." But how often do we use this as a crutch? How simple it is to justify our painful comments, our complacency in the face of injustice, and our actions done out of pride rather than humility, all because we bear the name "Christian." Today, and every day, we must dedicate ourselves to being Christian - not just claiming the name as our own - and resolve "not to live any more as we have done."

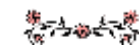
BENEDICTION Rev. Alspaugh

POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

Fugue in G Major ..... Felix Mendelssohn

(\* 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 in-person worship! 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.

**Please Note!** Wearing a mask is strongly recommended. Since children have not yet been able to get vaccinated Pastor Jason and Barbara Bogan intend to continue wearing masks along with them during their times together.

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/>). We hold our live Zoom Gatherings on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM 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.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day holiday.**

**Week of Sept. 5 – 12**

Sun. 5	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	5:00p	.....	Zoom Gathering
Mon. 6		.....	Labor Day Holiday – Church Office Closed
Tue. 7	6:00p	.....	FBC Softball Game @ Rotary Park Bvrck
Wed. 8	2:00p	.....	Bible Study @ FBC
Thu. 9	7:30a	.....	Building Bridges Bible Study @ Goughs
	6:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Dinner & Rehearsal @ FBC
Sun. 12	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Homecoming Sunday
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering

**Chancel Choir Dinner/Rehearsal**

**Thursday, Sept. 9 in Fellowship Hall @ 6pm**

The First Baptist Church Chancel Choir dinner and rehearsal will be held on Thursday evening, Sept. 9, beginning at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. If you are planning to come, please bring a dish to share. If you cannot attend, please notify the music director by leaving a message with the church office. We look forward to an exciting season and hope that you can join us as we worship in song! If you would like to join the choir, please contact the church office to arrange for an interview (937-222-4691 or email [fbccdayton.org](mailto:fbccdayton.org)).

**Join Your First Baptist Friends for Jazz at the Levitt on September 11**

Dave Greer's Classic Jazz Stompers will be bringing their toe-tapping traditional and Dixieland jazz to the Levitt Pavilion on Saturday, Sept. 11, just in time for Homecoming weekend at First Baptist. We will gather on the hill near Fourth and Main Streets in time for the concert at 7:00 p.m. If you haven't been to the Levitt before, all concerts are free. You just need to bring your own chairs or blanket. You may bring your own snacks, picnics and beverages, including alcoholic beverages, but no glass bottles are allowed. There are often food and beverage vendors there, too. In the event of rain, the concert is typically cancelled. We'll hope for good weather and a good crowd. It's fun for all ages, so bring the kids!

**Homecoming Sunday – Sept. 12**

Many of our traditional practices were upended in 2020 due to COVID-19, and even as I write this, things still feel up in the air, unsettled. It feels a little weird to celebrate Homecoming on a particular Sunday, while many are still making their way back into Sunday worship and fellowship life; and for some the dynamics of being able to gather at all on Sundays have changed since the start of this pandemic. September 12<sup>th</sup> doesn't feel like "the" day, but rather one of the many days on which we can celebrate a sense of coming home. Perhaps it was always this way, and we just didn't realize it. Nevertheless, we are moving forward with hope this fall; hoping to see more people—new and familiar—gathering together for worship; hoping to have time to fellowship and share our lives over coffee; hoping to gather for new learning opportunities. And so we are planning for a return to the following schedule, starting September 12th:

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

We will, of course, remain mindful of that which is in the best interest of public health, and be flexible with our plans. So please keep an eye out for updated information on Sunday school offerings, scheduling, etc. And if you have ideas for Christian Education and/or are interested in

teaching/leading, please speak with Pastor Jason or Ray Landis (Board of Christian Ed., chair).

**Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) is Back!**

This fall our Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) for youth in grades 6-12 will resume its regularly scheduled gatherings. We will meet here at First Baptist on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month from 12:15-2:30pm** (unless otherwise noted) for food, fun, Bible study and other miscellaneous adventures, as we seek to grow our friendships and grow in faith. Join us **Sunday, Sept. 12** for our BYF Fall Kick-Off Gathering. Friends are always welcome! If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me/Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org)). (NOTE: For now, anytime we meet indoors we'll be wearing face masks, but we'll try to do as much outdoors as possible).

\* Already I am going off our usual schedule and planning for us to meet on **Sept. 19 instead of the 26th**. On Sept. 19 we will be gathering after church and carpooling over to Harmony Creek Community Church to have some fun together tie-dyeing our BYC Camp shirts, etc. Lunch will be provided. Pickup will then be at 2:30pm from Harmony Creek Church which is located at 5280 Bigger Rd., Kettering, OH 45440. If you are available to help (if needed) with our carpooling to HCC, please let me know. If you would, please let me know if your youth(s) plan to participate on Sept. 19th. And if you have any questions in the meantime, let me know. ~ Pastor Jason

**First Baptist Church of Dayton welcomes the Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton and the Dayton community to our September 19<sup>th</sup> worship service.**

**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.*

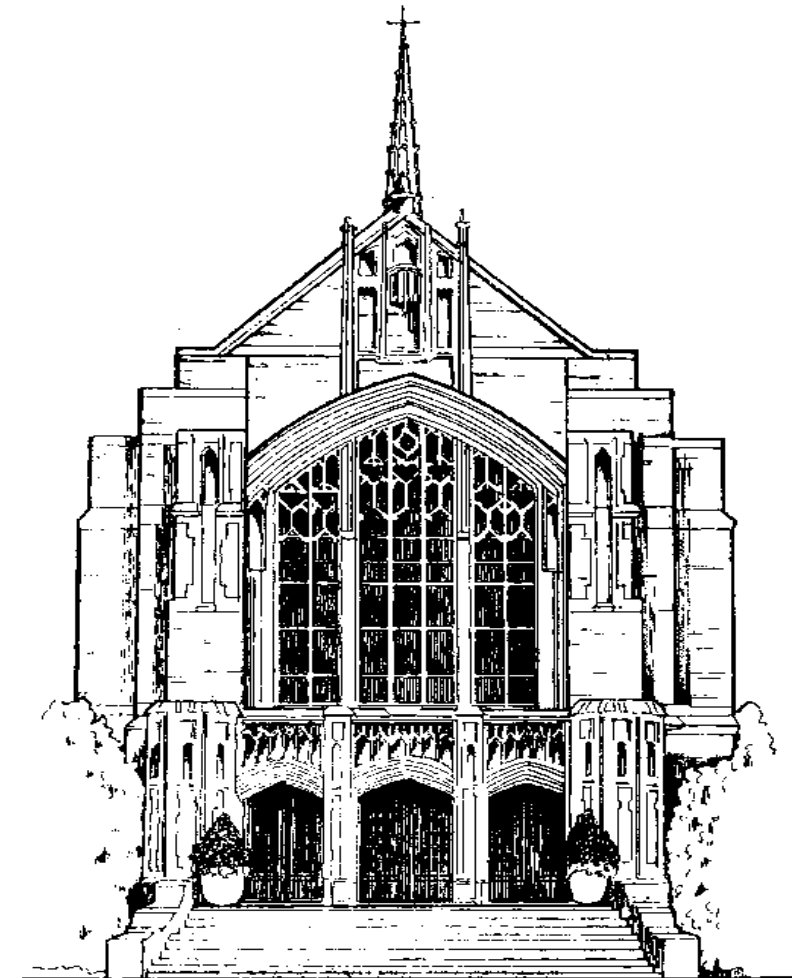
**Prayers of the People**

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

Ayers Family	Joel Frydman	Sutton Family
Paige Bartlett	Gamez Family	Suro Family
Rebecca Bauer	Gottshall Family	Kaye Suryk
Cody Berghuis	Ken Gordon	Emily Taylor
Marlen Berghuis	Bev Harrell	Torrey Thrash
Jessica Blair	Linda Haskins	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Jett Family	Sara Vice
Melinda Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Waldrop Family
Robert Brown	Brad Lawson	Zachery Williamson
Andrew Caldwell	Jerry Lawson	Worthey Family
Lynn Chadbourne	Steve Liss	Healthcare Workers
Tami Malone Charles	Tim Meador	Police & Fire Fighters
June Collier	Arthur Merkle	
Craig Family	Mary Ann Paloncy	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Pamela Cress	Susan Reichard	Sebastian Ewald
Kim Dilworth	Bill Salyers	Sunny Ewald
Florida Dixon	Benji Sayre	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Judy See	Will Radachi
Neil Earnest	Judy Smith	Andy Wilson
Lavanda Ferguson	Michelle Smith	
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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