

The First Baptist Church at Worship

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Homecoming Sunday

September 12, 2021

10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Chorale Preludes Johannes Brahms

Meditation on "Perfect Love" Don Hustad

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Woke Up This Mornin' Arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

*Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus
No condemnation with my mind, stayed on Jesus
Walkin and talkin with my mind, stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, Hallelujah.*

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#332 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
AZMON

"If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all," so said Peter Böhler to Charles Wesley, inspiring the first line of the classic hymn, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise." Written to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Charles' conversion to Christianity, this declaration of Christ's power and victory in his own life, rich in Biblical imagery of the Kingdom of God, becomes our own hymn of praise. We stand with the angels before the throne of God, lifting our voices as one church to glorify the one who "bids our sorrows cease." And yet, we also sing in the knowledge that the Kingdom of God is not yet fully realized. We proclaim Christ's victory as a declaration of hope that we will see Christ reign over all. We stand with the voiceless, the lame, the prisoner, and the sorrowing, and lift our song of expectation.

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON

Rev. David Coggins

Psalm 116:1-9: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Mark 8:34-38: He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message. Following the message they may go to Sunday school—PreK-3 graders will be downstairs in Rm. 4, and 4-6 graders will be in the 1st Floor Parlor. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#386 v.1 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*
ST. AGNES

**Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &

Rev. Coggins

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fettke

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and star suspended in space. O what is man, that you are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation; the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fill the heavens, O Lord, our God, the little children praise you perfectly and so would we. Alleluia.
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"A Life Saved"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#415 *Lift High the Cross*
CRUCIFER

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever. It has been suggested that the hymn was inspired by the story of Constantine The Great's conversion to Christianity after seeing a cross with "In hoc sign vinces" on it which translates "in this sign thou shall conquer."

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen
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POSTLUDE

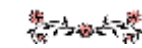
R. Alan Kimbrough

Processional on "Lauda Anima" Don Hustad

(*) 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.

Week of Sept. 12 – 19

Sun. 12	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Homecoming Sunday
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes / Activities
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering
Tue. 14	6:00p	.....	Last Softball Season Game @ Rotary Park Bvrck
Wed. 15	2:00p	.....	Bible Study @ FBC
	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting @ FBC
Thu. 16	7:30a	.....	Building Bridges Bible Study @ Goughs
	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 19	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes / Activities

Today is Homecoming Sunday

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

BYF Gathering Today

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 **second and fourth 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@fbcd Dayton.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 45440. If you are available to help (if needed) with our carpooling to HCC, please let me know. 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

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 15 @ 6:30pm
First Baptist Church of Dayton

Special Guests on Sept. 19

First Baptist Church welcomes the Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton and the Dayton community to our September 19th worship service. FBC members are encouraged to meet/greet our guests following the service, during coffee fellowship on the lawn. Refresh yourselves with tea, lemonade, coffee, and pastries.

Baptism: A Call to Discipleship

This fall we are once again inviting folks to consider the call of Christ on their lives and their readiness to answer that call to follow by passing through the waters of baptism. If this is a conversation you would like to have, please speak with Pastor Kent or Pastor Jason. This can involve a series of one-to-one conversations or be part of a small group experience. Often when there is more than one person wishing to be baptized we form a Discipleship Class that meets together to share our stories, our beliefs, and talk about the meaning of baptism and following Jesus. We already have a couple of young people who have expressed their desire to be baptized; so if there are any others who want to join us, please let Pastor Jason know. At the conclusion of these conversations one does not have to be baptized. There is always room to say, "No" or "Not yet." As the preacher Fred Craddock would say, it makes the "Yes" all the more meaningful.

ABC Missionary Daniel Chetti Speaker at Gathering on Sept. 24

Friday, Sept. 24 @ 7:00pm
Kenwood Baptist Church ~ 8341 Kenwood Road,
Cincinnati 45236

*Dinner (gluten-free for those needed), followed by presentation about
Enduring Love Ministries*

Missionary Dan Chetti, along with a couple of Enduring Love board members, will speak at the Sept. 24 gathering to update and share with supporting churches in Ohio the exciting news of God's work through our Arab missionaries in the seven (7) countries of the Middle East and North Africa. Kenwood Baptist Church has invited members of FBC to join them for the dinner on Sept. 24, followed by Dr. Chetti's presentation. If you would like to attend, please notify Ted Greenwood or Linda Ginter Brown. If we have several people going, we could carpool. The FBC Board of Missions supports ABC Missionaries Dan & Sarah Chetti. Dan Chetti will be speaking to the FBC congregation at the worship service on Sept. 26.

Support Our Baptist Youth Fellowship Through the AmazonSmile Program!

Just go to smile.amazon.com and log-in with your Amazon.com username and password. Search for "First Baptist Church Dayton" in the list of charitable organizations and click "Select." Then each time you want to buy something through Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com (not Amazon.com) and log-in and buy as you normally would. 0.5% of all eligible purchases will be donated to our church's BYF. Thanks for your support!

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

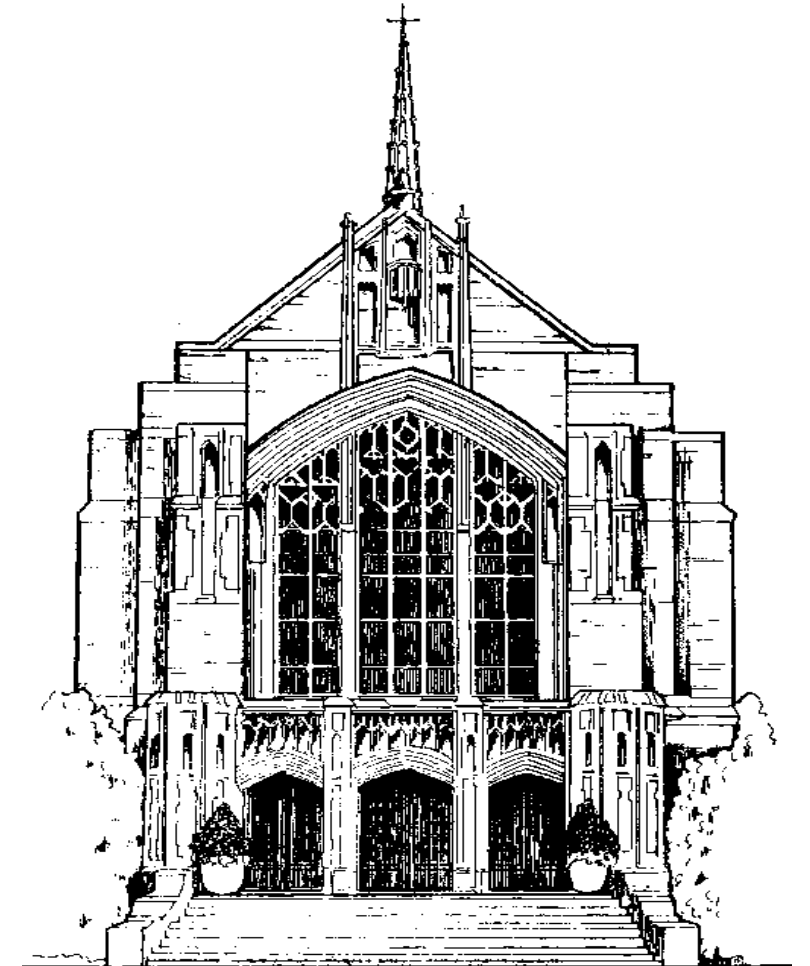
(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

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SEPTEMBER 12, 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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