

The First Baptist Church at Worship
20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 15, 2023

10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

London Suite Gordon Young 1978

- I. Praeludium (Westminster Abby)
- II. Allemande (Piccadilly Circus)
- III. Sarabande (Richmond Hill)
- IV. Marche (The Horse Guards)
- V. Pastorale (Kew Gardens)

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

God Himself Is with Us
Eugene Butler

God himself is with us; let us now adore him. Come with awe before him. Hear, O Lord, the praises that your church now raises, as we bow before you.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN

#315 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
MIT FREUDEN ZART

This hymn is based on Deuteronomy 32:3—"For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!" Using a variety of metaphors for God and for His works, this text overflows with proclamations of God's loving care for His people.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Abby Cox

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20: Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Romans 13:8-10: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

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

Matthew 22:36-40: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

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!**

*THE 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. 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 (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

O, How He Loves You and Me
Kurt Kaiser

O, how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me. He gave His life, what more could He give; O, how He loves me. O, how He loves me. O, how He loves you and me. Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for all He did show; what He did there brought hope from despair; O, how He loves me. O, how He loves me. O, how He loves you and me.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and

Rev. Alspaugh

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Directed by William Henry Caldwell

Go Not Far from Me Zingarelli

Go not far from me O God, Cast me not away, Cast me not away, In the time of age, Cast me not away, In the time of age, Forsake me not, Forsake me not, When my strength faileth me, O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, Be filled with Thy praise, That I may sing, That I may sing, That I may sing.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Heart of the Law"

Responding to the Word of God

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#635 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*
SOJOURNER

Though this spiritual focuses on a plea for Jesus to walk alongside us, there is an element of assurance that His answer is “yes.” As the psalmist writes, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” As this song is sung, think about what it means to constantly have the presence of God, even when no human companionship is available.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be with You*
Randolph

*God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE Gregory Land

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

*Please drop off 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.

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/>).

Week of Oct. 15 – 22

Sun. 15	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
Wed. 18	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 19	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 22	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 18 @ 6:30pm

First Baptist Church Women United

Don’t forget the next board meeting coming up on **Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1:00pm at Dorothy Lane Baptist Church** when Angie Berghuis will be speaking on the National Park Service here in Dayton. Bragging rights to the person who can name all the parks! --Linda Ginter-Brown

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.)

Jason Alspaugh	Tim Holmen	Lane & Marcia Riffey
Elizabeth Ard	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See
Glen Babb	Greenwood Family	Judy Smith
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Gail Bowman	Ray Landis	Ginger Tiffner
Don Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Anne Veghte
Rob Brown	Gene & Mary K Lee	West Family
Don Bryant	Dana Liss	Dorothy Williams
Gerald Busch	Vincent Liss	
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Tom McKenzie	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Arthur Merkle	Sebastian Ewald
Florida Dixon	Carolyn Mowry	Sunny Ewald
David Donovan	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Luke Earnest	Pearson Family	Will Radachi
Neil Earnest	Brenda Proffitt	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

FBC Halloween/Harvest Party

Sunday, Oct. 29 @ 11:30am

FOOD – CANDY – GAMES – COSTUMES – ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Board of Christian Education is hosting a Halloween/Harvest Party for everyone on Sunday, October 29 starting shortly after morning worship at 11:30am. We will gather in the fellowship hall for food, and then head outdoors (weather permitting) for fun and games and s’mores.

Trunk or Treat: We have also decided to once again include a Trunk or Treat component to our usual party games, where we welcomed folks to decorate their cars/trunks and pass out candy to our kids as they paraded through the parking lot. There is a red clipboard with a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for those who plan to participate in the Trunk or Treat.

Costume Contest: All are invited to come dressed in/put on their Halloween costumes/fall attire as we celebrate the new season with food, games and fellowship! And there will be prizes for best costumes in the following categories: Best Fall Attire; Best Home-made; Silliest/Funniest; Most Creative/Original; Best Group (2 or more people comprising a group—e.g., Avengers, TMNT, etc.); Best Retro.

RSVPs are always helpful, and we encourage you to do so using the yellow cards in the pews on Sunday or by email or phone (fbc@fbcdayton.org / 937-222-4691).

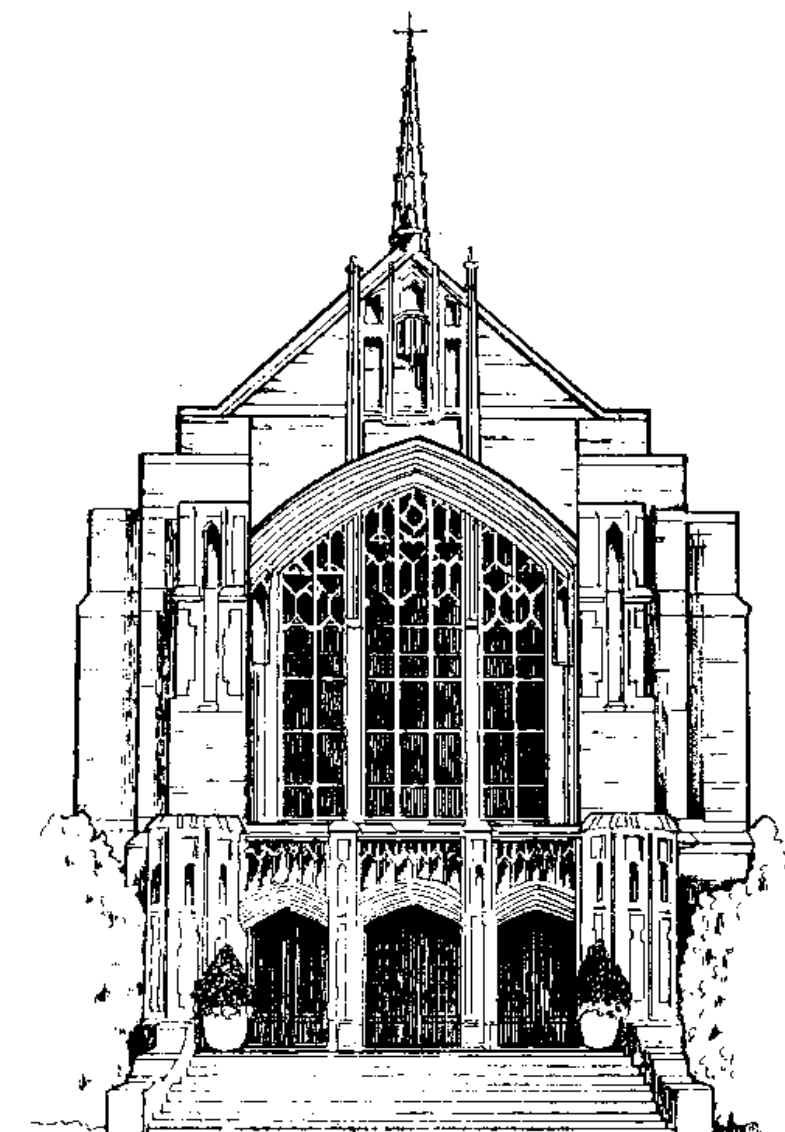
NOTE: There will not be Sunday School or Second Hour activities for children and youth at the 11:30am time, BUT there WILL be Adult Sunday School offering on the Alternatives to Violence Project led by Rev. Joe Henry in the Chapel. Those attending his class are all welcome to join the party at any time afterwards.

Don’t Forget to Donate to the

World Mission Offering

Your donations help our missionaries throughout the world! Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Thank you!

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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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