

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
 Second Sunday of Stewardship

November 12, 2023

10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

- “Litany” ..... Franz Schubert
- “Elegy” ..... G. T. Thalben-Ball
- “Requiescat in pace” ..... Henry G. Ley

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

*This Is the Day*  
 Everett Williams

*This is the day which the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
 Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice! Amen.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

\*OPENING HYMN

#215 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*  
 DARWALL

Hymnologist J. Richard Watson summarizes “Rejoice, the Lord is King!” as “an economical statement of the final triumph of Jesus as Savior and Judge, as stated in the Apostles’ Creed.” The opening stanza of this well-known hymn by Charles Wesley is one of unbridled exuberance. The six-line stanza contains at least seven imperative exhortations: “Rejoice,” “give thanks,” “sing,” “Lift up your heart,” “Lift up your voice,” “Rejoice, again,” “rejoice.”

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Nancy Kerr

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Bob Kerr

**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25:** Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors--Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor--lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household,

we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

**Hebrews 9:11-15:** But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

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\*THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#619 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*  
 ASSURANCE

The hymn, “Blessed Assurance,” consists of three short verses yet amply recounts the beauty of the grace imparted to mankind, the hope found in Salvation, and the expectation of a future wholly encompassed within the all-consuming love of Christ.

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

*Sanctuary*  
 Thompson

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for You.**

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You." The score includes various chords such as D/A, Em/A, D, A, G, Em7, D, A, F#m/A, Em/A, D, A, G, Em7, A7, and D.

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

Rev. David Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir  
 Directed by William Henry Caldwell

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ..... arr. Andre Thomas

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing neigh.  
 Children don't get weary, children don't get weary, children don't get weary,  
 till your work is done. Christian journey, soon be over, Christian journey soon  
 be over, Christian journey soon be over. The time is drawing neigh.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“Choosing to Serve God”*

Responding to the Word of God

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#548 *When We All Get to Heaven*  
 HEAVEN

*When We All Get to Heaven* is a hymn which points us to that day when Christ shall come to be glorified in His saints and we receive our eternal reward. The text was written by Eliza Edmunds Hewitt, a schoolteacher who became a partial invalid after one of her students hit her in the back with a heavy slate. She became a prolific gospel song text author.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Amen*  
 Danish

*Amen, Amen, Amen*

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Prelude and Fugue in C Major ..... J. S. Bach

(\* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.



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/).

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

RSVP Today for the Thanksgiving Lunch Carry-In Sunday, Nov. 19 after service



Deacons will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and drinks. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert and RSVP by Monday, Nov. 13.

Executive Council Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 15 @ 6:30pm

Adult Sunday School Class

TRUTH & LIES AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: THE CHURCH AND GOD'S LGBTQ+ CHILDREN

November 12 @ 11:30am-12:15pm 1st Floor - Chapel

Last year the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists (AWAB), of which we are a member congregation, began sponsoring an annual lecture that would speak to the Church, society and LGBTQ+ concerns. These can be attended in-person, but they are thankfully also available to watch via livestream and recorded. And here we are offering an opportunity for folks to view the recording of this year's lecture. We hope you'll join us, and share your questions and responses to this year's message.

About the Lecture: We've all heard how everyone's equal at the foot of the cross. That doesn't seem to apply to LGBTQ+ people, however, according to many Christians. In fact, the disgust and hatred of LGBTQ+ people among many Christians is so great that they eagerly accept, tell, create, and repeat lies and falsehoods about the queer community and work actively to limit, roll back, and deny civil and human rights to LGBTQ+ people. Surely, however, of all places, the foot of the cross is a place for truths. On the cross, Jesus sided with the marginalized, oppressed, and despised. The resurrection was God's affirmation of that choice, and, in his "coming out" of the tomb, Jesus offered hope, possibility, love, and welcome. We'll explore truths and lies at the foot of the cross, drawing from the latest headlines, biological, medical, and social sciences, gender studies, and theological and biblical studies and make a specific case for Baptist welcome of God's LGBTQ+ children.

BYF Gatherings in Nov/Dec

Our Baptist Youth Fellowship continues to gather on the second and fourth Sundays of each month (unless otherwise noted). And so, in the month of November we are planning to meet on November 12 & 26. And our last gathering of 2023 will be on Sunday, December 10. We will meet in the upstairs dining hall after Sunday school on these dates for lunch (12:15pm). And we'll spend the rest of our time enjoying fun and fellowship. Pickup will be at 2:30pm.

November Drive for House of Bread

In a recent Sunday school class we talked about ways to help others in the community, and we agreed to start by gathering items for a local place of outreach like House of Bread. And so, during the month of November our Jr./Sr. High youth will be hosting a donation drive for House of Bread (houseofbread.org), collecting items on their General wish list:

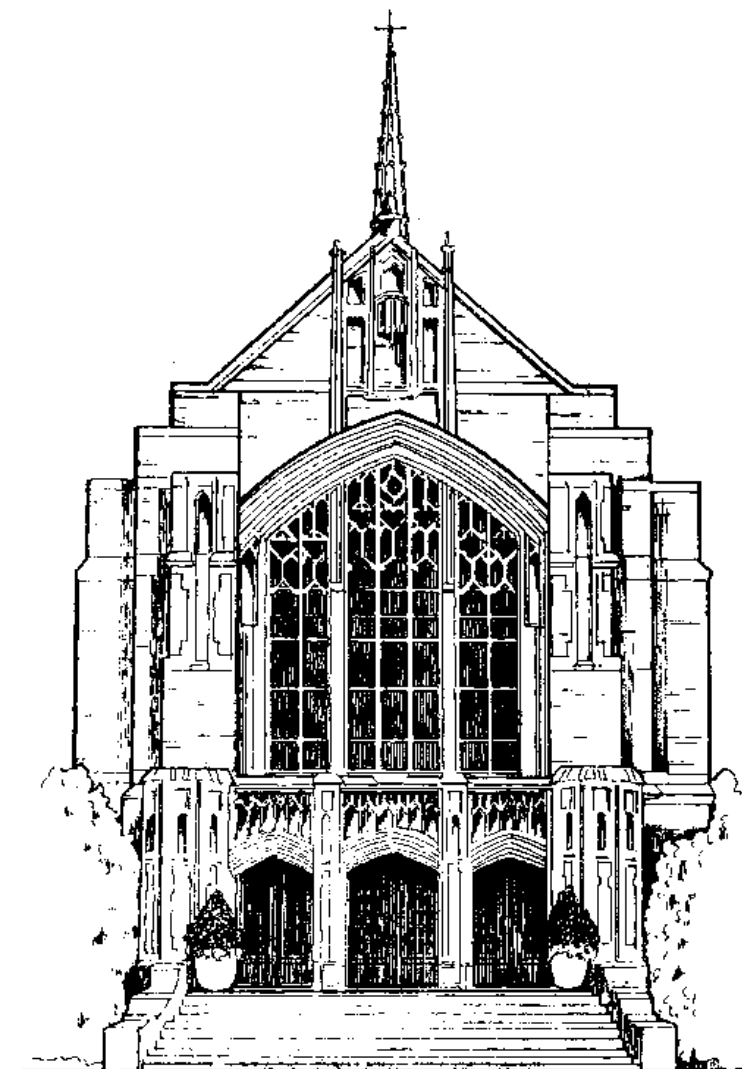
- Pasta noodles - elbow, penne, shells and Pasta Sauce
Rice - white or brown
Peanut butter and jelly - plastic containers
White sugar
Cream Soups for cooking - cream of chicken, potato, mushroom
Corn Meal or Corn bread mixes
Salad Dressing - ranch, French
Mayonnaise and Relish

Look for our youth and a donation bin in the Fellowship Hall and other places in the building. If you would like to make a financial contribution, you can go to their website and click on the "Donate" button. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Thanksgiving Break

The church office will be closed Nov. 23 & 24.

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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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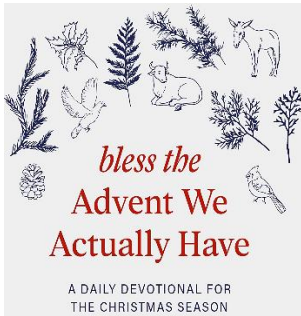
# ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Supporting the Christmas Programs of FBC Children & Youth

Our Board of Christian Education folks had the idea of wanting to support our children and youth who may be in Christmas/Holiday programs at their schools, by sharing that information and encouraging folks to attend. So we are inviting families to share the dates, times, ticket info, etc. for the various programs their children and youth may be in this year; and we'll promote that through our church communications. Just email the info to the church office at [fbc@fbcdayton.org](mailto:fbc@fbcdayton.org).

## 2023 Advent Study "BLESS THE ADVENT WE ACTUALLY HAVE"

Led by Pastor Jason Alspaugh (et al)  
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm  
November 26 – December 17  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Chapel



The Season of Advent does not actually begin until December 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the fourth and last Sunday of Advent takes place on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>; and it'll be amazing if we all just show up for two worship services in one day 😊. And so, I am intentionally beginning this year's Advent study a week early in order to cover the four themes of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love that we traditionally celebrate in our worship life. And this year we'll be using Kate Bouler's devotional, "*bless the Advent We Actually Have*" to guide our time of study and reflection. It is also useful throughout the weekdays in Advent, those times in-between our gatherings. This is a free resource that will be available in print on the table by the church office on Sunday, Nov. 19.

## Decorate for Advent/Christmas

Saturday, Nov. 25 @ 9:00AM

On Saturday, Nov. 25, beginning at 9:00am we plan to decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and exterior of the church for Advent/Christmas and would greatly appreciate as many helpers as possible. We will have refreshments available. Join us for this time of preparation, fun and fellowship!

## Poinsettia Orders for Advent/Christmas

If you wish to contribute toward our annual display of poinsettias for Advent/Christmas, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering basket this morning (or mail it in). You may contribute in memory of loved ones or to honor special people. Gifts of \$20 will underwrite the cost of the plants. **Orders and payments are needed by Wednesday, Nov. 22.**



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### POINSETTIA ORDER & DEDICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In **Memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

In **Honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 will be mailed by 11/22/23