

The First Baptist Church at Worship
Reign of Christ Sunday

November 26, 2023 10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” Benjamin M. Culli
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (St. Columba) C. Stanford & H. Ley
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” Don Hustad

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 & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Psalm 100)

*OPENING HYMN #331 *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*
OLD 100TH

The psalmist gave Psalm 100 the title, “A psalm of thanksgiving.” The opening verses tell us how this thanksgiving is to be rendered: boldly and jubilantly. “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! ... Come into his presence with singing!” The final stanza of this hymn, which is a paraphrase of Psalm 100, tells us why God deserves such unabashed worship: “His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.” Sing this psalm with your whole being, for our good God deserves nothing less than whole-hearted praise.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Nancy Kerr

Ezekiel 34:11-16: For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into

their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

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

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Ephesians 1:15-23: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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*THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN #372 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*
ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

This hymn was written in rural England in the mid-nineteenth century, when the life of the village during the winter depended on the bounty of the autumn harvest. While the first stanza of this hymn rejoices over the harvest, the last three stanzas expound on the reminder this image gives of the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds in Matthew 13. The hymn concludes with a prayer that the final harvest at His Second Coming would happen soon.

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 (SEE HANDOUT) *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.

MOMENTS OF REMEMBRANCE Rev. David Coggins

Mary K Lee
February 17, 1938 – November 12, 2023

Florida Dixon
March 21, 1938 – November 11, 2023

(You are invited to stand at the ringing of the chimes.)

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

ANTHEM Women of the Chancel Choir
Directed by William Henry Caldwell

Like As a Father Luigi Cherubini

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord hath mercy on them that fear Him.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis
“We Are His People”

Responding to the Word of God

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #379 *Let All Things Now Living*
ASH GROVE

The text of *Let All Things Now Living* by Katherine Kennicott Davis calls forth prayers of thanksgiving for all creation. This song beautifully merges God’s creative work, and protective guidance of all, and our response of trust and thanksgiving.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Amen*
Danish
Amen, Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

“Now Thank We All Our God” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

(* 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!

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

Week of Nov. 26 – Dec. 3

Sun. 26	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering
Thu. 30		.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 2	9-noon	.....	Decorate for Advent/Christmas
Sun. 3	10:00a	.....	Worship Service w/Communion – Advent 1
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	5-7p	.....	“Voices for Peace” @ Fazl-I-Umar Mosque

Decorate for Advent/Christmas

Update: Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 9:00AM

On Saturday, Dec. 2, 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 fellowship and fun!

“Voices for Peace”

“Voices for Peace” is an event focusing on peace from different religious traditions in light of the Israeli-Gaza conflict. Pastor Berghuis will be one of the speakers. **This will be held Sunday, December 3 from 5-7 pm at Fazl-I-Umar Mosque, 637 Randolph St. in Dayton.** Anyone is welcome to attend and lend support, we would love to see some FBCD people there!

November Food Drive for House of Bread

A food drive for the House of Bread (houseofbread.org) is being hosted by the Jr./Sr. High youth this month. A donation table is located in fellowship hall. Financial contributions can be made on their website (click on the “Donate” button). Thanks in advance for your generosity!

BYF Today!

12:15-2:30pm in upstairs dining room

2023 Advent Study

“BLESS THE ADVENT WE ACTUALLY HAVE”

Led by Pastor Jason Alspaugh (et al)

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

November 26 – December 17

The Season of Advent does not actually begin until December 3rd, but the fourth and last Sunday of Advent takes place on Christmas Eve, December 24th; 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. ~Pastor Jason

2023 Christmas Pageantry

This year I am working on an order of worship for Sunday, December 17 that will incorporate different parts of the Gospel stories surrounding the birth of Jesus. We will still have a part of the service entail a fairly traditional Christmas Pageant, and we'll need folks to play the parts of Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, etc. But there will also be more in terms of annunciations, proclamations, and praise that come from the Gospels. I will be contacting various people with specific ideas, but for the pageant part we will still need to rehearse. And so, we will hold **pageant rehearsals on Sundays, December 3 & 10** in the sanctuary after worship. The pageant is a fun thing for our kids and youth, but we are also open to adults taking part as well. If you'd like to be in the pageant or help out in any way, or just have questions, please let me know (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org). ~Pastor Jason

A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 10AM Worship

The music for Lessons and Carols will feature our wonderful organists Gregory Land and Alan Kimbrough, the Chancel Choir singing carols by Alfred Burt and John Rutter, plus many more seasonal favorites.

Koinonia Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 15 @ 7pm at the Home of Daryl & Barb Bogan

(7610 Rolling Oaks Dr, 45459)

Bring hors d'oeuvres to share! All are welcome!

The Mitten Tree

During the Advent/Christmas season, we ask that you honor the gift of Christ with gifts for those in need. You may bring gifts of hats, mittens, gloves & scarves to place on our Mitten Tree for kids and families served by the Dayton Christian Center. The Mitten Tree is located in the narthex at the front entrance of the church.

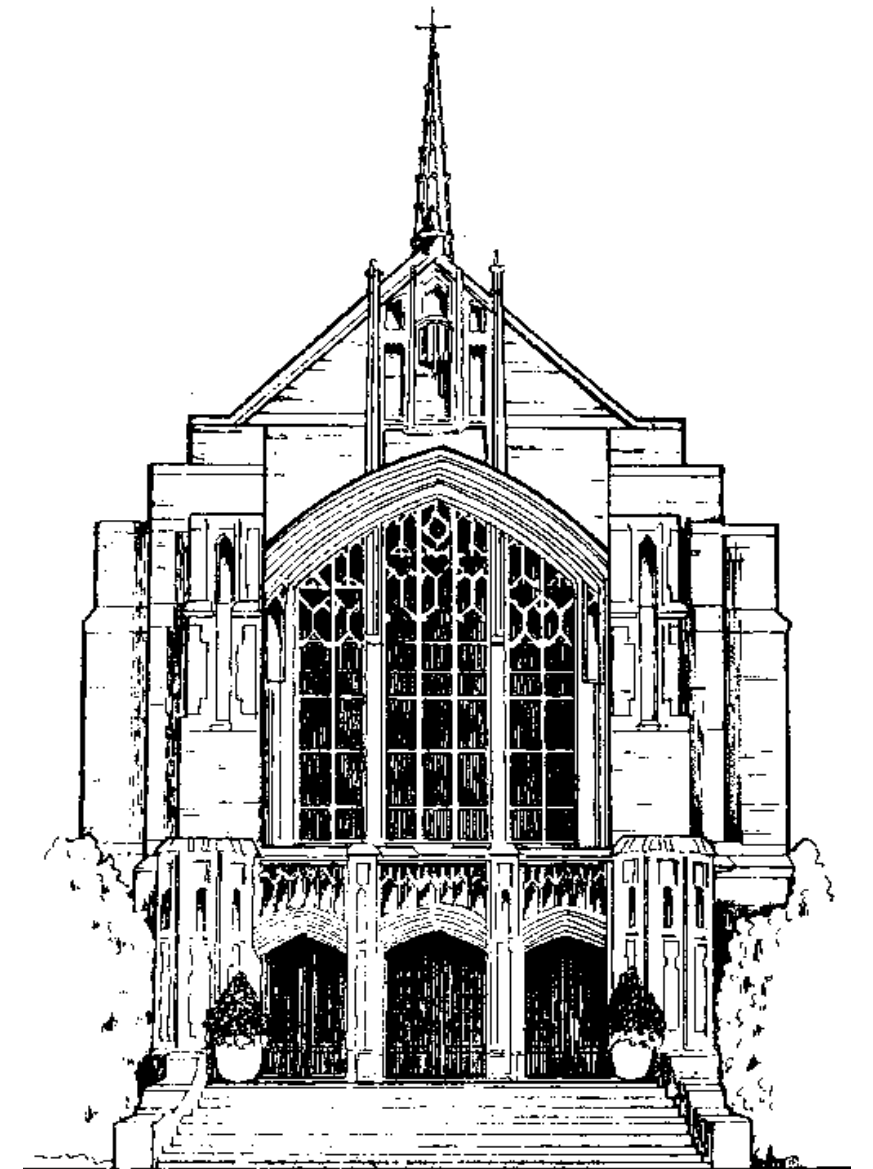
Last Call for Poinsettia Orders for Advent/Christmas

If you wish to contribute toward our annual display of poinsettias for Advent/Christmas, please fill out a yellow card and place it in the offering basket this morning. You may contribute in memory of loved ones or to honor special people. Gifts of \$20 will underwrite the cost of the plants.

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NOVEMBER 26, 2023



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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