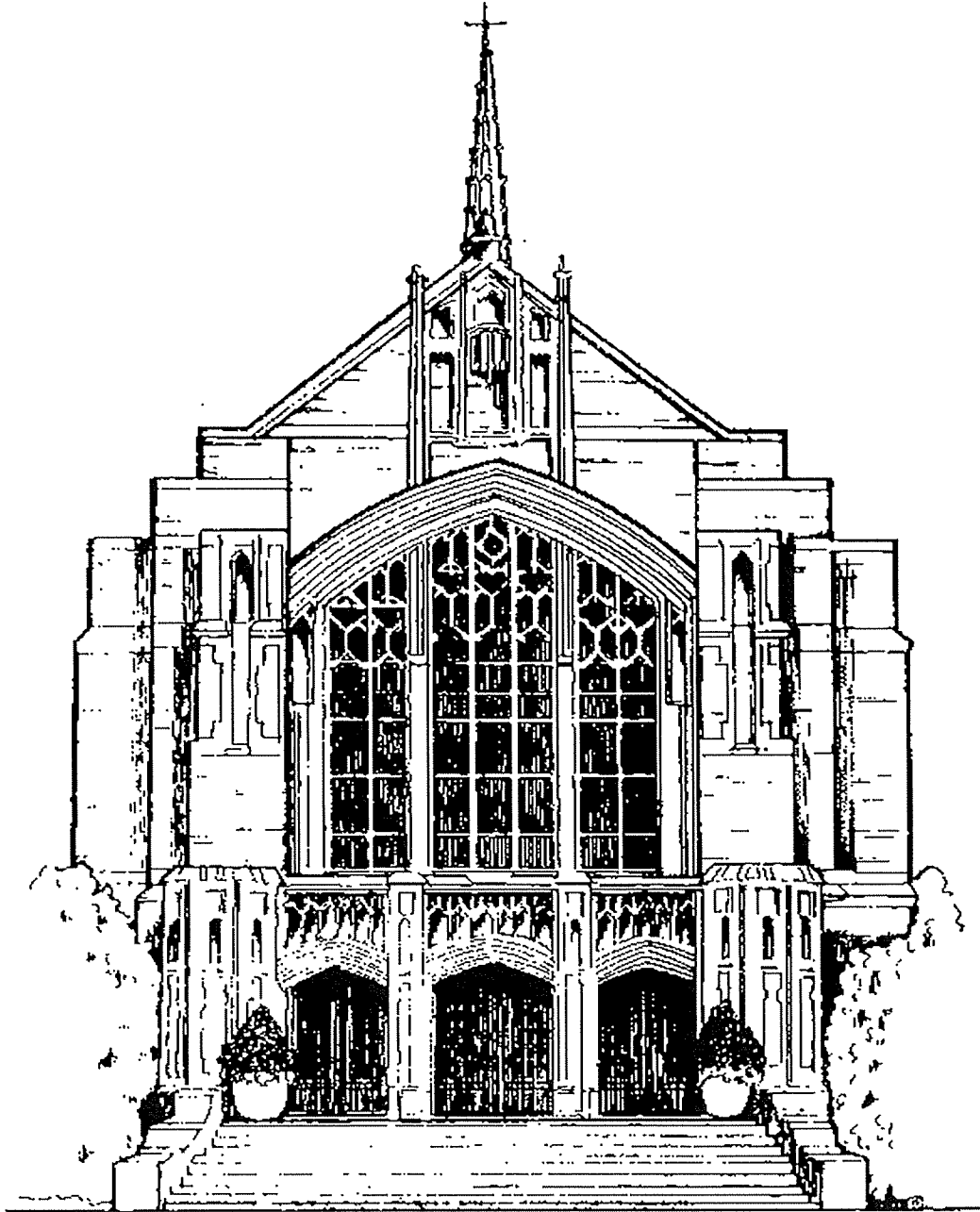


First Baptist Church of Dayton
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024



Celebrating 200 Years 1824-2024

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The First Baptist Church at Worship
 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 April 28, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Beautiful Music for Piano
 Orchestral Standards Arranged for Piano by Robert Schultz

- Adagio in G minor Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)
- Pavane Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)
- Canon in D Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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

Chancel Choir
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Conductor

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! arr. William Henry Caldwell

*I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this assurance gives!
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!*

*WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 22:25-31)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#219 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*
 LLANFAIR

This hymn elaborates on the royalty and sovereignty of the ascended Christ, to which Mark alluded in his gospel: "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God." The second stanza refers to one of the royal psalms: "Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in."

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Children's Mental Health Treatment Services

Jamie See

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21

Clark Whittaker

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#361 *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
GORDON

Born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, William Featherston most likely wrote this hymn at the age of sixteen on the occasion of his conversion and/or baptism. It was published anonymously in the *London Hymn Book* to a now forgotten tune. Adoniram Judson Gordon found it, wrote a new tune for it, and also published it anonymously in *The Service of Song for Baptist Churches*. It wasn't until around 1930, fifty years after its publication, that enough research had been done to establish Featherston as the author, who had died at the young age of 28. Today, it is a much loved hymn of assurance and confession of faith, with words of comfort and peace. And perhaps bolstering the power of the text is Featherstone's story itself. A young man with no connections, who simply wrote a poem one night about his own faith, has, unbeknownst to him, come to bless millions. God certainly works in mysterious ways to use the gifts and talents of his people.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason 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 PG. 8)

I Love You, Lord, Today
CHINWAH SONGS

**I love You. I love You. I love You, Lord, today
because You care for me in such a special way.
And yes I praise You. I lift you up. I magnify Your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.
My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.
And yes, I praise You. I lift you up. I magnify Your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.**

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

Rev. Alspaugh

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Conductor

Precious Lord Thomas Corsey
Artrell Allen, Soloist

*Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.
When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"If God Is Love, What Are We?"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#483 *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*
ELLESDIE

There are times God prepares us, through education or experiences, for a specific task; at other times, He chooses us to serve simply because we are willing and humble. It's not always easy to know, though, what God's call is in our lives, is it? Nevertheless, the Bible is full of stories of people whom God chose for a particular assignment. How about you, what do you think God is calling you to do?

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#523 v.1 *God Be With You*
GOD BE WITH YOU

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Trumpet Tune John Stanley
Setting by Robert Hebble

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

Please place 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/>).

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.)

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| Jason Alspaugh | Bill Harrell | Judy Smith |
| Glen Babb | Lavanda Ferguson | Anita Suro |
| Clara Black | Jett Family | Kaye Suryk |
| Jessica Blair | Ron Kalbfleisch | Anne Veghte |
| Gail Bowman | Ray Landis | Harold West |
| Don Brown | Gene Lee | Dorothy Williams |
| Linda Ginter-Brown | Liss Family | Sharon Wingham |
| Gerald Busch | Vincent Liss | Military Duty: |
| June Collier | Tom McKenzie | Sebastian Ewald |
| Pamela Cress | Arthur Merkle | Sunny Ewald |
| Lynn Domescik | Mary Ann Paloncy | Brittany Kalbfleisch |
| David Donovan | Susan Parent | Kyle Kline |
| Earnest Family | Judy See | Andy Wilson |

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of April 28 – May 5

Sun. 28	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering & Paint Party
Mon. 29	12:00p	.....	Heritage Committee Meeting/Workday
Thu. 2	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 5	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities

Adult Sunday School Classes

“Those Who Witness and Testify: Character Studies in John’s Gospel”

Led by The Rev. Kate Bradley
April 7 – 28 @ 11:30am-12:15pm
1st Floor Chapel

The Fourth Gospel offers a vivid narrative aimed at instilling belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, and guiding readers toward life in His name (John 20:31). By closely examining John's character portrayals—such as John “the Baptist,” Nicodemus, Peter, and Mary Magdalene—we gain deeper insight into the core themes and teachings John emphasizes about Jesus and the Christian journey. In this study, Kate Bradley will introduce us to these people as *John writes about them*. Following that, we'll engage in a close reading of a Scripture passage, which will serve as a springboard for personal discussions.

BYF Gathering & Paint Party @ FBC

Sunday, April 28 @ 12:15-2:30pm

Also, we would like to be sure to have updated information for our youth participants, and ask that parents turn in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form for each youth to Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org / 937-631-3579). Print copies are available outside the church office. Friends are always welcome, but we ask that they also turn in a BYF Form.

Join the Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton for a Family Mental Health Symposium

Sunday, April 28 @ 2:15pm
Dayton Mercy Society

You are invited to attend a Family Mental Health Symposium at the Dayton Mercy Society (2277 Maue Road, Miamisburg 45342), starting at 2:15 with registration/lunch, followed by Expert Panel & Keynote Speech at 3pm. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Rania Awaad, a clinical professor of psychiatry at Stanford University School of Medicine and director of the Stanford Muslim Mental Health & Islamic Psychology Lab. Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/dms-ifgd>.

Notes from the Heritage Committee

Things are really shaping up for the celebration of our 200th anniversary. We have special banners made, keepsakes for sale, historical displays in the fellowship hall, a historical marker to be dedicated on Mother's Day and many special activities Memorial Day weekend when we celebrate Founders Day!

Volunteers are wanted to help with the banquet for Founders Day Bicentennial Celebration on Sunday, May 26. We are having the banquet catered. It will be a buffet but could use at least 4 volunteers to help serve the food, some to help set the tables and room the day before, some to help clear and wash dishes/clean up. Please RSVP to Donna Curry if you can help (donna.curry@wright.edu or 937-470-5643).

Heritage Committee Meeting/Workday

Monday, April 29 @ Noon

Bicentennial Keepsake

On Sale Now thru May 26

The First Baptist Church of Dayton's Bicentennial is on our minds and hearts this year. We have a special keepsake to commemorate this historic event! It is a beautiful wooden replica of our church (5"3/8" high x 7 1/2" wide). A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall where you may sign up for how many keepsakes you would like to purchase. The price is \$10 each and may be picked up after payment. We are blessed and honored to follow those who have led the way in the Dayton community for 200 years. May we be a blessing to those in the future of First Baptist Church of Dayton.

"Final Last Call" for Photos!!

If you have any wedding, trunk-or-treat, softball, or eclipse photos, please email them to angelinahoschouer@gmail.com. If you have photos that can go on display boards that you don't need back, please drop off in church office or give to Kent or Angie. Thank you!

May Adult Education Classes

First Baptist Through the Years

Led by Pastor Kent Berghuis & Angie Berghuis

May 5 - 19 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1st Floor – Chapel

During May Pastor Kent and Angie Berghuis will be presenting stories from our church's history during the adult Sunday School time. The class will meet for three Sundays from May 5-19. Pastor Kent will share an overview of the congregation from its beginnings to the present time. Angie has prepared a review of 1924, our centennial year, as told through articles that appeared in our local newspaper. She will share historical insights from the heyday of the church half-way between its founding and today. Come get a sense of who we are through where we've been, and think together of what it means for who we shall be in the future as well.

Sermon Talkback

With The Rev. David Coggins

May 5 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1st Floor – Choir Room

We continue to offer sermon talkbacks on the first Sunday of each month in the Choir Room. We hope you'll join us and share the questions, insights, challenges, etc. from your hearing of the morning's sermon.

Church Women United News

May Friendship Day

Save the date! May Friendship Day, Saturday, May 18, 1:00pm at United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd. Clayton, OH 45315. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Marva Hughes. Remember to bring your offerings for the "Fellowship of the Least Coin."

Celebration of Life

The Rev. James W. Earnest

Saturday, May 18, 2024

10:00am

First Baptist Church of Dayton

Historical Marker Dedication Sunday, May 12, 2024

Sunday, May 12 will mark a special day in our ongoing 200th Anniversary Celebration. That morning as part of our worship service we will dedicate an Ohio Historical Marker. It will stand on our property near our front steps at the intersection of Monument and Ludlow. The marker tells some of our history and will commemorate our congregation's bicentennial. We plan to conclude our service outdoors at the location of the marker where a representative from Ohio History Connections will help us unveil the new sign. The sign will be similar to others you can find in our area, like the ones at the Dayton Woman's Club, Dayton Art Institute, Masonic Center, and more. For more information, visit www.remarkableohio.org. The marker was mostly paid for through a grant, with the sign's text and the installation provided by us. So be a part of history and join us for worship this Mothers Day!

May Dates

- May 12: Dedication of FBC Historical Marker
- May 17: Reservation deadline for the Bicentennial Banquet on May 26
- May 18: Celebration of Life Service for Rev. Jim Earnest, 10:00 AM at FBC
- May 25: Celebration of Life for Mary K. Lee at Englewood MetroPark, 12-3 PM
- May 26: FBC Bicentennial Celebration with Service and Banquet on Founders Sunday
(It's important to RSVP for the catered banquet!)

Please join the First Baptist Church of Dayton
for their Bicentennial Celebration
1824-2024



Sunday, May 26, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Service

11:30 a.m. - Lunch

Please RSVP to Linda Blair
by May 17, 2024
lindablair@fbcd Dayton.org
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CALL TO PRAYER

580 I LOVE YOU, LORD, TODAY

...Yes, Lord; you know that I love You...
John 21:15

1. I love You. I love You. I love You, Lord, to-day
2. My heart, my mind, my soul be-long to You.

be - cause You care for me in
You paid this price for me way

such a spe - cial way. And yes I praise You. I
back on Cal - va - ry.

lift You up. I mag - ni - fy Your name.

That's why my heart is filled with praise.