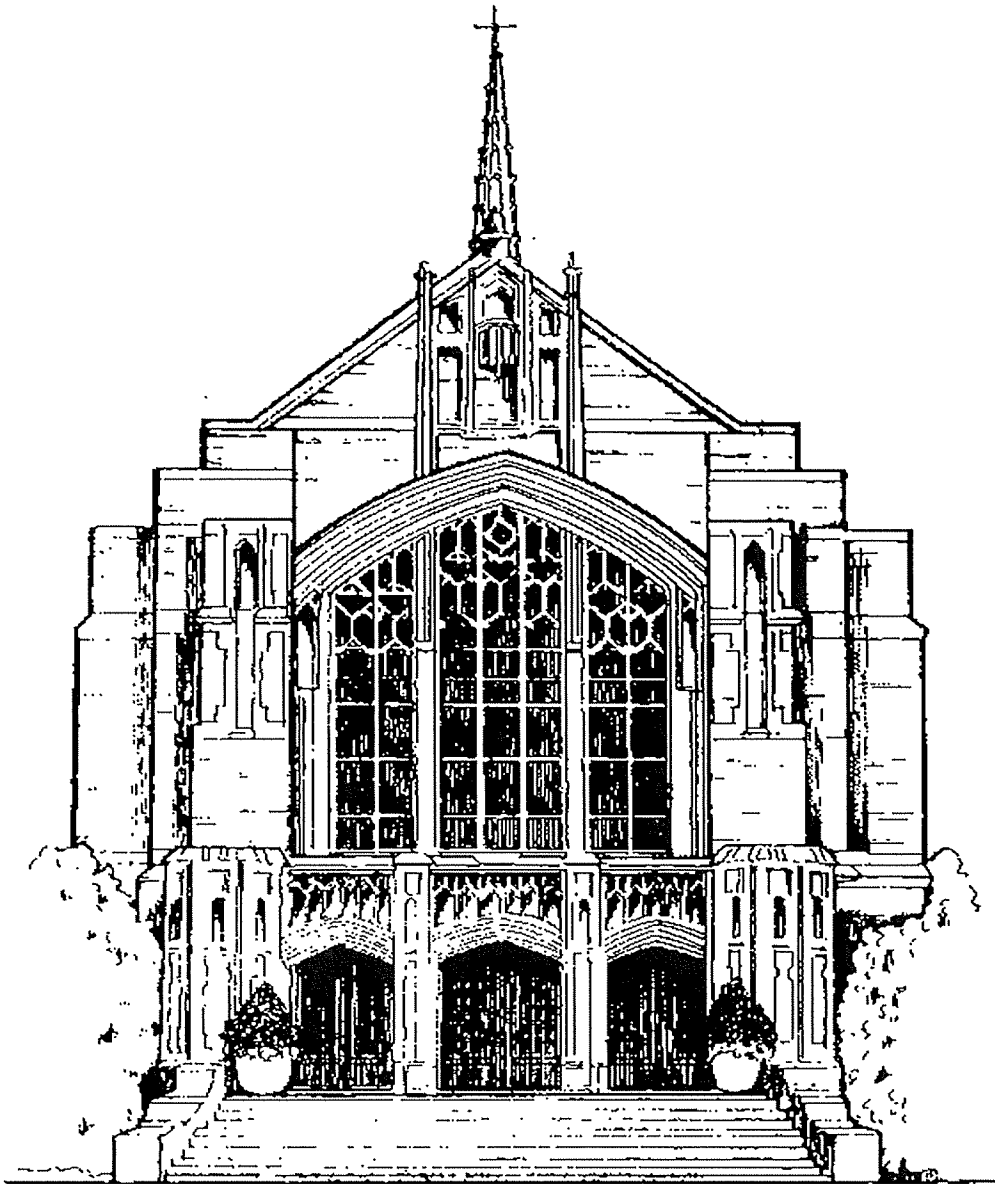


First Baptist Church of Dayton
A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 25, 2024



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The First Baptist Church at Worship
 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 August 25, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

- Fugue on the Kyrie François Couperin
- Basse et Dessus de Trompette Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
- Three Antiphons from The Song of Solomon Marcel Dupré

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.

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 84)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

*OPENING HYMN

#625 *Standing On the Promises*
 PROMISES

Russel Kelso Carter was a professor in the Pennsylvania Military College of Chester. While there he was licensed to preach by the Methodist Episcopal Church. He became very active in leading camp meetings and revivals. After failing health forced him to abandon this work, he studied and became a medical doctor as well as a writer. He wrote novels as well as hymns.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 8:27-30, 41-43

Jerome Stueart

Solomon prays at the dedication of the temple: "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

"Likewise when foreigners, who are not of your people Israel, come from a distant land because of your name--for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm--when foreigners come and pray toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place and do whatever the foreigners ask of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

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*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#497 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
ASSAM

As this hymn of commitment is sung, think about what it really means to follow Jesus. When someone volunteered to follow Him, Jesus' response was "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Luke 9:58 ESV). This seems almost brutal, but it is true. The author of this hymn was most likely a convert in India facing persecution and possibly death for this commitment. As expressed through the song, this Christian had taken to heart Jesus' warning: "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62 ESV).

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

#404 v.1 *I Need Thee Every Hour*
NEED

**I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. David Coggins

Doris J. Landis

April 24, 1942 ~ August 6, 2024

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

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Melody Williams, Soprano

My Father Watches Over Me William C. Martin

*I trust in God wherever I may be, Upon the land, or on the rolling sea,
For come what may, from day to day, My heav'nly Father watches over me.*

*Refrain: I trust in God, I know He cares for me; On mountain bleak or on the stormy sea;
Though billows roll, He keeps my soul; My heav'nly Father watches over me.*

*He makes the rose an object of His care, He guides the eagle through the pathless air,
And surely He remembers me; My heav'nly Father watches over me.*

*I trust in God, for, in the lion's den, On battlefield, or in the prison pen,
Through praise or blame, through flood or flame, My heav'nly Father watches over me.*

*The valley may be dark, the shadows deep, But, oh, the Shepherd guards His lonely sheep;
And through the gloom He'll lead me home, My heav'nly Father watches over me.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"God's Armor"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#58 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
ST. DENIO

This hymn was originally published under this Scripture: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." After paraphrasing this verse in the first stanza, the author goes on to elaborate on the themes of light, immortality, and glory in the following stanzas.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#520 v.1 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*
AZMON

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**

POSTLUDE

Melody Williams

We Shall Behold Him Sandi Patty

*The sky shall unfold
Preparing His entrance
The stars shall applaud Him
With thunders of praise
The sweet light in His eyes, shall enhance those awaiting
And we shall behold Him, then face to face
O we shall behold Him, we shall behold Him
Face to face in all of His glory
O we shall behold Him, yes we shall behold Him
Face to face, our Savior and Lord
The angel will sound, the shout of His coming
And the sleeping shall rise, from there slumbering place
And those remaining, shall be changed in a moment
And we shall behold him, then face to face
We shall behold Him, o yes we shall behold Him
Face to face in all of His glory
We shall behold Him, face to face
Our Savior and Lord
We shall behold Him, our Savior and Lord
Savior and Lord!*

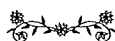


(*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

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.)

Babb Family	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Clara Black	Karen Johnson	Thomson Family
Jessica Blair	Kalbfleisch Family	Lee Tyson
Gail Bowman	Landis Family	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Gene Lee	Harold West
Jessica Brown	Vincent Liss	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Dorothy Williams
Gerald Busch	Merkle Family	Sharon Wingham
Caldwell Family	Mary Ann Paloncy	
Pamela Cress	Susan Parent	<i>Military Duty:</i>
David Donovan	Jamie See	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Judy See	Sunny Ewald
Bill Harrell	Debbie Smith	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Debbie Harshman	Jackson Smith	Kyle Kline
Lavanda Ferguson	Anito Suro	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Suggestions for Adult Sunday School Topics

If you have any suggestions for topics for the Adult Sunday School classes, we'd love to hear from you! Please jot them down on a yellow card this morning, or contact Christian Ed Chair, Janet Landis, at 937-901-6871.

Church Women United Board Meeting – Aug. 27

Ladies of First Baptist! Our August Board Meeting will take place Tuesday, August 27 here at First Baptist beginning at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Our very modest membership dues (\$5.00 per year) are now due. Membership forms are available at the church.

Chancel Choir Dinner and Rehearsal – Sept. 5

We are all looking forward to another wonderful season at First Baptist so please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 pm for our annual dinner in the Fellowship Hall with rehearsal at 7 pm. As always it will be a wonderful experience for everyone. Bring a favorite recipe to share if you are able. Please invite or recruit a friend that enjoys singing and good fellowship to come with you and join the choir!

Homecoming Sunday – Sept. 8

As the summer season starts to wind down, and students and teachers return to schools, we look forward to welcoming each other back from various travels and times away. And we mark the beginning of a new season of learning as we resume our full schedule of Sunday school offerings and other weekday opportunities. We also keep in mind that the idea of homecoming applies to all those who may yet join with us and find a spiritual home with First Baptist. So continue to keep an eye out for those who are new to our gathering, and help them to feel welcome!

First Baptist Ladies, Welcome Monday, September 16!

Dayton area Ladies Interfaith quarterly meetings are requested of a different tradition's venue each meeting. For September 2024, Bushra Shahid of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community asked that First Baptist Church of Dayton host and that women speak to its faith, tradition and space. Join us from 5:00 to 7:30pm for that program, a carry-in supper and information about Ladies Interfaith. A vegetarian dish would be well received. Angie Berghuis and Charlene Bayless will speak. Let one of them know you'll be present - Angie, 937 234-3040; Charlene, 937 293-8794 (landline only, no texting).

Love Loaves of Welcoming

First Baptist Church has restarted their practice of giving loaves of bread to first-time visitors. We want visitors to know that we care, and we welcome them to our service. The Deacons are inviting other members to help bake bread loaves for Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen off of fellowship hall. We usually need two loaves, but they do not need to be huge loaves. And the bread can be any kind of bread you want to bake.

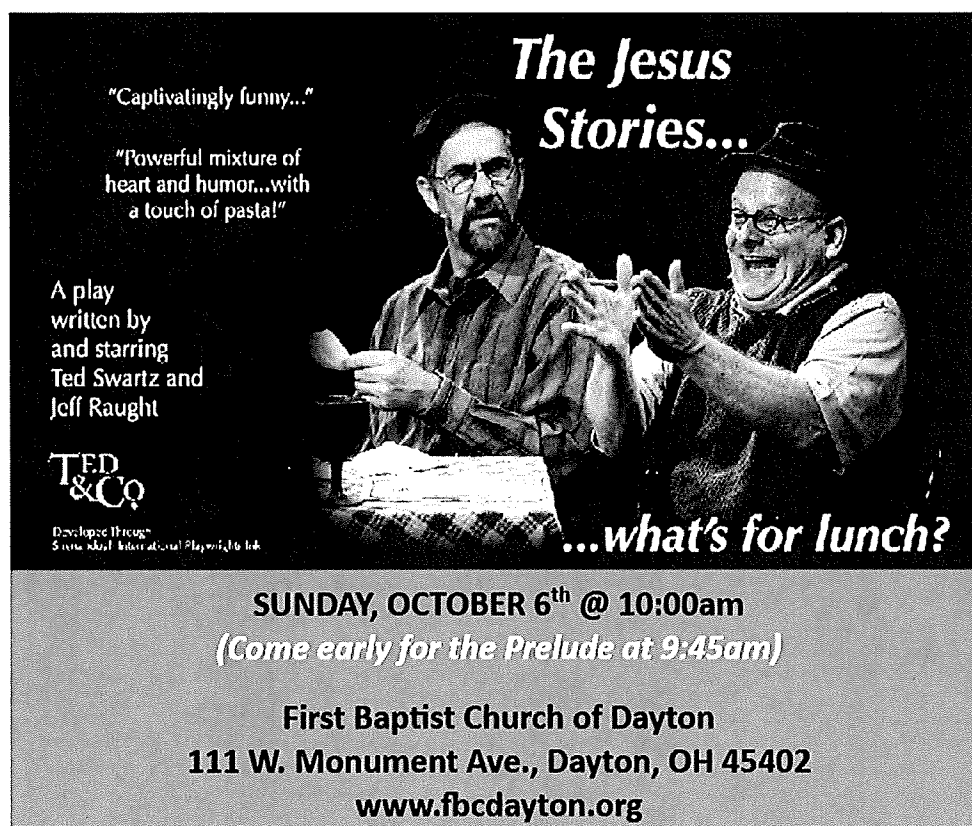
El Salvador Mission Partnership: Return Trip 2024-25

Let us know by Sept. 1st if you're interested in going!

This trip would take place just after Christmas, December 2024 and run through about January 5, 2025. In some ways it will feel like a restart, since we have not been there for several years now, and a good part of the work will involve getting reacquainted and discussing new ministry projects. **For now, we need to know who in our congregation would like to commit to going on this 2024-2025 trip. And we would like to know by September 1, 2024. If you are interested and would like to know more, please speak with me/Pastor Jason**

A LOOK AHEAD...

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The Jesus Stories...

...what's for lunch?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th @ 10:00am
(Come early for the Prelude at 9:45am)

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Send

Home and away

No matter where we are we serve God.

Circle the five matching items in the pictures.

Nick and Anita are serving God by helping their mom...



... and by cleaning up God's creation.



*God of power and might,
protect us from evil so that we
can serve you always. Amen*

this week

Do a service project with your family for a neighbor or in God's creation. Serve the Lord!

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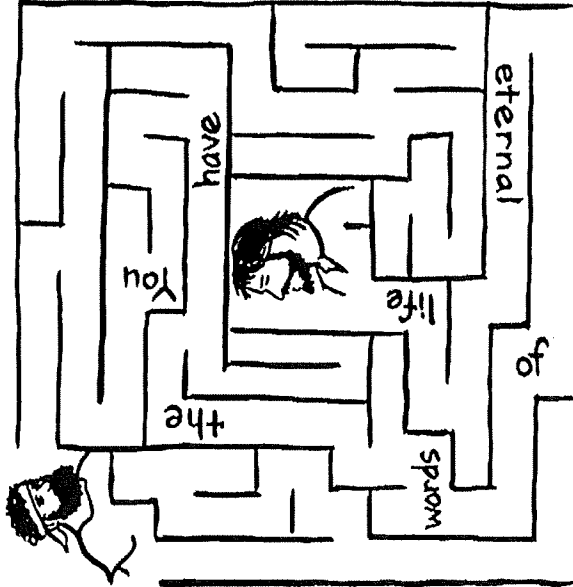


Kids Celebrate

Propser 16

gather

Welcome to worship. Peter knew that Jesus could bring eternal life, life with God forever. Many churches sing Peter's words to Jesus every Sunday, adding "Alleluia!" because it is good news for all.

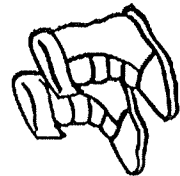
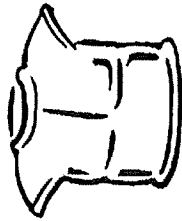


Bring Peter to find Jesus in the maze. Print the words you find along your way on the lines below in order to complete the verse.

ALLELUIA. LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? _____
_____. ALLELUIA.

Count how many times you hear "Alleluia" during worship today.

hear & celebrate



Our powerful God

Ephesians 6:10-20

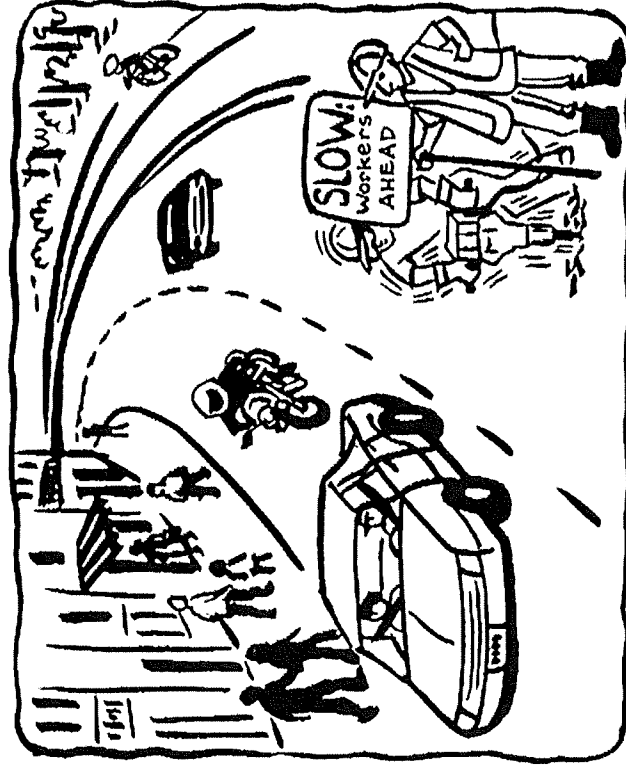
God's power is awesome. Paul tells the people of Ephesus to find their strength in God, or "put on the whole armor of God."

Unscramble the words, then draw a line to the picture of each word.

- elbt _____
- erbsat plate _____
- esosh _____
- ishled _____
- melthe _____
- dorws _____

When you see someone who is wearing something to protect them from danger think about your prayers to God. That's a way to be strong and protected from evil.

Circle the things worn in this picture for protection from danger.



What do you wear to protect yourself from danger? How can they be reminders of God's protection?