



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 COMMUNION SUNDAY
 September 1, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Partita on “Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness” Johann Gottfried Walther

Samantha Leal, soprano

“Let the Bright Seraphim” (*Samson*) George Frideric Handel

*Let the bright Seraphim in burning row,
 their loud uplifted angel trumpets blow.
 Let the Cherubic host, in tuneful choirs,
 touch their immortal harps with golden wires.*

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 & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*OPENING HYMN

#48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
 FAITHFULNESS

Thomas Chisholm, author of “Great is Thy Faithfulness” led a pretty ordinary life. He did not write this hymn during a period of intense grief or after encountering God in a profound way. Instead, he found truth in the words he encountered in Lamentations 3:22-23: “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Jeremiah, on the other hand, was in tumultuous circumstances when writing Lamentations. The people to whom he prophesied did not listen, and he was ostracized and completely alone because of what God called him to do. He also lamented the consequences of their faithlessness. God allowed them to be conquered by the Babylonians, resulting in their entire world being laid to waste. But in the midst of that utter devastation, Jeremiah still offers them hope on the horizon: they are not completely destroyed because of the LORD’s compassion and faithfulness, and in the morning, after this “dark night of the soul,” things will be better. So whether we are at a place in our lives where everything is pretty ordinary, or whether we are in a period of grief: no matter what our circumstances, God never changes and is faithful to us, sustaining us in his compassion and faithfulness each and every day.

Listening for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Jerome Stueart, Leader

Loving God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:1-23

Jerome Stueart

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God)—then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

#493 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
ADELAIDE

After having her hopes of doing missionary work crushed, hymn author Adelaide Pollard became inspired to write a hymn about God working in her life. Written in just a single night, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" quickly got published in multiple hymnals. The hymn gives full control over to God, begging him to transform our lives and to work his will in everyone. This classic hymn has reminded generations of believers to submit to God's will at all times and in all circumstances.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alsbaugh

(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

#412 v.1 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
SWEET HOUR

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care
and bids me at my Father’s throne make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

SPECIAL MUSIC

Samantha Leal, soprano

“Pie Jesu” (Requiem) Gabriel Fauré

Pie Jesu Domine,
dona eis requiem,
sempiternam requiem.

Merciful Lord Jesus,
grant them rest,
rest eternal.

THE SERMON

Rev. Alspaugh

“Heart Matters”

Holy Communion

HYMN OF PREPARATION (See pg. 8)

These I Lay Down
LAYING DOWN

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. David Coggins

SHARING OF THE BREAD

#461 v.1 *Let Us Break Bread Together*
BREAK BREAD

SHARING OF THE CUP

#461 v.2 *Let Us Break Bread Together*
BREAK BREAD

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &
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.**

The Response of God’s People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#341 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
DIX

In 1863, Follitt S. Pierpoint was wandering through the English countryside around the winding Avon River. As he looked on the peaceful beauty surrounding him, he was inspired to reflect on God’s gifts to his people in creation and in the church. Above all, Pierpoint thought of the sacrifice of Christ, in the greatest of sacrifices, that of his life in return for ours. He thus originally wrote the text of “For the Beauty of the Earth” as a hymn for the Lord’s Supper. The original chorus read, “Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our sacrifice of praise.” The hymn was meant not only as a song of thanksgiving, but as the only thing we could give Christ in return for his mercy and love: a hymn of praise laid upon the altar as a sacrifice. Editors have since altered the refrain so it has become a more generic hymn of thanksgiving, but as it stands, it takes on a deeper meaning when understood as something we not only sing, but offer up to God.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Amen

Danish

586 Amen Danish

A - men. A - men. A - men.

POSTLUDE

Samantha Leal, soprano

“Walk Together Children” Trad. Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

*Walk together children, don't you get weary,
there's a great camp-meetin' in the promised lan'.
Gonna walk/sing/shout and never tire,
there's a great camp-meetin' in the promised lan'.*



(*) 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	Military Duty:
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)		

Week of Sept. 1 – 8

Sun. 1	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
Mon. 2		.....	Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed
Wed. 4	6-9p	.....	Theater Group Rehearsal
Thu. 5	6:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Dinner w/Rehearsal
	6-9p	.....	Theater Group Rehearsal
Sat. 7	11a-2p	.....	Theater Group Rehearsal
Sun. 8	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Homecoming Sunday
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities

**The church office will be closed
Monday, September 2
Labor Day Holiday**

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.

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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

-----Sermon Talkbacks-----

Second Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

Next Sessions are September 8 & October 13

1st Floor – Choir Room

We are resuming our sermon talkback sessions on the Second 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.

-----Being Baptist for the Common Good-----

Led by Pastor Jason (et al)

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

September 8-25

1st Floor – CHAPEL

Join us for a four-part conversation on what Walter B. Shurden called the “Four Fragile Freedoms” that Baptists have historically upheld—Soul Freedom, Church Freedom, Bible Freedom, and Religious Freedom. These freedoms have been referenced a lot, it seems, in this election year, particularly as a guard against Christian nationalism. And so, together we will consider what our Baptist identity and these freedoms have to contribute to the common good today.

September Church Meetings

Board Meetings

Wednesday, Sept. 11 @ 6:30p

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 18 @ 6:30p

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).

Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) Gatherings

Our Baptist Youth Fellowship for youth in grades 6-12 is back this fall, but we will be focusing on gathering for events or outings that will ultimately allow us to spend more time together. That might mean that we will have fewer gatherings, but actually more time together.

Fall Lock-In – Sept. 14-15: Our first gathering of the fall will be an overnight/Lock-In that will begin at 7pm on Saturday, September 14 and end after worship on September 15 (parents can retrieve youth at approx. 11:15am). We will share food, play games, share in evening prayers, and more. Youth are invited to bring a snack or beverage to share, and can also bring movies and/or games to propose to the group. Youth are welcome to invite their friends, but everyone needs to have turned in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form in order to participate.

In fact, as we start a new year, we would like to be sure to have updated information for our youth participants. And so, unless your youth submitted a BYF form for summer camps, we'd ask that parents turn in a new completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form for each youth to Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org). Print copies are available on the table near the church office.

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.

A LOOK AHEAD...

TED & CO RETURNS TO FBC

"Captivatingly funny..."

"Powerful mixture of heart and humor...with a touch of pasta!"

A play written by and starring Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught

TED & CO

Developed Through Shenandoah International Playwrights Ink

...what's for lunch?

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

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111 W. Monument Ave., Dayton, OH 45402
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HYMN OF PREPARATION

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These I Lay Down

Unison

1. Be - fore I take the bo - dy of my Lord, be -
 2. The words of hope I of - ten failed to give, the
 3. The nar - row - ness of vi - sion and of mind, the
 4. Of those a - round in whom I meet my Lord, I
 5. Lord Je - sus Christ, com - pan - ion at this feast, I

1. fore I share his life in bread and wine, I re - cog - nize the
 2. prayers of kind - ness bur - ied by my pride, the signs of care I
 3. need for oth - er folk to serve my will, and ev - ery word and
 4. ask their par - don and I grant them mine that ev - ery con - tra -
 5. emp - ty now my heart and stretch my hands, and ask to meet you

(9)

1. sor - ry things with - in: these I lay down.
 2. ar - gued out of sight: these I lay down.
 3. si - lence meant to hurt: these I lay down.
 4. dic - tion to Christ's peace might be laid down.
 5. here in bread and wine which you lay down.

Send

Commandments to follow

The ten commandments give us a map for life. God gives us guiding rules just like families have rules about life in their homes. Doing what God commands makes a big difference in the way we live and serve every day.

In the space below, draw a map of places you go during a regular day. God's commandments will help you in all of those places.



gather

Welcome to worship.

At times we all try to add or subtract some things from God's commandments. We fool ourselves into thinking that our ways are better than God's ways.

Add or subtract the numbers below each line to figure out what word should be printed there. When you have done them all, you will have a Bible verse.

<u>6+6</u>	<u>2+1</u>	<u>7+3</u>
<u>3+1</u>	<u>8-5</u>	<u>11-4</u>
<u>11+6</u>	<u>5+3</u>	

Deuteronomy 4:2b

KEY: 3 = the 4 = of 7 = Lord
8 = God 10 = commandments
12 = keep 17 = your

holy. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY.

YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS. Keep God's name

You shall not steal. *You shall not use words to hurt your neighbor.*

You shall not want someone else's belongings. *You shall not kill. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not take anything from anyone.*



Help us to keep your commandments, Lord. Amen

this week

Talk about God's commandments at home: one each day and two on the even days until you've done all ten of them, then put them into action.

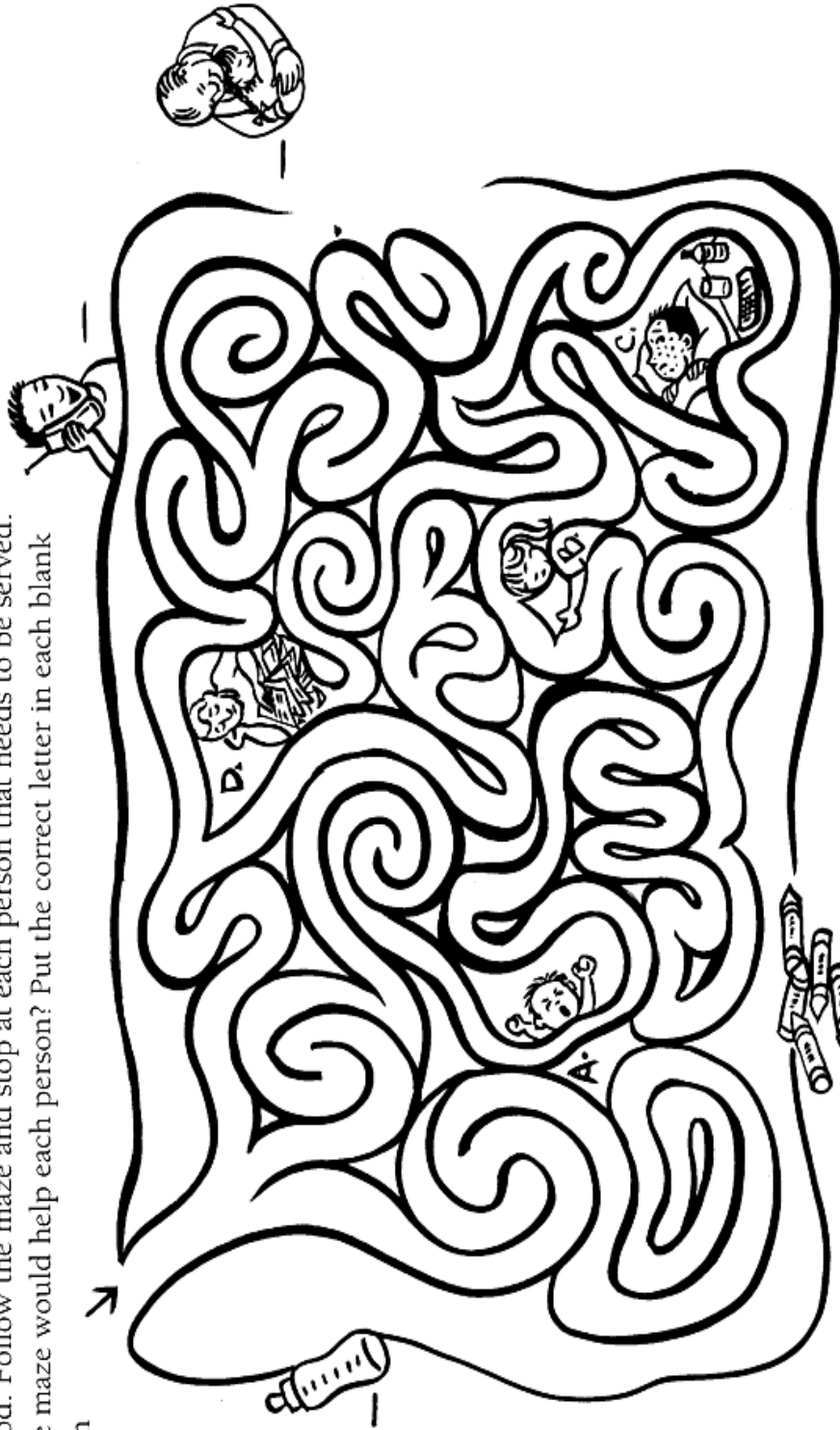
Hear & Celebrate

Hear and do

James 1:17-27

After we hear God's word and talk about serving we need to "walk about," meeting people and serving them. Our feet and hands become servants of God. Follow the maze and stop at each person that needs to be served.

What item outside the maze would help each person? Put the correct letter in each blank to match the person in need to the kind of help that's needed.



Talk about ways to serve some of the people you know.