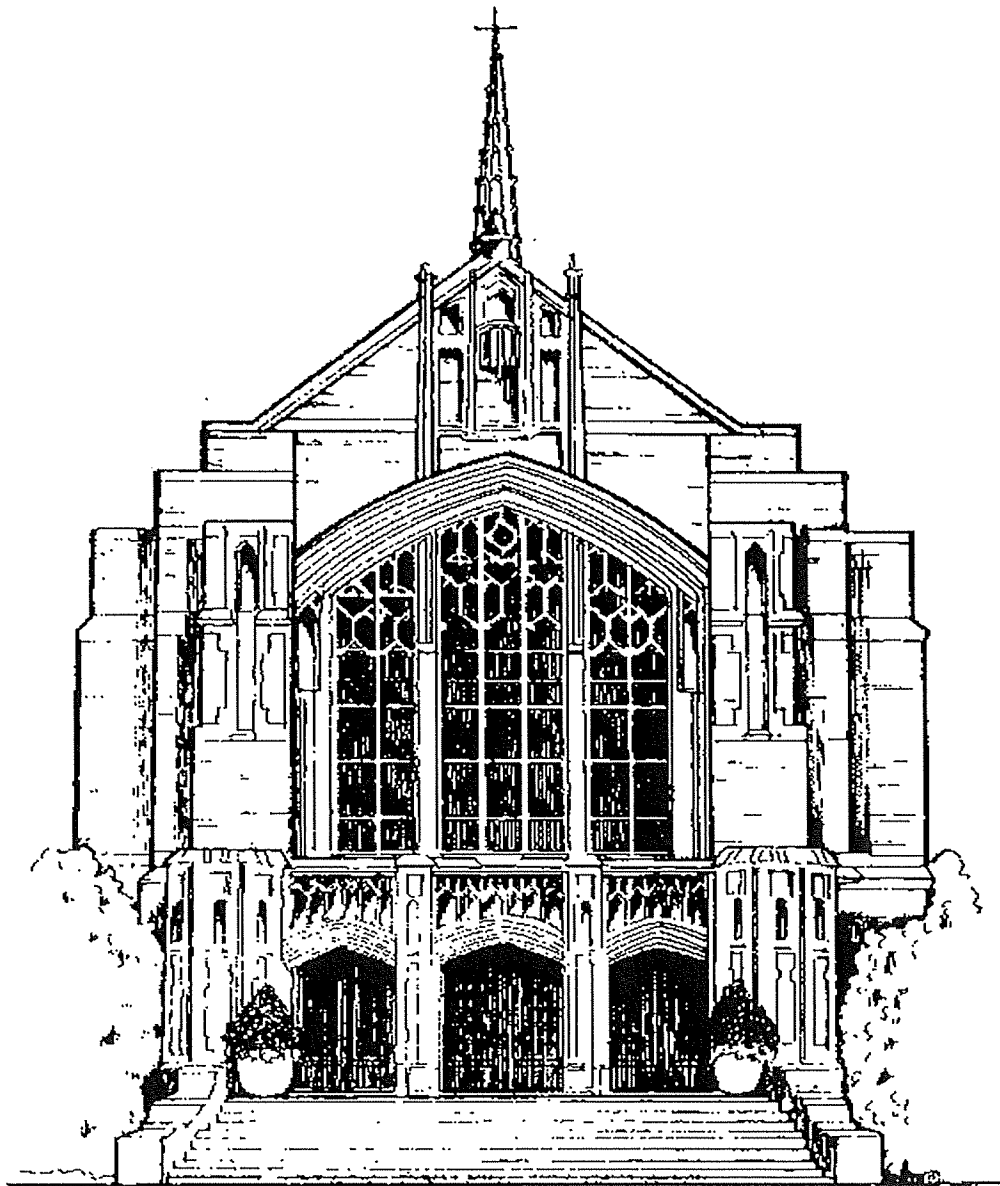


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A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 15, 2024



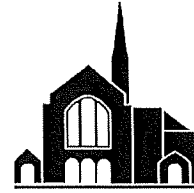
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The First Baptist Church at Worship  
 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 September 15, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

- Prayer from "Rienzi" ..... Richard Wagner
- Largo from the "New World Symphony" ..... Anton Dvorak
- Prelude to "The Deluge" ..... Camille Saint-Saens
- Arioso (Thanks Be to God) ..... Georg Friedrich Handel
- Settings by Frank W. Asper, Former Organist, The Tabernacle, Salt Lake City

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

Now God Be Praised in Heav'n Above ..... Melchior Vulpius

*Now God be praised in heav'n above, praised be He for His great love,  
 wherein all creatures live and more, Hallelujah.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

\*OPENING HYMN

#345 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
 LAUDES DOMINI

Often thought of as a morning hymn of praise, the rising melodic motive complements the rising sun that "gilds the skies" of the early morning. Within two phrases we soar an octave above our starting pitch. Indeed, our voices ascend with the rising sun about which we are singing. Several of the Psalms begin and end with fervent declarations of praise, such as this: "Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! ... Praise the Lord!" Likewise, from the opening lines of early morning praise to the final couplet about eternal praise before the throne of God in heaven, this hymn has the constant refrain, "May Jesus Christ be praised."

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Rev. Mark Craig

The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have

set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: James 3:1-12

Rev. Craig

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes a blessing and a cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:27-38

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

#548 *When We All Get to Heaven*  
HEAVEN

The tune name HEAVEN for our Fellowship Hymn was ascribed by the editor of the *Baptist Hymnal*. This Sunday school marching tune portrays the church, its mission, and the role of the faithful Christian progressing towards a goal. It is a useful genre of Christian music whereby the faithful are assured the church is on the move.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Coggins

(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 and  
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Coggins

**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

My Eternal King ..... Jane Marshall

*My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav’n thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.  
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.  
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heav’n, or of escaping hell;  
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;  
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!  
E’en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;  
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“Finding Your Best Life”*

The Response of God’s People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#415 *Lift High the Cross*  
CRUCIFER

*This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever. It has been suggested that the hymn was inspired by the story of Constantine the Great's conversion to Christianity after seeing a cross with "In hoc signo vinces" on it which translates "In this sign thou shall conquer."*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

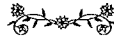
*Amen*  
Danish

*Amen, Amen, Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Trumpet Tune ..... John Stanley  
Setting by Robert Hebble

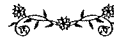


(\* ) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*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.fbcdayton.org/>).

### **Executive Council Meeting**

Wednesday, Sept. 18 @ 6:30p

### **First Baptist Women!**

### **Welcome Monday, September 16!**

Dayton area Women's 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 Women's 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 or Charlene, 937 293-8794 (landline only, no texting).

## 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	Lavanda Ferguson	Kaye Suryk
Clara Black	Parris Hobbs	Thomson Family
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Lee Tyson
Gail Bowman	Kalbfleisch Family	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Landis Family	Harold West
Jessica Brown	Gene Lee	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Vincent Liss	Dorothy Williams
Gerald Busch	Tom McKenzie	Sharon Wingham
Caldwell Family	Merkle Family	<b><i>Military Duty:</i></b>
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sebastian Ewald
Donovan-Schlaile Family	Susan Parent	Sunny Ewald
Kerby Downs	Jamie See	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Judy See	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	Anita Suro	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

## Week of Sept. 15 – 22

Sun. 15	10:00a .....	Worship Service
	11:15a .....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a .....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
Mon. 16	5-7p .....	Women's Interfaith Program
	6-9p .....	Theater Group Rehearsal
Tue. 17	7-10p .....	DP Chorus Rehearsal
Wed. 18	6-9p .....	Theater Group Rehearsal
	6:30p .....	Executive Council Meetings
Thu. 19	6-9p .....	Theater Group Rehearsal
	7:00p .....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 21	11-2 .....	Theater Group Rehearsal
Sun. 22	10:00a .....	Worship Service
	11:15a .....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a .....	Sunday School Classes/Activities

## 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. 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@fbccdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org)). Print copies are available on the table near the church office.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

Led by Pastor Jason (et al)  
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm  
September 8-25  
1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### -----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.

*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 News

CWU Ladies of First Baptist: Please come to our meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 24** at 1:00 p.m. here at the church in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Diane Flick, Development Director from Crayons to Classrooms. Please bring school supplies as noted in the most recent newsletter. Any questions? See Linda Ginter-Brown, Key Woman.

## 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.

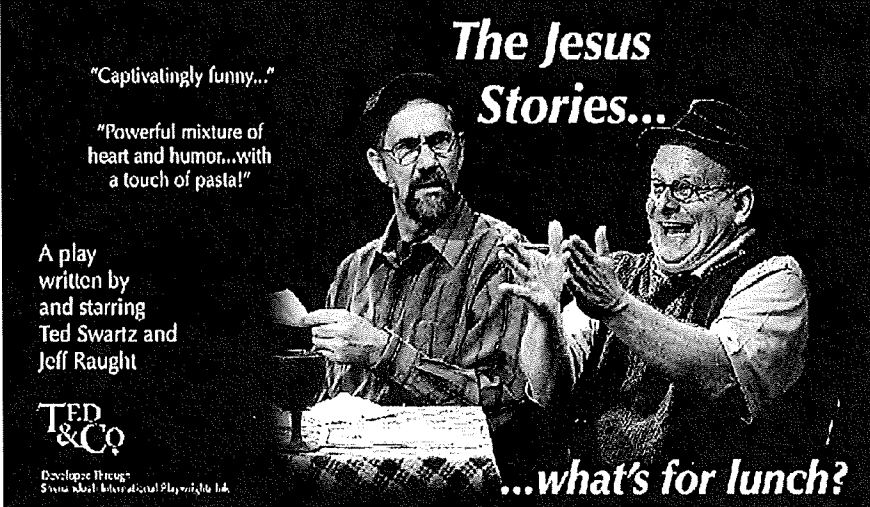
### *Ladies of First Baptist Church!*

### **An Invitation to a Tea**

**Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2-4pm**  
**Dayton Woman's Club (225 N. Ludlow)**  
**\$20 per person**

RSVP to Mary Herbert is required by October 7th (937-298-2866)  
Mail check or cash to her at: 993 Princewood Ave, Dayton OH 45429  
This event is part of our 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration!

TED & CO Returns to FBC October 6<sup>th</sup>



*"Captivatingly funny..."*

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

**The Jesus Stories...**

A play written by and starring Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught

**TED & CO**  
Developed through Scriptural Playwrights Inc.

*...what's for lunch?*

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

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**American Baptist Churches USA**  
**World Mission Offering**  
**Month of October**

World Mission Offering (WMO) gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for development costs and administrative support. As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world—when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expenses. WMO gifts support global servants with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving generously in October will help our global servants continue their important work in the world.

**Cardboard Halloween**  
**Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 11:30am**  
**Upstairs Dining Hall**

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Halloween/Harvest Party hosted by the Board of Christian Education. The party will begin shortly after morning worship. Costumes are encouraged. And this year we are putting out a creative challenge for folks to make their costumes out of cardboard (check out Pinterest for ideas/instructions). Bring a fun snack/treat to share. Games will be provided and run by our youth.

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Concert by Musica**  
**Dayton's Chamber Choir**  
Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 3pm  
First Baptist Church of Dayton



## Send

Make a list of your teachers at church, home or school. They need your prayers. God will be their guide.

### My Prayer List

Dear Lord, I thank you for people who teach me about you...

at home:

at school:

at worship:

at Sunday school:

Help me to teach others about you, Lord. Amen



Teach us, Lord, the way to follow you every day.  
Amen

### this week

Send a note or picture to your teachers to thank them for their teaching, their love, and their guidance for you.

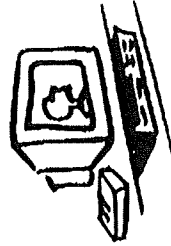
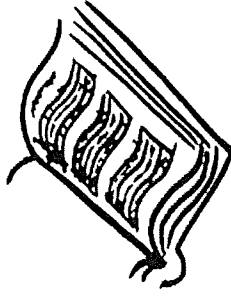
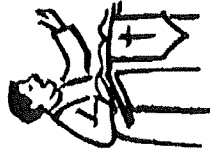


## gather

Welcome to worship.

There is a lot of teaching and learning that happens at church. People of all ages can learn about Jesus.

Circle the ways you learn about Jesus.



# hear & celebrate

## Jesus, our teacher

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus taught his disciples many things in the time they were together. His words challenged the disciples. Jesus taught with words and with actions. When he said the Son of Man would be rejected, be killed, and would rise again they didn't understand.



What does it mean to "take up your cross"?

Find another one of Jesus' teachings in the puzzle below. Place the words into the correct spots in the crossword puzzle then print the words in their numbered blanks to find out what Jesus told his disciples.

*Your*      *follow*      *me*  
*Take up*      *cross*      *teacher*

Jesus, our \_\_\_\_\_, says:  
 1 down

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 across      \_\_\_\_\_ 2

\_\_\_\_\_ 3      *and*      \_\_\_\_\_ 4      \_\_\_\_\_ 5