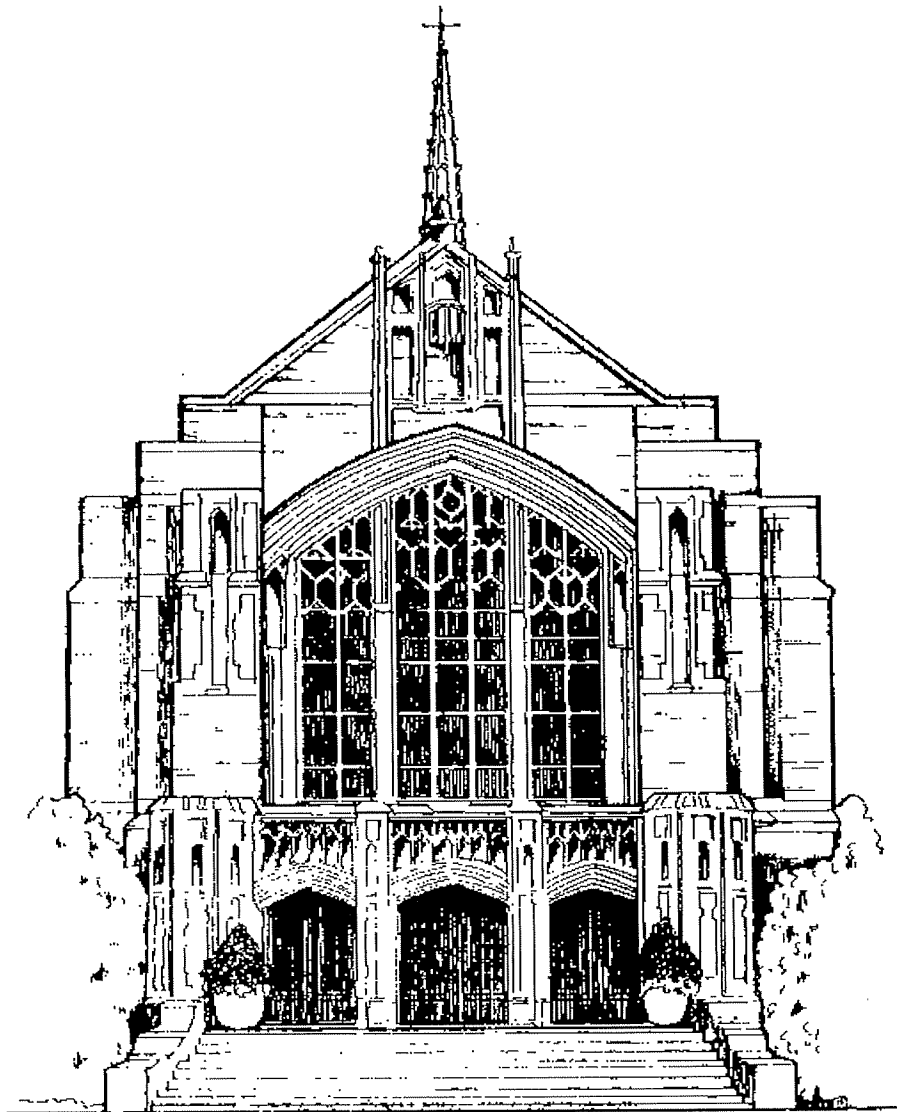


First Baptist Church of Dayton
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2026



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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The First Baptist Church at Worship
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
May 17, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

A Selection of Ascension Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*
Preludes on Well-Known Hymn Tunes, including "St. Magnus"
("The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now")
Healey Willan

Sonata No. 1 in E flat
W. A. Mozart

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, Director

Woke Up This Mornin' arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

Woke up this mornin' with my mind stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.
No condemnation with my mind stayed on Jesus
Walkin' and talkin' with my mind stayed on Jesus

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Coggins

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#425 *How Firm a Foundation*
FOUNDATION

"How Firm a Foundation" is a hymn that for over two centuries has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. The first verse acts almost as an introduction to the rest of the text, giving us cause to stop and ponder the Word of assurance that God has given us, described in greater detail in the next four verses. Those four verses are in fact paraphrases of Scripture passages: Isaiah 41:10, 43:2, Romans 8:3-39, Hebrews 13:5, and Deuteronomy 31:6. In the words of this hymn then, we carry with us the Word from God, and the call to trust in that Word. But God's Word is expansive and not limited to letters on a page - the fifth verse moves us to a trust in the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Thus, we are assured by the words we sing, the Word we are given, and the Word made flesh, of the steadfastness of God and His unfailing love.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

*DOXOLOGY

#706 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
OLD 100TH, alt.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 68:1-10

Jeanne Kallenberg

Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--his name is the LORD—be exultant before him. Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land. O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 15:6-11

Jeanne Kallenberg

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#74 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*
BALM IN GILEAD

The "balm in Gilead" references the Old Testament, particularly Jeremiah 8:22, but the spiritual's lyrics focus on the New Testament concept of salvation through Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, the balm of Gilead is a healing compound, symbolizing spiritual medicine for Israel and sinners.

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

#652 *Make Me a Servant*
SERVANT

**Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.**

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

Rev. Mark Craig

**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, Director

Salvation Is Created P. Tschesnokoff

*Salvation is created in midst of the earth,
O God, O God our God.
Alleluia*

SERMON

Rev. Coggins

"Salve for Suffering"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#403 *Lead Me, Guide Me*
LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

The text is an earnest plea for an intimate walk with God, who is asked to lead, guide, and protect the believer. The deeply personal stanzas emphasize that divine guidance is essential because of our lack of strength, our blindness, and Satan's temptations.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Coggins

*SUNG BENEDICTION

Congregation & Choir

Always Remember Andre Crouch

Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, Je - sus.

Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, Je - sus.

Al - ways keep Him on your mind.

The image shows a three-part musical score for a hymn. Each part consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, Je - sus.' for the first two parts, and 'Al - ways keep Him on your mind.' for the third part. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for church worship.

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Canzona Jean Langlais



(*) 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 for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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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.)

Laura Bayless	Bill Harrell	Judy See
Harriet Berghuis	Debbie Harshman	Judy Smith
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Joanne Stephens
Gail Bowman	Land Family	Anne Veghte
Dana Brewer	Gene Lee	Sharon Wingham
Daniel Brown	Vincent Liss	
Linda Ginter-Brown	Patty Loxley	
Gerald Busch	Tom McKenzie	Military Duty:
June Collier	Lisa McMullen	Sebastian Ewald
Merriann Craig	Todd Mikesell	Sunny Ewald
Bill Cress	Shirley Nash	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Kyle Kline
Domescik Family	Susan Parent	Will Radachi
Lavanda Ferguson	Petry Family	Juan Rodriguez
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

Week of May 17 – 24

Sun. 17	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	4:00p	.....	Preservation Dayton Awards (Dayton Arcade)
Tue. 19	6:30p	.....	Mankind Meeting
Wed. 20	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 21	7:30a	.....	Bible Study (Wholly Grounds)
	6-8p	.....	BYF Gathering
	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 24	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Founders Day / Pentecost
	11:15a	.....	Fellowship with Light Lunch & Ice Cream
	12-2p	.....	"Meet the Founders" Walking Tour (Woodland)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DAYTON

Founders Sunday on May 24, 2026

Our Founders Day will be celebrated next Sunday, May 24 with the traditional recognition of 50+ year members during the service followed by a special fellowship time that will feature a light lunch of sandwiches, chips, cookies and ice cream sponsored by the Heritage Committee.

After lunch, Pastor Kent will lead a "Meet the Founders" walking tour of Woodland Cemetery to visit the graves of key figures in our church history and hear their stories. We will leave from church about 12:00 and be done by about 2:00. Please sign up on a yellow card or let Pastor Kent or the office know if you'd like to participate.

**Join Preservation Dayton in Celebrating Outstanding
Local Preservationists!**

Sunday, May 17 @ 4:00pm
Dayton Arcade

The Excellence in Preservation Awards, presented by Preservation Dayton Inc., will return on Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 PM at the Dayton Arcade! Preservation Dayton is giving an award to our church for our work on preserving our building. Jon Wolfe will receive the award on our behalf.

Join us at the beautifully renovated Dayton Arcade as we recognize and celebrate the 2026 award winners. You'll also get a look at what Preservation Dayton has planned for the year ahead. We will also be announcing our updated "Top 10 Most Endangered Properties." This is a **free event** with refreshments provided and limited seating available.

Location & Parking: Guests may enter through The Hub at 31 S. Main St., or take advantage of valet service (for a fee) at the Hilton Garden Inn Dayton Downtown entrance at 18 W. Third Street. Ample street parking is available downtown (free on Sundays), and the Reibold Building Parking Garage offers convenient access nearby.

Here is the link to use to make your online attendance registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/48n8ad8d>

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 20 @ 6:30pm

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – SPRING 2026

"The Road to the Protestant Reformation"

Led by Dr. Roy Vice

Sundays, May 10 & 17 from 11:30am-12:15pm
1st Floor - Chapel

The unity of the Catholic Church began to break down during the Avignon papacy, especially during the schism of one pope in Rome and another in Avignon. John Wycliffe and his followers, the Lollards, criticized the Church. John Huss (Jan Hus) was burned at Constance. His followers raided Germany. The Humanist Lorenzo Valla showed that the Donation of Constantine was a forgery. Erasmus of Rotterdam satirized many Catholic practices and published the first edition of the New Testament in Greek. This was used by Martin Luther to translate the Bible into German.

Welcome Class

New to our church? We'd like for us to get to know each other better. Pastor Berghuis will host a "Welcome Class" after worship the first three Sundays of May at 11:30 in the Pastor's Study on the second floor. Let us know you're coming by writing "Welcome Class" on the yellow information card and place it in the offering, or get in touch with Pastor Berghuis or the church office.

Summer Music

If you would like to provide special music for Sunday service while choir is on break, please check the sign-up sheet and pick a date (or two)! The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Thank you for sharing your talent with us!

Education/Youth Sunday: May 31, 2026

Each year we take time in worship to recognize those who have served in the education ministry of our church—Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School volunteers, Children's Messengers, and others. And we celebrate those who are graduating from high schools or universities.

CALL FOR GRADUATES! If you or someone in your family will be graduating this spring, we would be happy to include you/them in our list of graduates. Contact the church office (fbc@fbcd Dayton.org) with the graduate's name, institution of learning, and degree if applicable; or you may include the info on a yellow card on Sunday. Also it would be helpful to know if you/they will be present in worship on that Sunday.

Dayton Pride

BE A PART OF FBC DAYTON'S PRIDE TEAM

This year the *Greater Dayton LGBT Center* celebrates 50-years of unwavering support and advocacy, and we are once again planning to participate in the Dayton Pride Parade and Festival on **Saturday, June 6**. If you would like to help with our preparations, join us in the parade, and/or greet folks at our booth, please connect with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org). And even if you cannot make the parade and festival, you can share your ideas, donate bottled water or candy for us to hand out, or paint some Pride rocks for us to give out (supplies will be available each Sunday in the Parlor). A **sign-up sheet** will be available soon in the main hallway outside the church office where folks can sign-up for a time slot to sit at the booth and greet festival-goers, and/or indicate a donation. If you forget to sign up, just show up 😊. A word of thanks to Ted Greenwood who has volunteered to lead the group setting-up & starting-up our booth (Pastor Jason will take the lead on the group that will walk in the parade).



A Choral Concert

First Baptist Sings!

THEME: PRAISE, WORSHIP, PEACE

Sunday, June 7 @ 4 PM

First Baptist Church of Dayton

On June 7, 2026 historic First Baptist Church of Dayton will present "First Baptist Sings" featuring the Chancel Choir and accompanists Dr. R. Alan Kimbrough and Mr. Gregory Land under the direction of Dr. William Henry Caldwell. The theme for this concert is "Praise, Worship, and Peace." The concert will feature works by Holst, Randall Thompson, Lloyd Larson, Undine Smith Moore, Moses Hogan, and an arrangement of "God Is" by Dr. William Henry Caldwell. Parking is available for all in the parking lot near the ramp. A reception for all will follow in the Fellowship Hall and donations to the Organ Fund are welcomed. The public is cordially invited.

Summer Teachers Needed for Kids Sunday School 2026

We are seeking volunteers to help with our Kids One-Room Sunday School Class (preK-5) this summer (June 7 thru Aug. 30). There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Note that there are two slots for each Sunday—one for the person who will teach, leading the reading/discussion of scripture; the other for the person who would provide a craft project to help the kids connect with the lesson. Please speak with Pastor Jason, or Roy Vice or Mark Ryan, co-chairs of Christian Education. They will also be on hand to provide resources, supplies, etc., throughout the summer.

Send

Christians say a *creed* to tell what they believe about God. Listen as everyone says the Apostles' Creed in worship to hear the words: "On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven."

Draw pictures below to make your own creed. What will your pictures tell about God?

I believe in God who made all things.

I believe in Jesus who died and rose again.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who is with me all the time.

This week

Look for red clothing to wear to church or red flowers to bring to worship next Sunday for Pentecost.

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A-Easter 7



gather

Welcome to worship.

Today is the seventh Sunday of Easter.

Circle today's date on the calendar.

EASTER DAYS						
Sun.	M	T	W	Th	F	S
EASTER DAY						
2 nd SUNDAY of EASTER						
3 rd SUNDAY of EASTER						
4 th SUNDAY of EASTER						
5 th SUNDAY of EASTER						
6 th SUNDAY of EASTER						
7 th SUNDAY of EASTER						
PENTECOST						

Number of days since Easter Sunday: _____

Number of days until Pentecost: _____

Add the two numbers plus one for today to find the total number of Easter days.

_____ + _____ + 1 = _____

hear & Celebrate

In the world as one

John 17:1-11

Last Thursday marked 40 days after Easter, the day of the Ascension of our Lord. The disciples knew they needed to carry Jesus' story to others. Jesus prayed for his disciples and for all who would follow him:

"Father, protect them in your name so they may be one."

Jesus wanted his followers to work together as **1** family of God.

Find the number **1** seven times in this picture, one for each week of the Easter season.



Make us all one
as a family of God.
Amen