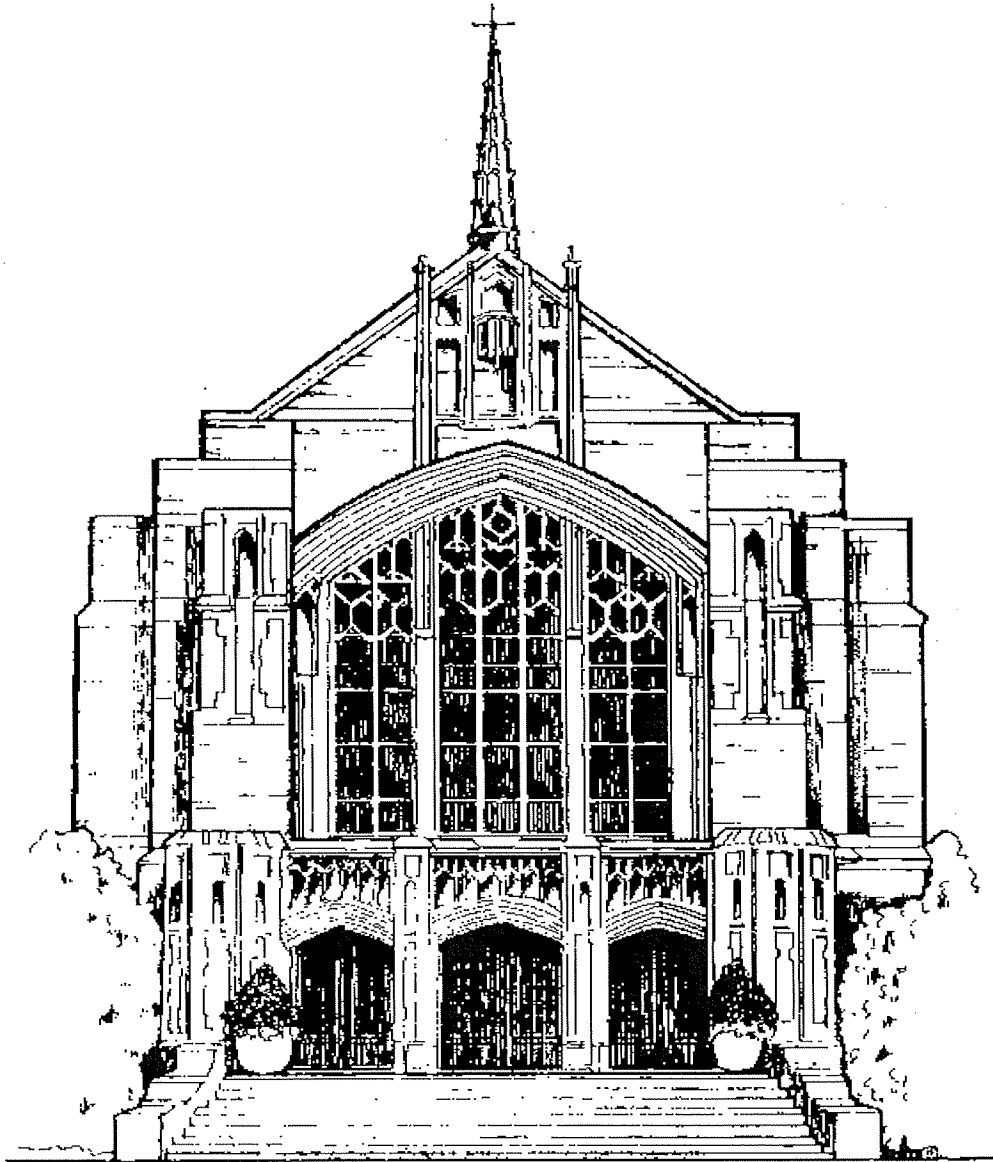


First Baptist Church of Dayton
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2026



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 After Pentecost
July 12, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Waltz in A Flat Op. 39, No. 15 Johannes Brahms

Cyerra Pemberton, Soprano

Du bist die Ruh Franz Schubert

Text by Friedrich Rückert

*You are repose and gentle peace, You are longing and what stills it.
I pledge to you, full of joy and pain, as a dwelling here, my eyes and heart.
Come in to me, and softly close the gate behind you.
Drive other pain from this breast! Let my heart be filled with your joy.
This temple of my eyes is lit by your radiance alone, O fill it utterly.*

Wie Melodien zieht es mir Johannes Brahms

Text by Klaus Groth

*Thoughts, like melodies, steal softly through my mind,
Like spring flowers, they blossom and drift away like fragrance.
Yet when words come and capture them, and bring them before my eyes,
They turn pale like grey mist, and vanish like a breath.
Yet surely in rhyme a fragrance lies hidden,
Summoned by moist eyes from the silent seed.*

Wandrers Nachtlied II Franz Schubert

Text by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

*Over every mountain-top lies peace,
In every tree-top you scarcely feel a breath of wind;
The little birds are hushed in the wood.
Wait, soon you too will be at peace.*

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. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN

#45 *The God of Abraham Praise*
LEONI

As the stanzas unfold, “The God of Abraham Praise” reminds us that God is a Trinitarian God. Part of the conversion of this piece from a Jewish liturgical prayer to a Christian hymn involved adding stanzas on Christ and the Holy Spirit.

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

People: And also with you!

PASSING THE PEACE *(A time to greet one another)*

*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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

Mary Anne Chadbourne

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Jason Alsbaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands

it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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**

#71 *Be Thou My Vision*
SLANE

"Be Thou My Vision" is a 6th-century Irish hymn (translated into English in 1905) that acts as a prayer for God to be the primary focus, guide, and desire in life. It emphasizes total surrender, asking God to rule the heart, provide wisdom, and be more valuable than earthly riches or human approval, often featuring imagery of God as a "High King" and protector.

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

#385 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*
WHELPTON

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.**

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

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

**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

Cyerra Pemberton, Soprano

The Lord Is My Light Francis Allisten

*The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life, Of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid.
And though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.
Yea in the secret places of His dwelling, shall He hide me,
And set me up upon a rock of stone.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Cultivation of the Heart"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#595 *At the Cross*
HUDSON

In 1707, Isaac published a collection titled "Hymns and Spiritual Songs," which included the hymn "Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed." The original version consisted of six stanzas with no refrain, and began with these powerful words: Alas! And did my Savior bleed? And did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?" The final line of the first stanza—"For such a worm as I"—has stirred controversy in modern times, with many hymnals changing "worm" to "one" or revising the line to "for sinners such as I." Critics suggest it promotes unhealthy self-deprecation, but defenders point to the biblical roots of the imagery, likely drawn from Psalm 22:6 ("But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people"), a psalm prophetically connected to Christ's crucifixion. In referring to himself as a "worm," Watts was highlighting the vast contrast between the majestic Savior and the lowly sinner.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*SUNG BENEDICTION

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

**God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!**

POSTLUDE

Cyerra Pemberton

The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.*



(*) 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.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.)

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



Welcome to Our Special Soloist Cyerra Pemberton

This morning we welcome our very own Cyerra Pemberton as our special soloist. Cyerra is a graduate of the Wright State University music program and has performed as a soloist with the Wright State University choral program, the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, the Dayton Opera, and is a regular soloist here at historic First Baptist Church. Let us welcome Cyerra!

Friday Night Firepit Fellowship

Friday, July 17 @ 6:00pm
Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church
960 W Dorothy Lane

DLABC has invited us to their "Firepit Fellowship" every 3rd Friday of the month through the summer beginning at 6pm. Hotdogs, snacks, s'mores fixings, and drinks will be provided, but you can bring something to share if you wish. Don't forget a lawn chair or blanket.

Starts Tomorrow!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

Rivers' Edge Peace Camp
July 13-17 @ 9:30am-Noon

Children grades **PreK-5th grade** are invited to a week of Vacation Bible School where we will explore ideas of peace & peacemaking from the Bible and songs of faith, particularly those that make a connection with river/water imagery. Join us for a fun week of music, story times, crafts, and games!

REGISTER TODAY!

Early registration is encouraged, and the form is online at **www.fbcd Dayton.org** (hard copies are available on the table by the church office). For any other questions please contact Pastor Jason Alspaugh (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).



OVERVIEW

Date	Scripture	Title	Focus/Theme
July 13	Psalm 1	Like a Tree Planted by the Water	Grounded in God's Ways
July 14	Psalm 23	Beside Still Waters	Having Peace Within
July 15	Isaiah 2:1-5	Swords into Plowshares	Studying War No More
July 16	Mt. 3:1-3, 13-17	Baptized in the River	Following Jesus
July 17	Mt. 5:9	Blessed are the Peacemakers	Celebrating Peace



"Off Into the Sunset"

An Invitation from Donna Curry

Friday, July 17 @ 7:00pm
At the Curry Home

The choir and any other church folks are invited to celebrate the end of another choral year and bid a fond farewell as **Samantha Leal** rides off into the sunset. Bob and Donna Curry's home has great sunset views! Join us on Friday, July 17 at 7:00pm at 258 West Thruston Blvd. Bring an appetizer to share. Beverages will be furnished. **RSVP to Donna** (donna.curry@wright.edu or 937-470-5643). Tables will be set up outside, weather permitting. Contact Donna with questions.

July Break

There will be no Board meetings and no Executive Council meeting in the month of July.



First Baptist Church Picnic

with Dorothy Lane Baptist Church

Sunday, July 26 after church from 12:00-5:00pm
Hills & Dales MetroPark -- Paw Paw

Main dish and beverages provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Don't forget lawn chairs & lawn games!



RSVP by July 19!

Directions to Paw Paw (2471 Deep Hollow Road):

W. Dorothy Lane about ½ mi from Far Hills to North on Patterson to right on Oak Knoll
to left on Deep Hollow. *(Google map says Peach Orchard instead of Oak Knoll,
but the street sign says Oak Knoll.)*



Coffee & Cookie Social Time at One Lincoln Park

Monthly - 1st Wednesday
2:00-3:30pm
590 Isaac Prugh Way, Kettering 45429

Next Social: August 5

You're welcome to attend the coffee/cookie social time for our members who reside at One Lincoln Park. Currently we have 4 members living there--Linda Ginter Brown, Gerald Busch, Bill Harrell, and Ken Taylor. You are invited and encouraged to attend these monthly socials! **Upcoming dates:** Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Herbert at 937-380-8000.

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.

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Bearing good fruit

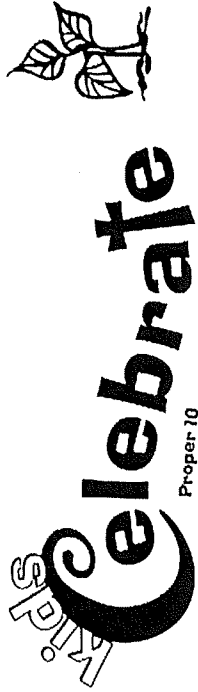
Inside the fruit, draw how you can share God's love.



 God, please help me share
your love with others.
Amen.

This week

Share a piece of fruit with someone. While you eat, thank
God for loving you both.



gather

Welcome to worship. Isn't it amazing what can
come from one little seed? God made many kinds of
plants. Each one has its own seed.

Draw a line matching the fruit to its seed. What is
your favorite fruit? Does it have seeds inside?



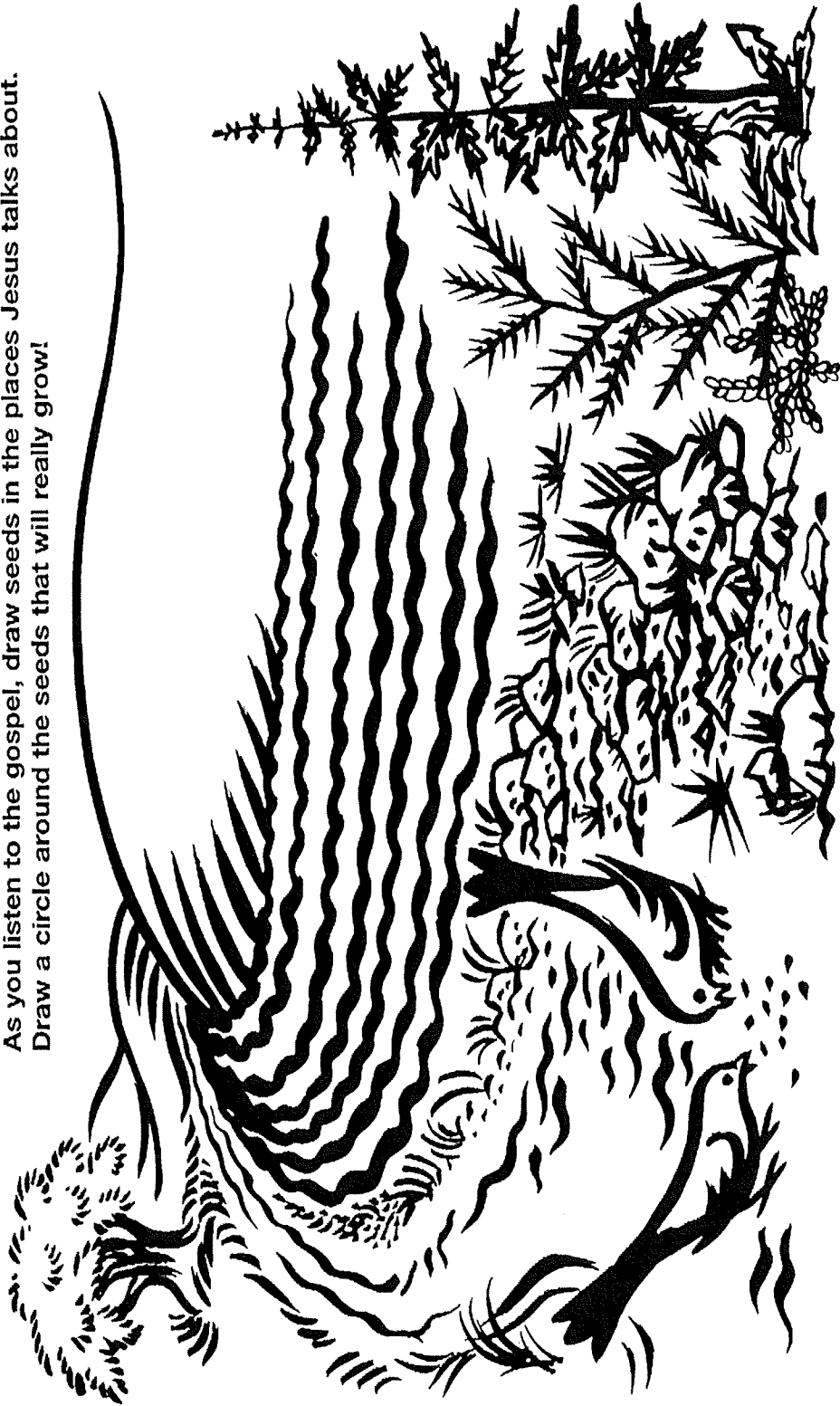
hear & celebrate

Finding good soil

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus told a story about seeds growing into grain.

As you listen to the gospel, draw seeds in the places Jesus talks about.
Draw a circle around the seeds that will really grow!



Where can you plant the seeds of God's love? What do they need to grow?

