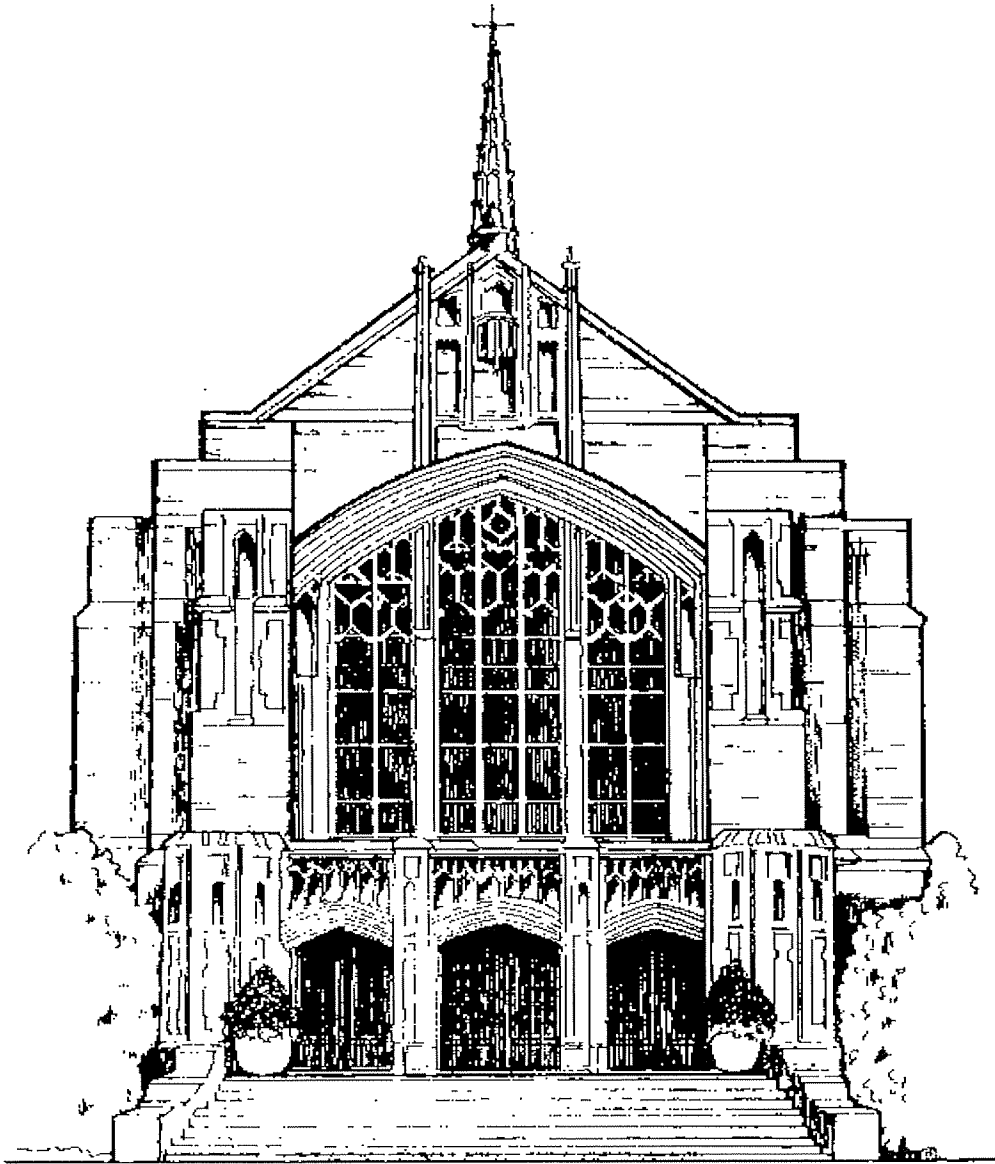


First Baptist Church of Dayton
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 2026



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
9th Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Adagio from the Overture to the Occasional Oratorio, Aria in F Major,
Air from "Water Music Suite," and Pifa (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Cynthia Schindler, Soprano

Come Unto Him Handel

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

#262 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
ST. THOMAS

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord is perhaps the earliest hymn still currently used that was composed by a citizen of the United States. The author, Timothy Dwight (1752-1817) was one of the outstanding leaders of his time. Dwight's family tree was indeed a distinguished one. He was the grandson of the Calvinist preacher Jonathan Edwards. Dwight demonstrated a precocious spirit at a young age, reading the Bible at age 4, learning Latin during grammar school and entering Yale College at age 13. Graduating from Yale at 17, he taught grammar school in New Haven and then became a tutor at Yale. Dwight obtained a preacher's license and served as a chaplain during the Revolutionary War with George Washington. Hymnologist Albert Bailey notes that not only were Dwight's sermons an inspiration for the soldiers he served, but also his songs.

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

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:28-32, 35, 37-39

Jaimee Ryan

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48, 51-52

Jaimee Ryan

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad."

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

#614 Since Jesus Came Into My Heart
McDANIEL

"I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, since Jesus came into my heart." This is what happens when Jesus becomes the King of your life—you have a wonderful change that's wrought in your soul. That word "wrought" means like your life has been shifted. It's like God took your life and changed it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason 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.**

*MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. David Coggins

Mary Ann Paloncy
May 3, 1936 – July 15, 2026

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cynthia Schindler, Soprano

It Is Well With My Soul Phillip Bliss
arr. Brenda Crofts Reep

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, oh my soul!*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well, with my soul.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"When God's Love Wins"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#566 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE

The famous Isaac Watts hymn, written in 1708, "O God Our Help in Ages Past" has always been one of my favorite New Years hymns. Based on Psalm 90, it recounts how our God has been with us through any trouble of this life, and how He will be with us forevermore.

*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

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Postlude in G Major G. F. Handel



(*) 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	Paloncy Family	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Pamela Cress	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Domescik Family	Petry Family	Will Radachi
Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See	Juan Rodriguez

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)



Welcome to Our Guest Singer

Cynthia Schindler

We welcome back Cynthia Schindler to First Baptist this morning! Cynthia is proud to call Dayton home again after moving back to the area from Detroit, MI. She has sung with the Dayton Opera Chorus for over two decades and was the first soprano section lead at Westminster Presbyterian Church for eight years. Cynthia has also sung with the Dayton Bach Society, Dayton Philharmonic Chorus, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Southminster Presbyterian Church, and the Musica chamber choir. She holds degrees in music, psychology, and engineering. Cynthia studied voice at Wright State University under Dorothy Smith and has most recently been studying with University of Dayton professor Andrea Chenoweth Wells. She works as a training aircraft engineer at WPAFB and is a spoiled cat enabler to Henry and Spartacus.



Baptism and Right Hand of Fellowship

Next Sunday, August 2, we will celebrate new members in our service with a baptism and the "Right Hand of Fellowship." If anyone else would like to join the church or be baptized at this time, please talk with one of the pastors.

August Church Meetings

Board Meetings

Wednesday, August 12 @ 6:30pm

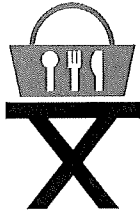
Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 19 @ 6:30pm

Today After Church!!

First Baptist Church Picnic

with Dorothy Lane Baptist Church



Sunday, July 26 after church

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!



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

Next Social: August 5

Monthly - 1st Wednesday
2:00-3:30pm

590 Isaac Prugh Way, Kettering 45429

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.

Friday Night Firepit Fellowship

Friday, August 21 @ 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.

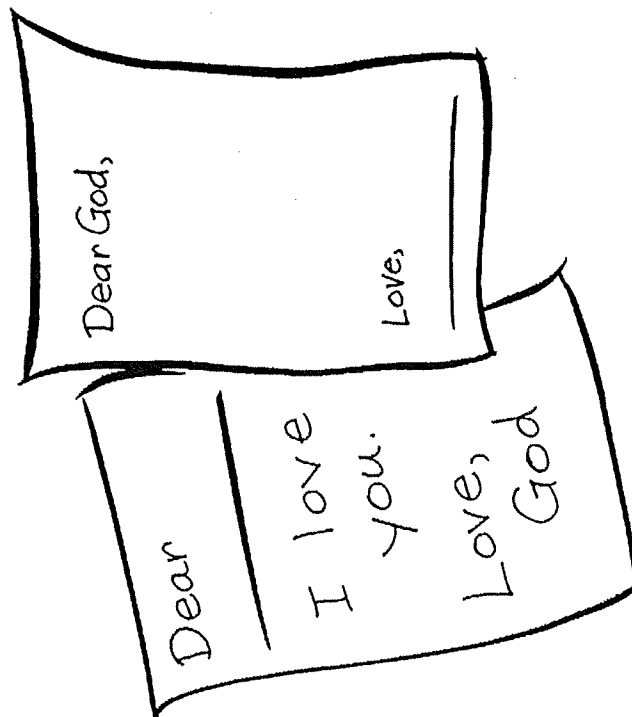
Attention Summer Musicians

Thank you for sharing your musical talent with us this summer! A reminder to prepare a special anthem to be presented during the worship service in addition to a selection for the prelude or postlude. Be sure to email Linda (fbc@fbcd Dayton.org) with your titles/composers by Wednesday prior to your scheduled Sunday. Thank you!

Send

Love letters

Write your name in the letter from God. Then write or draw a message of love to God.



 Thank you for loving me no matter what. I love you, too. Amen

This week

Look for hidden treasures of God's kingdom indoors and outside.

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A Proper 12



Gather

Welcome to worship. Paul lived long ago. He wrote many letters, telling people about Jesus and about God's love. One of these letters is called Romans. In Romans, Paul wrote that God loves us all the time, no matter what! He wrote that nothing anywhere can separate us from the love of God. That is very good news!



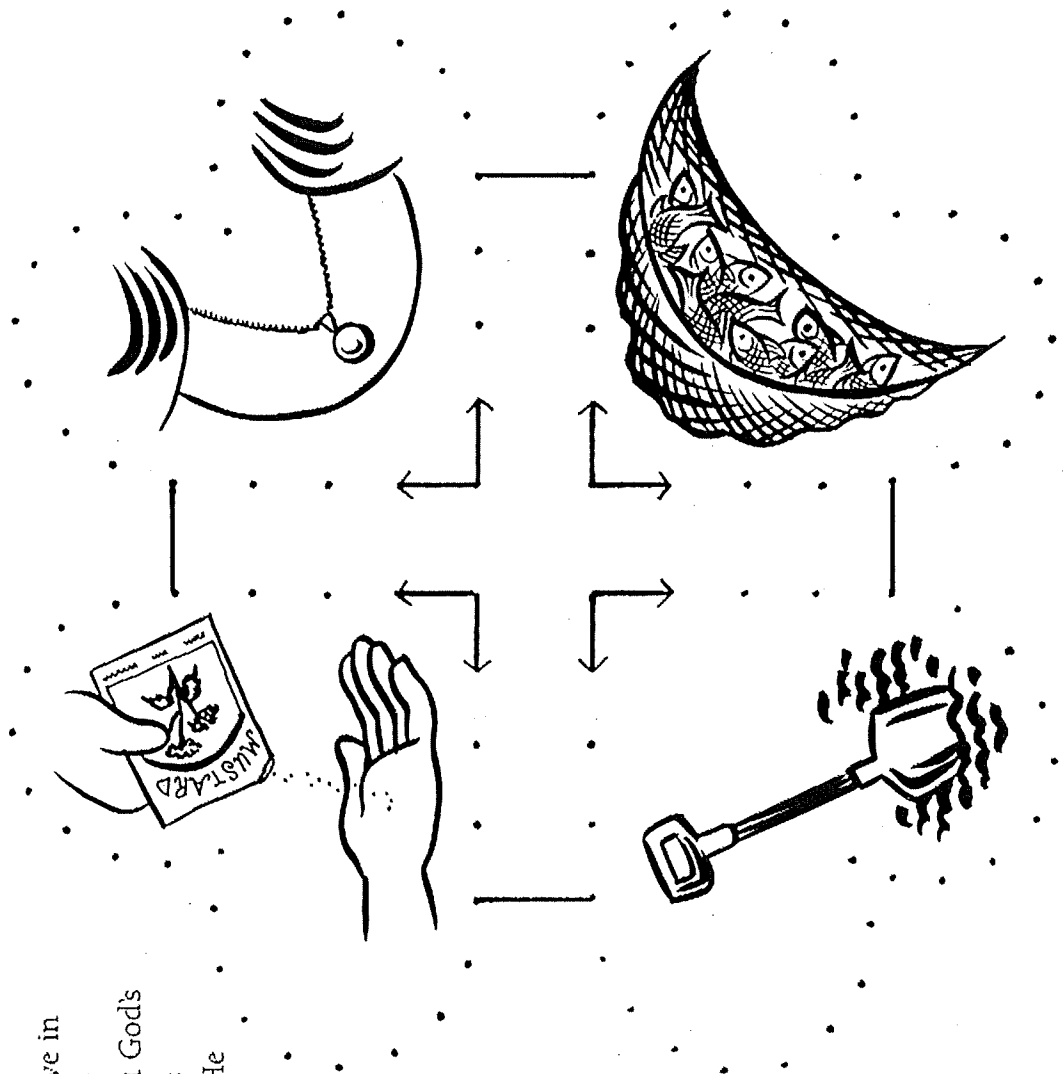
How do you experience God's love when you worship?



hear & celebrate

God's kingdom is like ...

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
 Paul told about God's love in letters. Jesus didn't write letters, but he told about God's love in parables—stories about everyday things. He described the treasures in God's kingdom of love.



Listen for signs of God's kingdom in the Gospel of Matthew. Trace the heart around each part of the story as you hear it. Color the empty space between the hearts. What do you see?