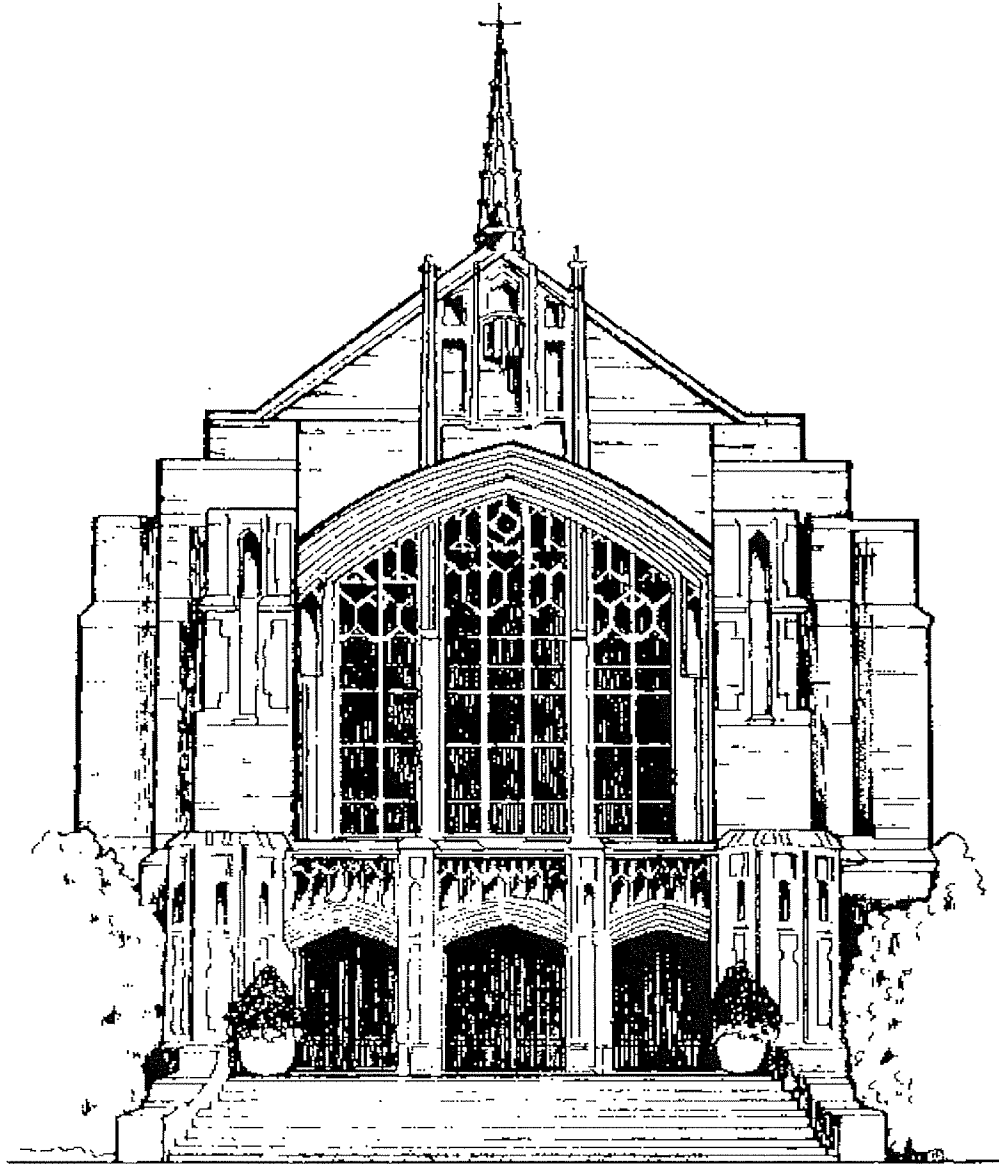


First Baptist Church of Dayton
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 23, 2026



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
13th Sunday After Pentecost
August 23 , 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Piano
Three works for piano

Vocalise Op. 34, No. 14 Sergei Rachmaninov
Adagio Cantabile Ludwig van Beethoven
from Pathetique Sonata, Op. 13
Guide My Feet African-American Spiritual
setting by Roy L. Belfield Jr.

Melody Williams, Soprano

God Never Fails George Jordan
arr. Jeffrey P. Radford

Refrain: God never fails. God never fails.
He abides in me. He gives me victory. No, God never fails!
Just keep the faith, and never cease to pray; just walk upright,
call Him noon, day, or night. He'll be there. He'll be there.
There's no need to worry, for God never fails!

Verse 1: I never worry, I never fret; for God Almighty has never failed me yet.
Though 'buked and scorned, I know that I've been reborn, for God never fails.

Verse 2: No need to worry, no need to cry; I've got my Lord, I know He is on my side.
Daily I trust. I never shall doubt Him, for God never fails.

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. David Coggins

*OPENING HYMN

#282 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
AUSTRIAN HYMN

The opening line of this hymn quotes Psalm 87:3 "Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God" (ESV). The theme of these stanzas is the universal church and its story. The text begins with a vision of the new city of God (Hebrews 12:22) in the first two stanzas, and then looks back to the early journey of the Israelites, with references in the third stanza to cloud, fire, and manna (Exodus 13:21, 16:31). We are reminded through this of the long history God has with His people, and of the wonderful future awaiting those who are, through grace, members of God's family.

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

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 138

Michael Cox

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

Jeannette Cox

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-17

Jeannette Cox

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

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

#504 I Am Thine, O Lord
I AM THINE

Stanza one begins with a total surrender to Christ, "I am thine, O Lord," and the desire to "be closer drawn to thee." The second stanza appropriately draws upon the closeness of this relationship as an impetus of service: "Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine."

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

#394 v.1 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
QUEBEC

**Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to hear Thy call.**

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

Rev. Dr. Kent 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

Melody Williams, Soprano

"Glorious Is the Name of Jesus" Dr. Robert J. Fryson

*Glorious is the name of Jesus, praises to His name.
Oh, glorious and righteous and holy is His name, Oh, glorious is His name.
I feel His presence in this place, His Spirit has control.
Can't you feel His warm embrace and all the joy within your soul,
Oh, glorious is His name, Oh, glorious is His name.*

SERMON

Rev. Coggins

"God Hasn't Failed (Me) Yet"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#587 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
NEW BRITAIN

"Amazing Grace" is a Christian hymn written by John Newton in 1772 about finding redemption and divine forgiveness despite a past filled with sin, specifically his time as a slave ship captain. It highlights the idea that God's undeserved grace can transform a "wretch," bringing hope, forgiveness, and new life.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*SUNG BENEDICTION

#518 May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus
GALILEE

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God,
the communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.**

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Glorious Everlasting M. Thomas Cousins

Psalm 57:11, "Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
let Thy glory be above all the earth."



(*) 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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***Congratulations to Rev. David Coggins for his 50 years of
faithful service in ministry!***



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	Anita Suro
Gail Bowman	Land Family	Veghte Family
Dana Brewer	Gene Lee	Harold West
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 Soloist

Melody Williams

Dr. Melody Williams, soprano, is no stranger to us here at First Baptist. Melody has been featured as soloist with the Chancel Choir, and over the years she has been supported by this church in her own personal ministry abroad. She has ministered throughout the world. Melody is an educator, singer, advisor, and evangelist. She and her sister, Angela, are regular attendees here at the church. She sings with a powerful spirit and love for the vocal arts. While in grade school in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, she received her first vocal lessons from her father, the late Dr. James Arthur Williams.

Labor Day Weekend Camp Out

John Bryan State Park / Group Campsite #2

September 4-7, 2026

\$10 suggested donation

We are reviving a little tradition of camping out on Labor Day weekend, and have reserved a group camping site at John Bryan State Park (non-electric, tents only). This event is open to everyone, but space is limited to 25-campers per night, so we ask that you RSVP your participation with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org). To help offset the cost, we are suggesting a \$10/person donation. You can camp one, two or all three nights. Or you can just come and hang out for part of any/all of the days, if you're not able to tent camp. We can coordinate meals, supplies, etc. ahead of time. There are nice hiking trails nearby, plenty of places to eat in Yellow Springs, and Young's Dairy is just down the road. Join us for a relaxing retreat!

Chancel Choir Dinner & Rehearsal

Thursday, Sep. 10 in Fellowship Hall

Dinner @ 6:00pm
(Bring a dish to share!)

Rehearsal @ 7:00pm

Homecoming Sunday

September 13, 2026

On Homecoming Sunday we officially welcome everyone back from summer travels, and resume our regular Sunday School schedule for all ages. If you have ideas for future studies or have an interest in facilitating and/or being a part of a new small group, please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

BUILDING BRIDGES BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays @ 7:30-8:30am
Wholly Grounds Coffee Shop
825 Wayne Ave.

Our Thursday morning Bible study resumed August 13. Each week Pastor Jason convenes a group for spirited discussion and reflection on one of the Scripture passages from the Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday, making connections and applications to current events. Many of us have been doing this for years, but it's an open gathering and anyone can join us anytime. If you have questions, please connect with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Coffee & Cookie Social Time

at One Lincoln Park

Next Social: September 2

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. Drop in when your schedule allows! **Upcoming dates:** Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Herbert, coordinator, at 937-380-8000.

Thursday Evening BYF Gatherings @ 6-8pm

Starting October 1st

Our weekly gathering time for our Baptist Youth Fellowship is back this fall! Starting on October 1, we will meet every Thursday at 6-8pm at the church (unless otherwise noted). Gatherings will include a fun theme/activity (sundaes, art, service, karaoke, improv, etc.), fellowship, food, and a spirituality/spiritual practice component. We will still have other occasional activities/outings at other times, including Sundays, but this would be our most regular gathering time.

Help Wanted! If you would like to provide dinner for one of our Thursday Gatherings, and/or host a gathering at your home sometime, please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Send

Peter the rock

Jesus called Peter the rock because he knew Peter would be a strong leader for the church. Do you have a nickname that says something about who you are or what you can do? (the runner, the smiling one, the thinker, junior)

Write that name or choose one you think describes you. Draw a picture of how that name describes you.



*Jesus, thank you for
helping me in many ways.
Amen.*

This week

Create a week-long list of Jesus' names.



gather

Welcome to worship. A name can tell a lot about who someone is. What do you think of when you hear "Grandma," the President," my teacher," "pastor"? You have different relationships with different people. **Name people you think of as:**

Friend

Neighbor

Leader

Fun maker Family

Helper

