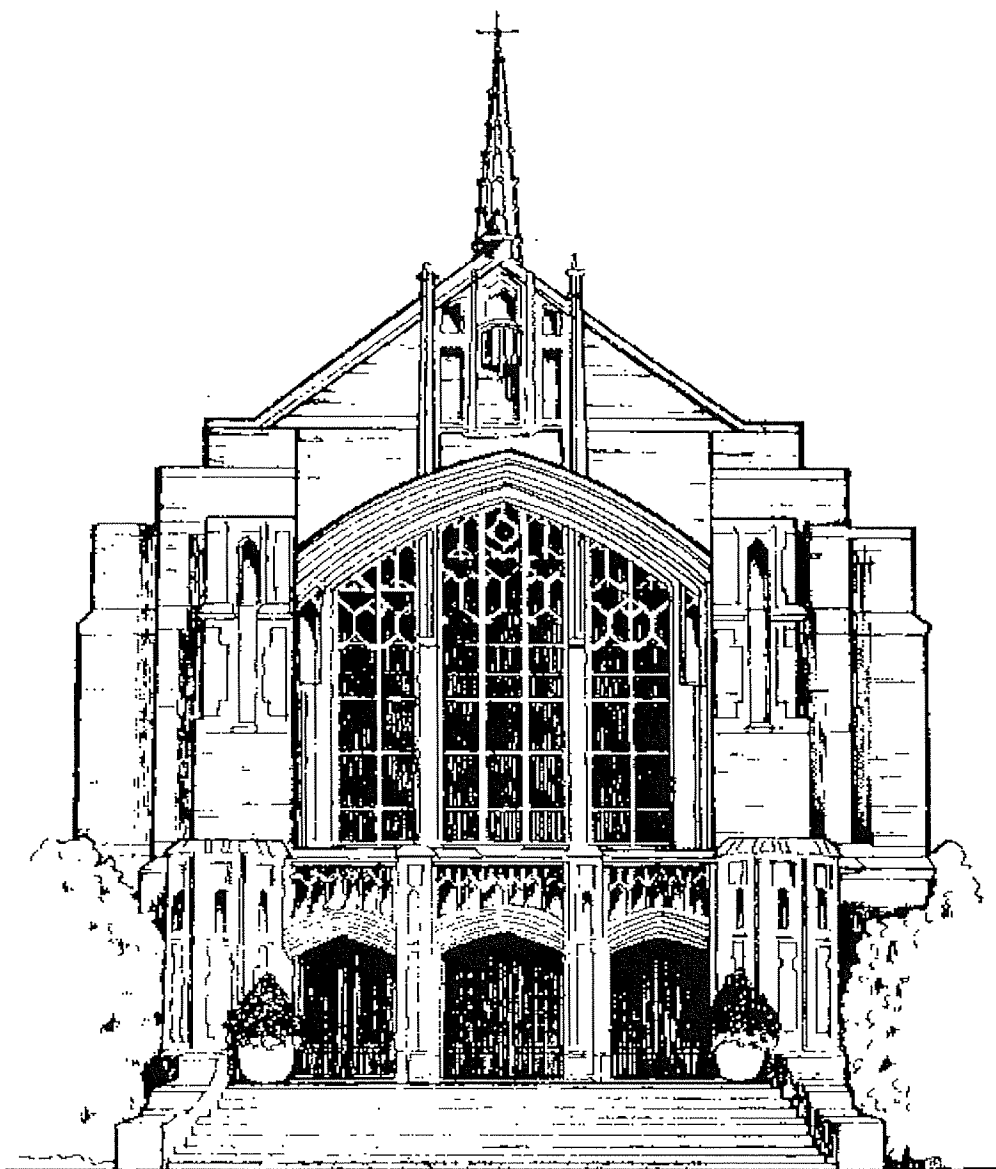


First Baptist Church of Dayton
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 2026



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
14th Sunday After Pentecost
August 30 , 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organ

Prelude on "Nicaea" ("Holy, Holy, Holy") Healey Willan
Two Liturgical Preludes George Oldroyd

Dr. Lou Lilite, Tenor

"Incline Thine Ear" Ernest Charles

Incline, incline thine ear and come unto me; incline thine ear and come unto me.

Hear and thy soul shall live, hear and thy soul shall live.

Incline thine ear, incline thine ear, Hear and thy soul shall live.

Ho, ev'ry one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,

And he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat;

Ho, ev'ry one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,

and he that hath no money, and he that hath no money,

and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat.

Incline, incline thine ear and come unto me; incline thine ear and come unto me.

Hear and thy soul shall live, hear and thy soul shall live.

Incline thine ear. come unto me and thy soul, thy soul shall live.

Come unto me and thy soul shall live.

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

#1 Holy, Holy, Holy
NICAEA

In 325 AD, Church leaders convened in the town of Nicaea in Bithynia to formulate a consensus of belief and practice amongst Christians. What resulted was the Nicene Creed, a document passed on through the ages as one of the pillars of church doctrine. The primary function of this creed was to establish a firm belief in the Trinity, countering the heresy of Arius, who believed that Jesus was not fully divine. It was this creed that inspired Reginald Heber to write this great hymn of praise to the Triune God, with the intent that the hymn be sung before or after the creed was recited in a service, and on Trinity Sunday – eight weeks after Easter. The tune, composed by John B. Dykes for Heber's text, is also titled NICAEA in recognition of Heber's text. The words evoke a sense of awe at the majesty of God, and call on all of creation – humans, saints and angels, and all living things – to praise the Godhead three-in-one.

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: Exodus 3:1-8a

Tonya Mitchell

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:9-21

Tonya Mitchell

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "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 will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

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

#365 More Love to Thee, O Christ
MORE LOVE TO THEE

This hymn is a prayer that the Christian would continue to make the love of God his or her highest aim in life, as the psalmist wrote: "You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you." (Psalm 73:24-25 ESV)

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

#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. David 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

Dr. Lou Lilite, Tenor

"The Lord's Prayer" Byron J. Smith

*Our Father, our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Our Father, our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth, as it is in heaven.
 Our Father, our Father, which art in heaven, hear us Lord, as we pray.
 Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
 Amen, Amen.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"A Cruciform Life"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#184 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
 ST. CHRISTOPHER

It symbolized hope, reward, and heavenly assistance. The songwriter says the cross is just like the ladder in Jacob's dream, except that I ascend to heaven by way of the cross. In the first stanza of this hymn, the cross is depicted as a desert oasis – a stop along the way where we can recover from the stress of life. The second stanza reminds us of the great cost of that oasis – Jesus suffered and died a tortuous death because of His great love for us – and how little we are worth in comparison. The last stanza echoes what Paul wrote to the Philippians: "whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:7-8a ESV).

*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

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Liturgical Improvisation #3 George Oldroyd



(*) 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.)

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



Welcome to Our Guest Musician

Dr. Lou Lilite

Dr. Lou Lilite is from Haiti and serves on the music faculty at Cedarville University as voice teacher. He and his lovely wife have become a wonderful addition to the professional music community especially here in Dayton. He has performed with the Dayton Opera and recently had a role in the recent production of Porgy and Bess where he got to work with our own Dr. William Henry Caldwell who served as Chorus Master for the production at the Schuster Center. Dr. Lilite is an accomplished tenor and pianist. He loves running, and he loves God. We gladly welcome him this morning to worship with us.

Labor Day Weekend Campout

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!

Pastor David's Reflection Book

In honor of Pastor David Coggins' 50th anniversary of his ordination, we have a reflection book that will be available in Fellowship Hall for you to share a memory or note of congratulations. The book will be available through September for you to sign.

September Church Meetings

Board Meetings

Wednesday, Sep. 9 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, Sep. 16 @ 6:30pm

Chancel Choir Dinner & Rehearsal

Thursday, Sep. 10 in Fellowship Hall

Dinner @ 6:00pm

(Bring a dish to share!)

Rehearsal @ 7:00pm

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.

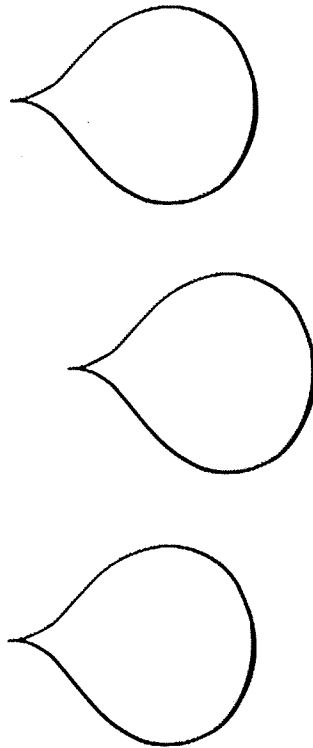
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The promise of love

A shell helps us remember God's promise of love in baptism.



Draw something in the water drops to remind you of a promise you make to God, to yourself, to others.



Show your drawing to someone else. Tell them why that promise is important to you.

This week

Be aware of promises you make this week, and remember to keep them.

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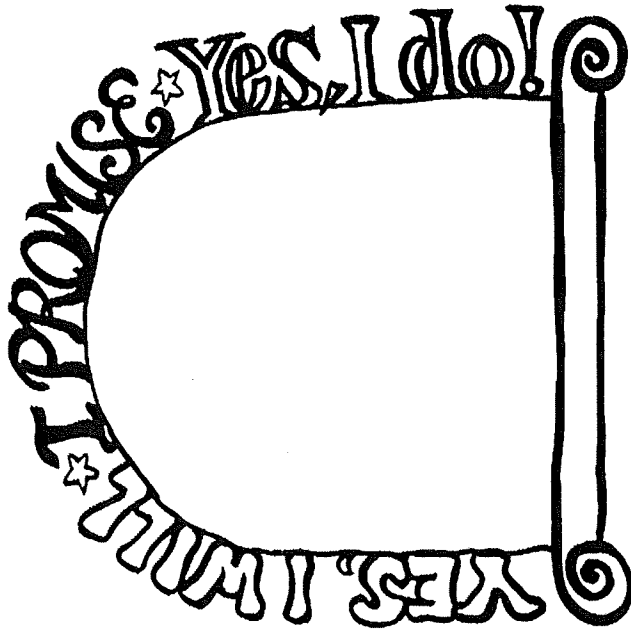
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gather

Welcome to worship! A promise is a vow or a pledge. Have you ever made a promise? Did you keep it?

Draw what happened here.



When we keep promises, people know we mean what we say and can trust us.

hear & celebrate

God's promises

Matthew 16:21-28

In today's reading, Jesus tries to tell his disciples about hard times to come. They can't understand and don't want to hear about it.



Think about a time when you have not wanted to hear the truth.

The Bible is a book of God's promises. A promise doesn't mean everything will be easy or fun. This is true for God's promises too. We can trust God's promise to be with us no matter what.

Unscramble the words and write God's promises on the lines provided.

God promises:

...to **ovle** us **rovfeer**

...to **yats** with us **laaysw**

...to **tenlis** to our **rpyraes**

...that we will **evli** with God in **vhenae**



Thank you, God, for always keeping your promises. Amen