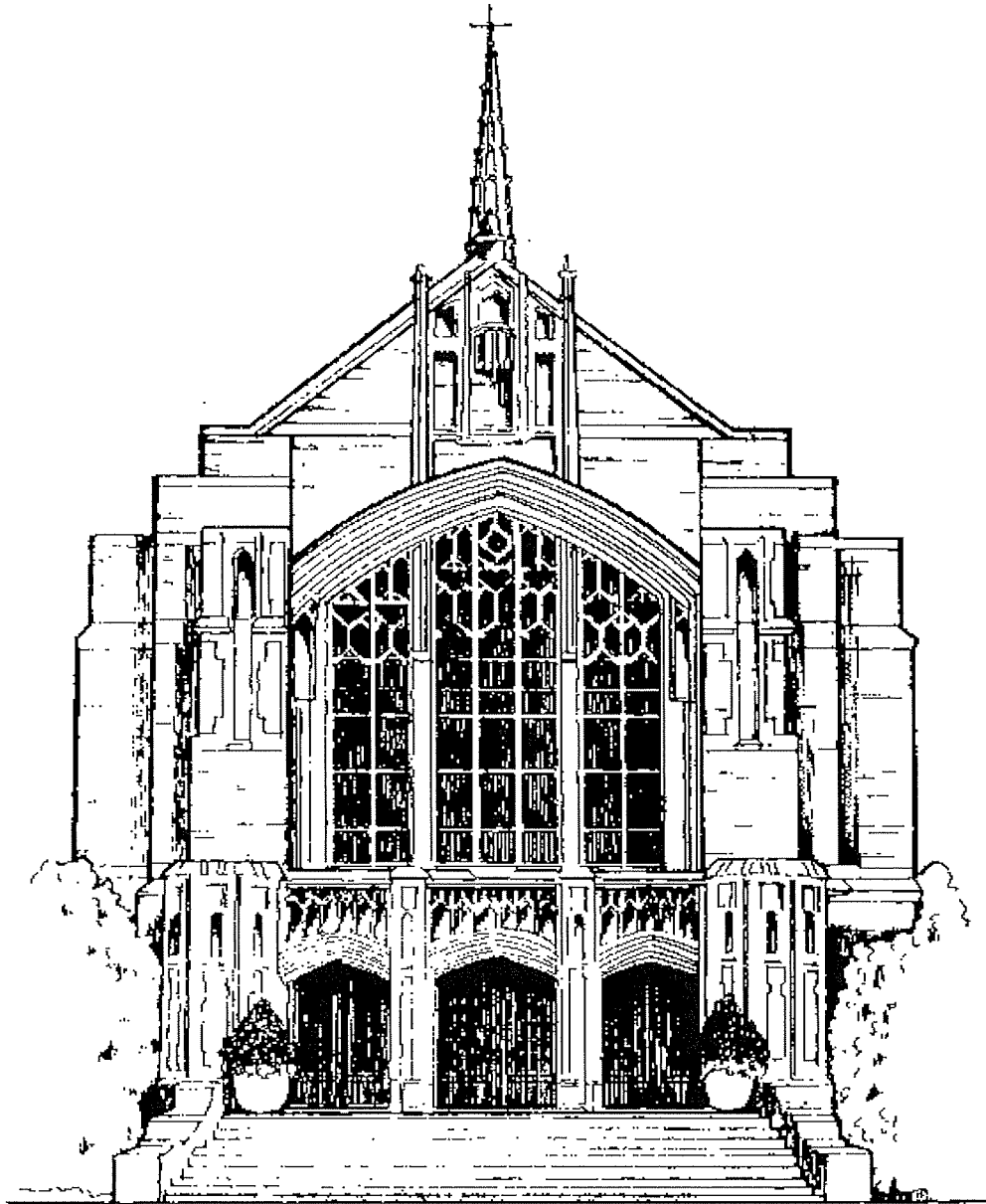


First Baptist Church of Dayton
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



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
17th Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Where'er You Walk George Frideric Handel
from "Semele"

Two Voluntaries for Organ William Selby (1738-1798)
setting by Daniel Pinkham

Coro George Frideric Handel
from "Water Music"

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

Highest Place Ramon Pink

*We place You in the highest place.
For You are the great High Priest.
We place You high above all else, all else;
And we come to You and worship at Your feet.*

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145:1-8)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis, Leader

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*PROCESSIONAL 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.” The theme of these stanzas is the universal church and its story. The text begins with a vision of the new city of God 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. 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.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Tom Howard, Mission Board Chair

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 1:21-30

Brad Kallenberg

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

Brad Kallenberg

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent

them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

#27 Morning Has Broken
BUNESSAN

"Morning Has Broken" is a Christian hymn written in 1931 by English author Eleanor Farjeon. It is set to the traditional Scottish Gaelic tune "Bunessan" and the lyrics serve as an uplifting celebration of creation, comparing the dawn of every new day to the freshness of the very first morning.

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

#399 v.1 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

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.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"I Must Tell Jesus" arr. Lloyd Larson

I must tell Jesus all about my trials, I cannot bear these burdens alone. In my distress, He kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for His own. I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear these burdens alone. I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone. Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior, one who can help my burdens to bear. I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, He all my cares and sorrows will share. I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, I cannot bear these burdens alone. I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, Jesus can help me, Jesus alone. O. how the world to evil allures me. Oh how my heart is tempted to send. I must tell Jesus and He will help me, over the world to victory to win. I must have Jesus, I must tell Jesus, I cannot bear these burdens alone. I must tell Jesus. I must tell Jesus. Jesus can help me. Jesus alone.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Last Will Be First"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 9)

O Jesus, I Have Promised
ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I Have Promised is an 1866 hymn by Anglican priest John Ernest Bode, written for the confirmation of his children. Commonly sung to Arthur Henry Mann's tune ANGEL'S STORY, it is a classic hymn of discipleship, guidance, perseverance, and grace-dependent commitment to Christ. *O Jesus, I Have Promised* is one of the enduring English hymns of Christian discipleship. It gives voice to a believer's pledge to serve Christ faithfully while also confessing dependence on Christ's nearness, guidance, and grace. The hymn is especially associated with confirmation because John Ernest Bode wrote it for the confirmation of his children in 1866. Its language of promise, perseverance, temptation, and guidance makes it useful not only for formal rites of commitment but also for ordinary worship where Christians renew their intention to follow Christ.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*SUNG BENEDICTION

God Be with You
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Unison Harmony

1. God be with you till we meet a-gain; By His coun-sels

guide, up-hold you, With His sheep se-cure-ly fold you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Suite from the Music for the Royal Fireworks George Frideric Handel
 setting by E. Power Biggs



(*) 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	<i>Military Duty:</i>
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)		

Baptism and Right Hand of Fellowship

On Sunday, September 27, we will celebrate new members in our service with baptism and the "Right Hand of Fellowship." If anyone else would like to join the church or be baptized at this time, please speak with one of the pastors.

Ed & Laura Rhodes Coming to Town!

Ed and Laura Rhodes are planning a trip to Dayton from California and will be at church on Sunday, October 4. They would like to visit with everyone during Coffee Fellowship time on that Sunday!

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.

Coffee & Cookie Social Time at One Lincoln Park

Next Social: October 7, 2026

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

On the first Wednesday of the month, you're invited to drop in at One Lincoln Park for the monthly coffee/cookie social time for our members who reside there. We currently have 4 members residing there: Linda Ginter Brown, Gerald Busch, Bill Harrell, and Ken Taylor. Stop in to say hello! **Upcoming dates:** Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2. Contact Mary Herbert with questions: 937-388-8000.

Building Bridges Bible Study

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

Our Thursday morning Bible study has resumed. 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 ideas for future studies or have an interest in facilitating and/or being a part of a new small group, for Sunday mornings or otherwise, please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Starts October 1st

Thursday Evening BYF Gatherings @ 6-8pm

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).



First Baptist Church of Dayton Ohio presents

University of Notre Dame Glee Club

In Concert on Saturday, October 24 at 7:30pm

In Service on Sunday, October 25 at 10am

First Baptist Church of Dayton will host the world-renowned Notre Dame Glee Club in concert on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 7:30pm, and the Glee Club will worship with us on Sunday morning, October 25 during the 10am service. **If you can help house some of the Glee Club members for one night in your home or hotel, 2 or more singers, please contact the church office at 937-222-4691 or email fbc@fbcd Dayton.org or see William Caldwell.**

Mission Board Presentation on Sunday, Sep. 27

On Sunday, September 27 at the end of coffee fellowship, the Mission Board will have a short presentation on Mission giving priorities to be followed by a time of feedback. Please join us!

For the Ladies of First Baptist

The first meeting of Church Women United will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. The speaker will be Larry Hollar who will be sharing about Crop Walk. If you haven't turned in your dues, please bring them at this time. Note the time change. Hope you can make it!

Adult Sunday School

Bible Study: The Letter to the Romans

Led by Rev. Jason Alsbaugh (et al)

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

September 13-November 15

1st Floor – Chapel

In this class we will make use of J.R. Daniel Kirk's commentary, *Romans for Normal People*, part of a larger project—*The Bible for Normal People*—which envisions “a world where people engage with the Bible freely, without fear or guilt—where questions are welcome and scholarship is accessible. Additionally, and perhaps inevitably, we will consider a variety of other study resources (video, podcasts, etc.) to help us engage with the biblical text.

Along with Pastor Jason, participants will be invited to help facilitate our times of discussion and reflection themselves, as we make our way through *Romans*, with the intention of building some confidence for leading and engaging in Bible study. But no pressure! And there are no prerequisites. Whether you are new to the Bible or have been reading and studying it for years, this class can be for you. If you plan to be a part of this class, please let Pastor Jason know so we can be sure to order enough commentaries/guides (jalsbaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Time to Update BYF Medical-Transportation Forms

Youth are always welcome to invite friends, but (as always) we'll want everyone to have a completed and signed BYF medical-transportation form on file (available on the table outside the church office). **Also, if any medical or contact info has changed within the last year, please fill out a new form for your youth(s).**

Did You Know...

...that September 17th marked the start of Pastor Jason's 20th year here at First Baptist Church of Dayton as Associate Pastor for Children & Youth? Congratulations Jason!

Enduring Love Ministry Update & Fundraising Luncheon

LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 10, 2026 @ 12:00 Noon

Kenwood Baptist Church

8341 Kenwood Road

Cincinnati OH 45236

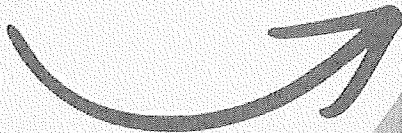
You are warmly invited to join Dan Chetti, Founder of Enduring Love Ministries and Filipe Amado, Director of Communications, for an Enduring Love Ministry Update and fundraising luncheon. Come hear how God is using Enduring Love Ministries to strengthen Arab Christian leaders and advance the Gospel in six countries across the Middle East and North Africa.

RSVP to Susan Rice, 513-288-6599, or email sjrdfr@yahoo.com

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IT'S ABOUT TIME.

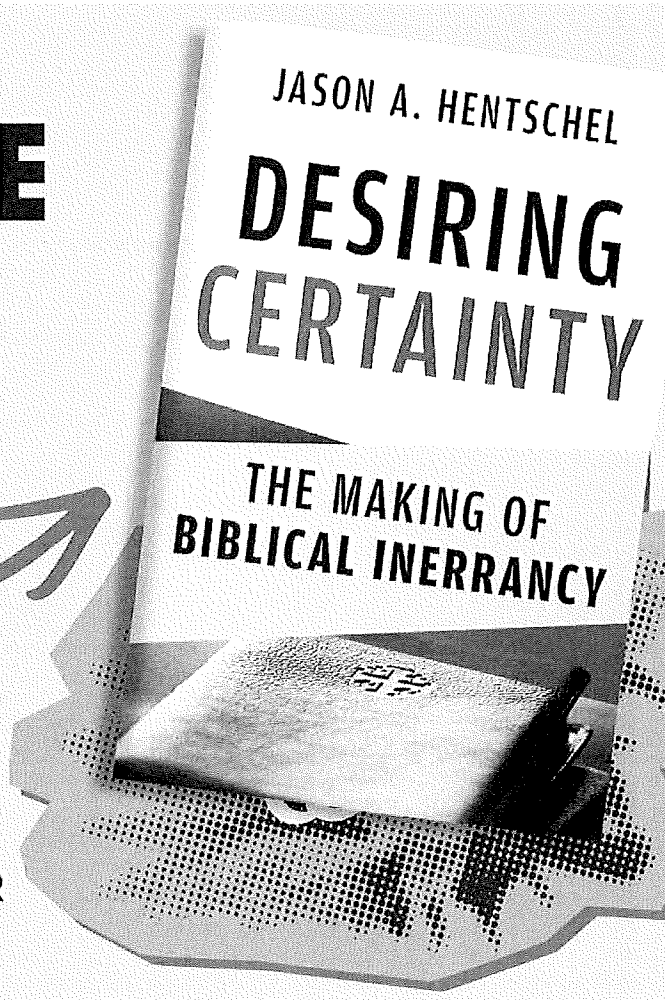
**JOIN THE
LAUNCH
PARTY!**



**SATURDAY 5-7PM
COME & GO**

10.3.2026

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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1. O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
 2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near,
 3. O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4. O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol-low thee

be thou for-ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear;
 a - bove the storm of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will,
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser-vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan-der from the path-way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

WORDS: John E. Bode, ca. 1866 (Lic. 6-52)
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Mann, 1881

ANGEL'S SICKLY
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Send

Invite a friend!

We are all part of God's family, and like Jonah, we can tell other people about God's love.

Draw a heart around all the ways you might show God's love to someone.



Thank you, God, for loving all of us! Amen.

This week

Invite another family to visit your church with you.

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Kids Celebrate

Proper 20



gather

Welcome to worship!

God's love is for everyone.

Look around and see all

the people God loves!

Think about people you

know. Imagine people

you don't know. God

loves all of them. That's

a lot of love! Through

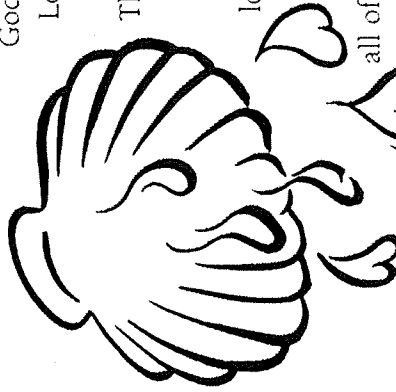
baptism, God makes

all of us part of God's really

big family. We are

all splashed

with love!



Guess how

many hearts

there are in

this picture.

Count them

as you

color

them in!

hear & celebrate

The rest of the story

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Remember the prophet Jonah? He's the guy who ran away from God, got swallowed by a really big fish, and lived in its belly for 3 days before finally getting spit out on dry land. What happened after that? Where did Jonah go, and what did he do? Listen to the story as it is read, then solve the puzzle below to find out!

_____ went to _____ to tell people about _____
  

The people _____ and _____ the _____
  

_____ left _____
 

_____ sent _____ a _____ for _____
   

The next day was _____ and _____, and a _____ ate the _____
  

_____ 

Jonah was _____ and frustrated.



_____ said: "Don't worry _____!"
 

I will always take _____ of you.


I _____ you. I _____ all people."
 

Now you know the rest of the story. God loves us all!



Talk together about your favorite Bible stories.