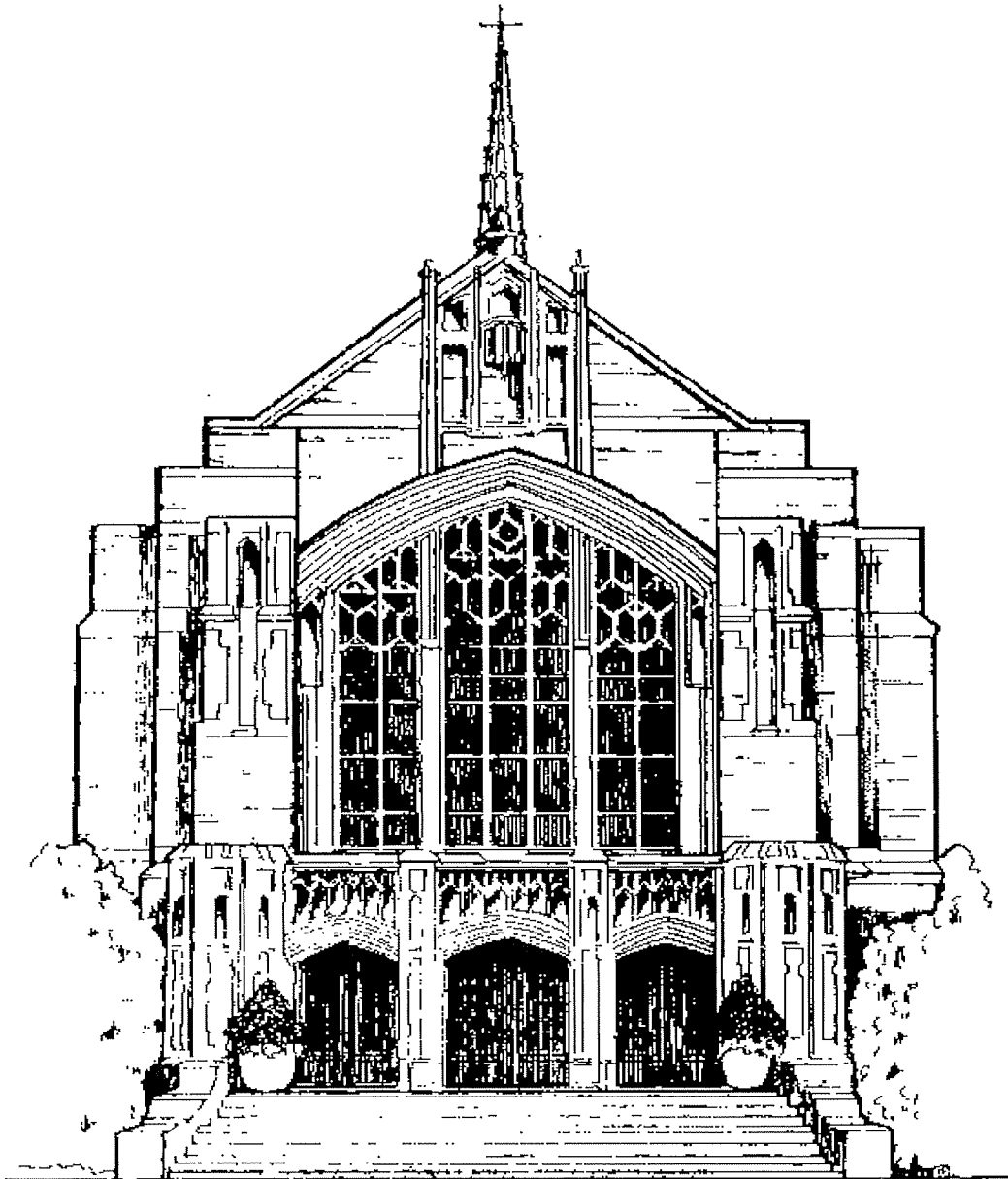


First Baptist Church of Dayton
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 2026



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
20th Sunday After Pentecost
October 11, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Organ Chorales from the Neumeister Collection
--J. S. Bach

Selections from "A Little Organ Book In Memory of Hubert Parry"
--Frank Bridge, Harold E. Darke, and Charles Wood

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

This Is the Day Everett Williams

*This is the day which the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice! Amen.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#41 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
WELLESLEY

The ultimate theme of this hymn is based on the premise and paradox that a sovereign God, unlike earthly rulers, demonstrates welcome, kindness, grace and mercy. All we need to do is have a simple faith that "rests upon God's word."

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 23

Jaimee Ryan, Leader

(Unison Reading)

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

Jaimee Ryan

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#486 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

RESTORATION

“Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult” is a nineteenth century hymn by Cecil Frances Alexander that reflects on the call of Christ to discipleship. Drawing on the Gospel accounts of Jesus calling fishermen to follow him, the hymn invites believers to listen for Christ's voice and respond with faithful devotion.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. David Coggins

(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 (See pg. 8)

Acceptable to You
Eli Wilson, Jr.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable Lord, to Thee.
Here I am, Lord, at Your feet, Lord, my soul looks up to Thee;
make my thoughts, Lord, and my tongue, Lord, acceptable to Thee.**

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.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"I Can Do All Things Through Christ" Virgil T. Ford

*I can do all things, I can do all things through Christ, through Christ which strengthens me.
For God hath given us the spirit of power, and the spirit of love, and the spirit of a sound mind.
The kingdom of God is within you. Be strong in the Lord, girt about with truth, and with the
breast-plate of righteousness, your feet shod with the gospel of peace. Take the shield of faith,
take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.
Be strong in the Lord.*

SERMON

Rev. Alsbaugh

"The God of Peace"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#509 Trust and Obey
TRUST AND OBEY

The classic 1887 hymn "Trust and Obey" by John H. Sammis teaches that complete faith in God's will and strict compliance with His word are the only paths to true joy. It emphasizes that surrendering one's desires ("laying all on the altar") replaces fear and burdens with divine peace.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

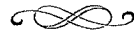
Rev. Alsbaugh

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen
Danish

Amen

Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat Major J. S. Bach



(*) 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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of his father, Arthur Merkle, who would have celebrated his
98th birthday on October 12th.*



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/>).

Thank You from Pastor David

Thank you for the many kind expressions of support and encouragement in recognition of the 50th anniversary of my ordination. I cherish your friendship and the opportunity to be a part of your lives as we grow in faith together. I look forward to the cooler days on the river, pier, or lake with a nice hot cup of coffee in my fisherman's mug. *Fondly, Pastor David*

October Church Meetings

Board Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 14 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 21 @ 6:30pm

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	See Family	Kyle Kline
Pamela Cress	Judy Smith	Will Radachi
Lavanda Ferguson	Joanne Stephens	Juan Rodriguez
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

An Invitation from the Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton!

RELIGION & VIOLENCE IN PEACE AND WAR

How the sacred writings of interfaith traditions are our guides.

TODAY! Sunday, October 11 at 4pm

First Baptist Church of Dayton

(Vegetarian refreshments will be available.)

About the Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton: IFGD celebrates and honors the rich traditions of diversity in the Dayton area. The IFGD opposes oppression on the basis of race, ethnic background, gender or religious affiliation. The group opposes the teaching of hate or dissemination of misinformation about any group of people, and welcomes everyone interested in promoting interfaith harmony.



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. ***Housing Needed!*** If you can help house some of the Glee Club members for one night (Oct. 24) 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.

Adult Sunday School
Bible Study: The Letter to the Romans

Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh (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 (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA
International Ministries
World Mission Offering in October

World Mission Offering (WMO) gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for development costs and administrative support. As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world—when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expenses. WMO gifts support global servants with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving generously in October will help our global servants continue their important work in the world.

All-Church All Hallows' Day Halloween Party!

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Approx. 11:30am

This year our Halloween Party, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education (CE), will actually fall on All Saints' Day (aka All Hallows' Day), November 1st. This is a costume party for everyone, and it will start shortly after morning worship. CE will provide the main food, but you're encouraged to bring a fun snack/treat to share (note: it's helpful if you can provide a list of ingredients for those who may have food allergies). We'll also have games provided and run by our BYF youth 😊. So come dressed in/bring your costume and join us for good fun and fellowship!

Save the Date for the DABA Fall Gathering

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Omega Baptist Church
(1821 Emerson Ave, Dayton 45406)
5:00 Dinner and 6:00 Worship
(First Baptist to bring desserts)

Week of October 11 - 18

Sun. 11	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	4:00p	.....	IFGD Program
Tue. 13	6:30p	.....	Mankind Meeting
	7:00p	.....	Philharmonic Chorus Rehearsal
Wed. 14	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Thu. 15	7:30a	.....	Bible Study @ Wholly Grounds
	6:00p	.....	BYF Gathering
	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 18	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

Building Bridges Bible Study

Thursday Mornings @ 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. **Sometimes our location changes, so connect with Pastor Jason if you plan to join us!**

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).

Thursday Evening BYF Gatherings

6-8pm @ First Baptist Church

Our weekly gathering time for our Baptist Youth Fellowship is back in session! 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).

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).**

CALL TO PRAYER

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Acceptable to You

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the med-i - ta - tion of my

heart be ac - cept - a - ble in Thy sight. Let the

cept - a - ble Lord, to Thee. Here I am, Lord,

at Your feet, Lord, My soul looks up to

Thee; Make my thoughts, Lord, and my

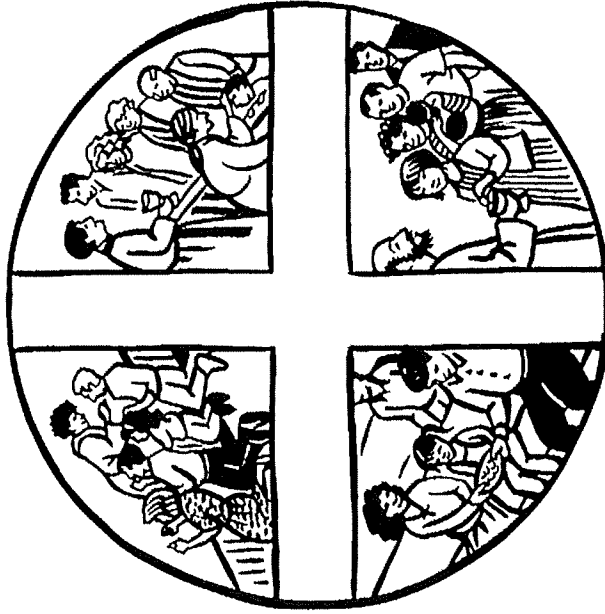
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Send

A fabulous feast

Holy Communion is a feast for all of us—friends and strangers. We share bread, wine, and blessings together at the table (altar), sing songs, and pray.



People celebrate Holy Communion many ways. Circle the picture closest to the way your congregation shares this fabulous feast!



Thank you, God, for inviting us to your fabulous feast. Amen.

This week

Make bread together and invite friends to share it with you.

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A Proper 23



Gather

Welcome to worship! You are at a party for God's family! Look around at the decorations. What colors do you see? Are there candles? Is there going to be food? What are you going to do at this party? Now think about a party you have attended. What were the decorations like? What did you eat? What did you do? Imagine you are hosting a party for all of God's family.

Create and decorate an invitation to the most exciting party you can dream up!

Please Come to: **God's Family Party**

When:

Where:

Food:

Fun:

hear & Celebrate

The fabulous feast

Matthew 22:1-14

Today's gospel is about a huge wedding feast.

The king invited everyone—even strangers! God is like the king in this story. Each of us is invited to be a wedding guest. Will you go to the party?



Draw yourself at this fabulous feast.

Find 3 people who don't feel welcome to join the party and are hiding.

How might you help them? How can you tell God is at this party?