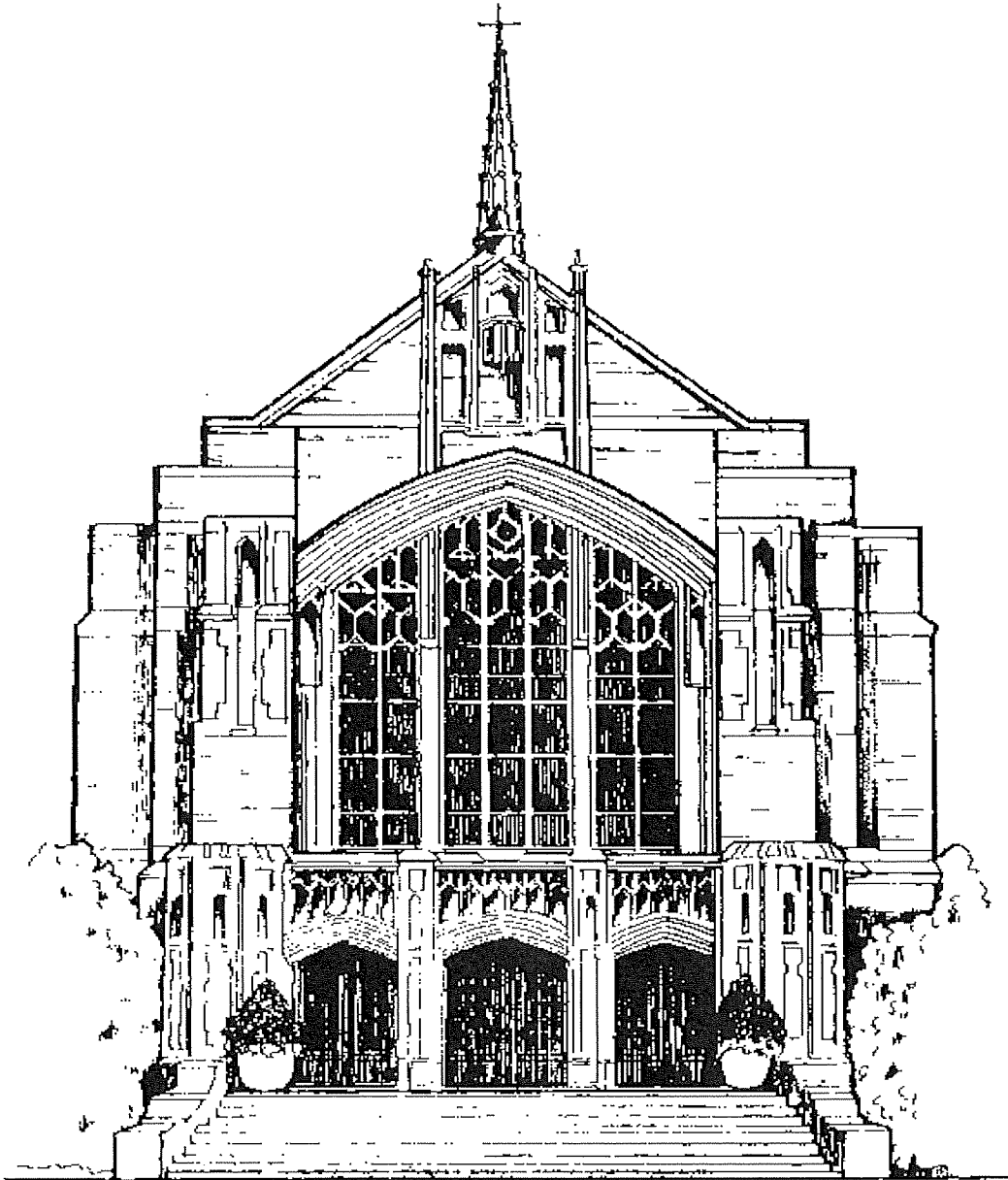


First Baptist Church of Dayton
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 2026



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
21st Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Cathedral Suite Gordon Young

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| I Praeludium | II Allemande |
| III Aria | IV Rigaudon |
| V Sarabande | VI Toccata |

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. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#58 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
ST. DENIO

This hymn was originally published under this Scripture: “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.” After paraphrasing this verse in the first stanza, the author goes on to elaborate on the themes of light, immortality, and glory in the following stanzas.

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:

Rachel Burton

*Rachel joins the church by Letter from
Dayspring Baptist Church, Waco TX.
Her faith partner is Jeannette Cox.*

Receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship

Deacon: My friends, in the presence of God and these witnesses, having professed your faith in Jesus Christ, do you now give yourself unreservedly to Christ's service, and enter into the fellowship, the joys, and the responsibilities of membership in this church?

Response: I do.

Congregation: As members of this church, we gladly welcome you into the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Jesus Christ. We promise to walk with you in Christian love and sympathy, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the Christian life.

Deacon: "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into the Holy temple of the Lord."

(Ephesians 2:12-21)

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: Isaiah 45:1-7

Jeannette Cox

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22

Jeannette Cox

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are the Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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**

#671 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
BEACH SPRING

This hymn is filled with praise for God's generosity that inspires thanksgiving for Christ's ultimate gift. Each phrase grounds us in the truth about stewardship season—who we are, *whose* we are and what this abundance means for our relationships. As we move through autumn toward Thanksgiving, our hymns capture the wonder of creation and God's presence in our changing seasons.

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 (See pg. 9)

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. 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

"Glorious Is the Lord Almighty" Joseph Haydn
(from The Third Mass)

Glorious is the Lord Almighty. Praise Him all ye people. Glorious is the Lord Almighty, praise and honor to His name. We magnify thee, we glorify thee Lord. Lord, we praise thee, Lord we give thanks to thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee Lord. Hear thou our prayers and Thy tender mercies. As we thank Thee for all thy gracious goodness, all thy goodness, Lord. Lord we do thank thee for thy kindness and we praise thee for Thy greatness, for thy greatness Lord. Glorious is thy name almighty Lord. Glory and honor be to Thee forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"God and Caesar"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#273 In Christ There Is No East or West
McKEE

A hymn which implies the Christian's responsibility to evangelize that the gospel might be spread throughout the whole wide earth and all can be one in Christ is "In Christ There Is No East or West." The text was written by John Oxenham, which was the penname of William Arthur Dunkerley, who was born on November 12, 1852, at Manchester, England.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen
Danish

Amen

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Highland Cathedral Michael Korb
Setting by Gene Roberson



(*) 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	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)		



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.

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.

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 21 @ 6:30pm

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).



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)





DABA

Fall Gathering

Sunday, November 8

Omega Baptist Church

1821 Emerson Ave., Dayton

"And Who Is My Neighbor?"

Luke 10:25-37

4:00 PM Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees

Panel discussion with Welcome Dayton
and Community Partners

5:00 PM Dinner

Main dish provided.
Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Check with your church for assignments.

6:00 PM Worship

Pastor Ernest Brown from St. John Missionary
Baptist Church, Springfield, preaching

All Are Welcome!

Week of October 18 - 25

Sun. 18	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School for All Ages
Tue. 20	6:30p	Mankind Meeting
	7:00p	Philharmonic Chorus Rehearsal
Wed. 21	6:30p	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 22	7:30a	Bible Study @ Wholly Grounds
	6:00p	BYF Gathering
	7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 24	7:30p	Notre Dame Glee Club Concert
Sun. 25	10:00a	Worship Service with ND Glee Club
	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

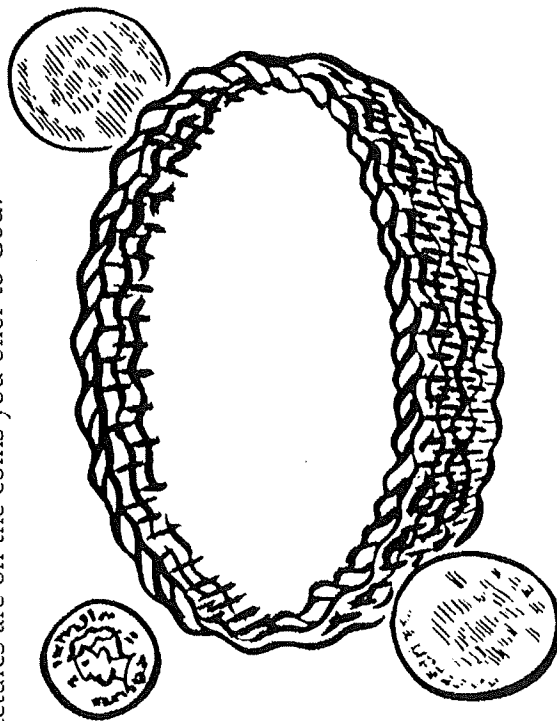
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Text: Eli Wilton, Jr.
Tune: Eli Wilton, Jr.
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Our offerings

Worship includes offering gifts of money. These gifts are used to serve God in many ways. A coin in biblical times, called a *denarius*, had a picture of the emperor. What pictures are on the coins you offer to God?



Fill the offering basket with coin rubbings. Place coins under this page and rub over the paper with a pencil. Try both sides of the coin. Who do you see?



Thank you, God, for EVERYTHING!
Help us share with others. Amen.

This week

Talk about other offerings to God. How does your family serve God each day?

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A-Propser 24



gather

Welcome to worship! When we come to church, we say thank you to God for all kinds of things. What has God given you that you are thankful for?

Write or draw a thank you note to God.



hear & celebrate

Give to God what is God's

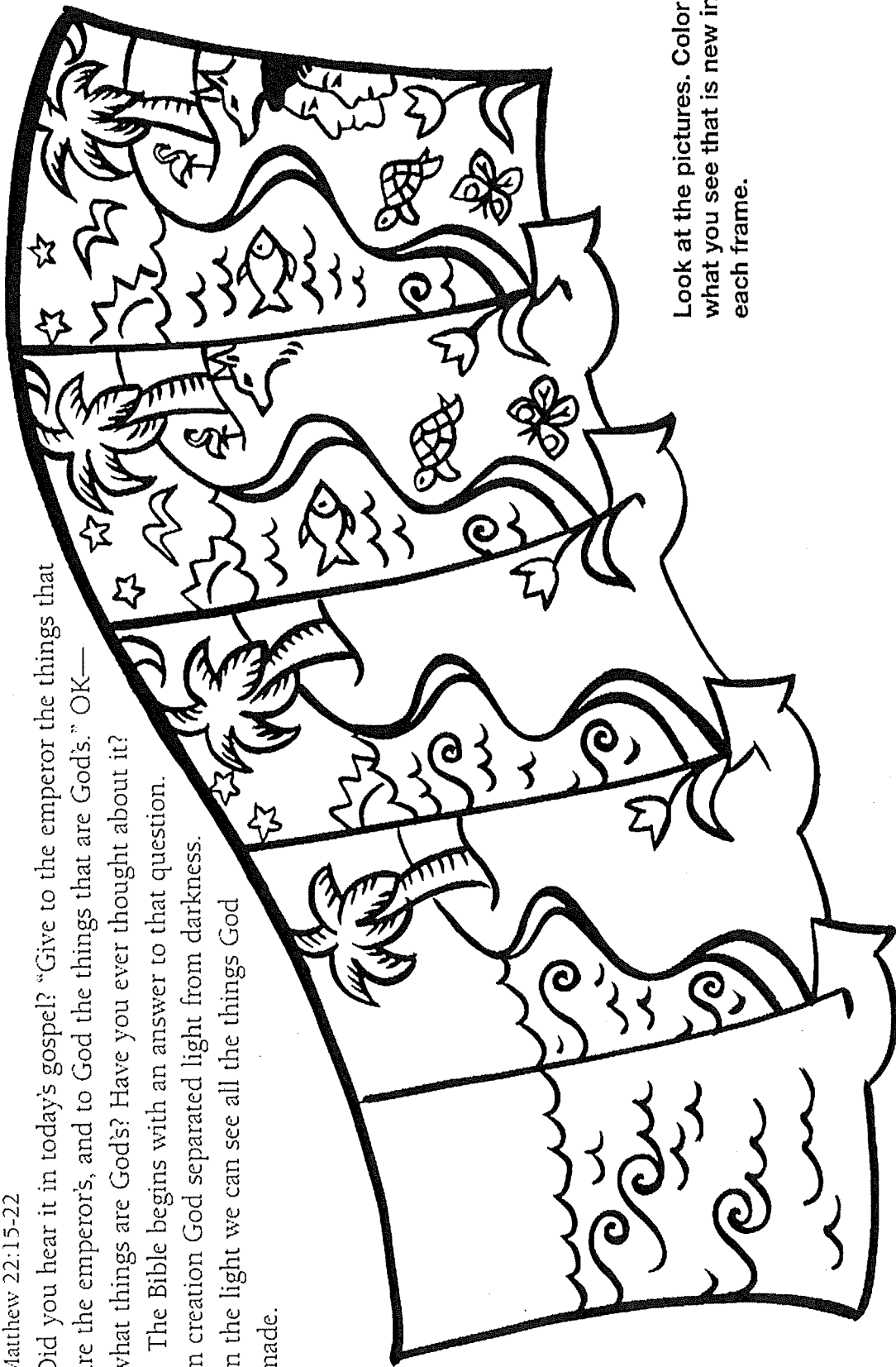
Matthew 22:15-22

Did you hear it in today's gospel? "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." OK—what things are God's? Have you ever thought about it?

The Bible begins with an answer to that question.

In creation God separated light from darkness.

In the light we can see all the things God made.



Look at the pictures. Color what you see that is new in each frame.