

## WELCOME!

We are honored you have joined us in worship. Please fill out the information request below and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church.

This is my (our)...

- First visit to First Baptist Church  
 Second (+) visit

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status

Married  Single  Widow(er)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home (Name/Age/Grade)

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I am new to Rome.

I am interested in knowing more about First Baptist Church.

I would like to talk with a minister.

I would like to know how to become a Christian.

I am interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church.

I am a guest of:

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## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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### PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

David Brooks is leading a Bible study entitled "What We Need Is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality," based on a book by Roger Owens.

### PARENTING IN FAITH WORKSHOPS

Four workshops for parents will be Wednesdays through November 2 from 6-7 p.m. The workshops are led by Meredith Anne Miller, a pastor and parent with more than 20 years experience helping families follow Jesus together.

### CHURCHWIDE PICNIC AND FALL FESTIVAL

Our Picnic and Fall Festival will be at Morrison Campground Sunday, October 30 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Entertainment will be by bluegrass band "Tried and True." We will also have a Vespers service, potluck, a petting zoo, pumpkin painting and cookie decorating. The church will provide paper products, utensils and bottled water. Invite friends and bring a chair!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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### Sunday, October 16

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner

### Monday, October 17

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

### Wednesday, October 19

- 3:00 p.m. Senior Adult Committee - Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Room 310
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study/Adult Seminar  
Student Life and Discipleship
- 6:30 p.m. Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

For information on these and other activities see [www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org) or The Spire.

The flowers in the Sanctuary October 9 were given in loving memory of William and Jo Huffman by their family.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Higgins on the occasion of her birthday by Marty, Len, Chad and Hanna Willingham, Johanna Willingham, Tripp, Jennifer, Will and Chandler Bagby.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and by Kristen Pope and Ben Mathis from their wedding ceremony, in honor of all First Baptist Church members and the ways they have loved and supported them through this season of engagement.

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# The Heart of a Pastor

A Worship Series  
from the Letters of 1 and 2 Timothy

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. -2 Timothy 3:16-17





# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 16, 2022

11:00 A.M.

We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44, streaming through the church website and YouTube. As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**ORGAN PRELUDE** "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"...arr. Paul Manz

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** David Brooks

**HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 34** "Word of God Across the Ages"  
AUSTRIAN HYMN

## CALL TO CONFESSION (Hebrews 4:12-13)

God's word is alive and powerful!

It is sharper than any double-edged sword.

God's word can cut through our spirits and souls and through our joints and marrow, until it discovers the desires and thoughts of our hearts.

Nothing is hidden from God!

God sees through everything, and we will have to tell God the truth.

Lord, hear us as we confess our sins.

## A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** Sanctuary Choir

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"...arr. Michael Cox

I know that my Redeemer lives. Glory, Hallelujah!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives, Glory, Hallelujah!

*Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory, Hallelujah!*

*The dead's alive and the lost is found, Glory, Hallelujah!*

He lives, He lives who once was dead, Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with His love, Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives, all glory to His name! Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives, my Jesus still the same, Glory, Hallelujah!

**READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE** 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Bill Davies, reader

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

**MORNING PRAYER** (with the Lord's Prayer) Nick Georgian

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 280** "Speak, O Lord"  
SPEAK O LORD

(Children through third grade are invited to depart for Children's Worship.)

**SERMON** Rev. Brooks

"More than a Nod"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 31** "Ancient Words"  
ANCIENT WORDS

**PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP** Tamara Tillman Smathers

**OFFERTORY** "How Can I Keep from Singing"...arr. Daniel Lynch

Daniel Lynch, solo

Kelley Ozier, euphonium

Meditation Text:

God is still breathing. The Bible is both inspired and inspiring. Our job is to ready the sails and gather the embers, to discuss and debate, and like the biblical character Jacob, to wrestle with the mystery until God gives us a blessing. If you're curious, you will never leave the text without learning something new. If you're persistent, you just might leave inspired. —Rachel Held Evans

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Smathers

## AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

**COMMISSIONING MINISTER OF YOUTH/MISSIONS SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Julie McCormick, Chair

Frank Clements, Jennie Cook, Brian Richie, Leigh Weldon, Brian Inman,

Beth Hood, Troy Fitzpatrick, Marsha Colwell, Jeremy Salter

## PASTORAL BLESSING

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 581** (Stanza One) "I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.

It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory.

To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Postlude"...Douglas Wagner

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children ages four through third grade are invited to Children's Worship on the second floor of the Education Building. The children return to the sanctuary following worship.

## JOINING FIRST BAPTIST

We receive new members in several ways. Those who have never publicly acknowledged Christ as Lord join by public profession of faith. Baptism is scheduled for a later date. Members of other Baptist congregations may transfer their membership to our congregation. We handle the details of contacting your current church. Members of other Christian faith traditions are invited to join by "statement of faith." Because other traditions vary in belief and practice, those joining by statement of faith are invited to speak with a minister before joining.

## SAFETY

Safe zones for severe weather are in preschool hallways for children and the Fellowship Hall for others. If there is a need to evacuate, parents should pick up children at the bus parking lot on the far side of First Presbyterian Church.

David Brooks

*Pastor*

Keith A. Reaves

*Senior Associate/Minister of Worship*

Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Minister of Education/Administration*

Kristen Mathis

*Minister of Faith Development*

Gwen Stephens

*Minister to Extended Family*

Nick Georgian

*Interim Minister to Students and Missions*

Joan Hill, *Organist*

Beverly Harris, *Pianist*