



*Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God's house.
Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.
Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.*

Thank you for joining us for worship today. It is our truest desire that you feel at home here. The green displayed in our Sanctuary represents growth, indicating the current season of our church year (often called Ordinary Time) during which we look to God to help us strengthen our faith and our service.

The floral arrangement today is given by Angie Ward in loving memory of her parents, Dit and Leon Ford.

During November, we are **collecting \$1 bills as part of our offering** to be used to help fund items needed by our community, such as prescription medications, bus passes, and gas vouchers that are not covered through our Benevolence Fund. Last Sunday, we received \$158.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of First Baptist or about making a profession of faith, please see Thomas Quisenberry in the Narthex after the service. A time will be arranged when you can speak together about the next steps to take in finding your place in our church family.

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The Adult Ministry Holiday Luncheon, hosted by the First Friends Council, is Sunday, December 3, at 12:15PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu includes pork tenderloin medallions, cinnamon apples, green beans, sweet potato casserole, rolls, and your choice of cake. Christmas games and singing will follow lunch. Tickets for this event are \$7 and are available on all Sundays in November during Fellowship Time and after worship. You may purchase tickets during the week by contacting the church office. Payment may be made online by using the QR code below. As a part of this event, we ask that you bring a pack of diapers (for any age or size) as we help support the new Chattanooga Diaper Hub! Please see Jeff Parker with any questions.

Our School of Fine Arts Fall Recital is next Sunday, November 19, at 2:30PM in the Chapel. Plan to come celebrate the progress our students have made then join us for a reception in the Parlor.

Save the date!
Christmas Brunch, Saturday morning, December 9
Details will be announced soon!



With this QR code, you can donate to our budget, pay for event tickets, give to a mission opportunity, and more. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Worship Leaders

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry-----Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
Rev. Michael Sepulveda-----Minister of Children and Youth
Mr. Ethan McGrath -----Organ
Ms. Jenny Parker -----Piano

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12

- 9:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:30 am Library Open
- 10:50 am Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 am Lunch for Shower/Truck Ministries – Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30 pm Youth Supper – Youth Area
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite

Tuesday, November 14

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211
- 5:30 pm Moving Forward CJC Classes – Lower Chapel Area
- 6:00 pm Tuesday Book Group – E211

Wednesday, November 15

- 10:00 am BetterFi – E210
- 11:00 am FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 pm Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15 pm Children’s Choir – E111
- 6:15 pm Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15 pm Epiphanies (study/discussion/action) – E217
- 6:15 pm Midweek Bible Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)

Thursday, November 16

- 2:00 pm Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area
- 4:00 pm Finance Committee – Zoom

Friday, November 17

- 6:00 pm Youth Fall Retreat Begins – Office Entrance
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Fall Retreat Begins – St. Mary’s Sewanee

Saturday, November 18

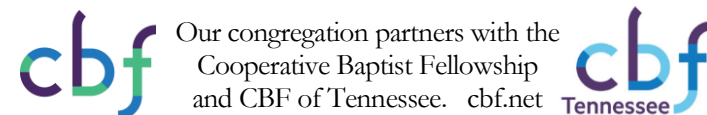
- Youth Fall Retreat – Dogwood
- 3:00 pm Adult Choir Fall Retreat Ends – St. Mary’s Sewanee

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- 10:30 am Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:30 am Library Open
- 10:50 am Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Worship - Deacon Ordination & Blessing of Deacons
- 12:15 pm Youth Fall Retreat Ends
- 12:15 pm Dogwood Committee – E217
- 2:30 pm School of Fine Arts Fall Recital - Chapel



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
November 12, 2023

*As you enter, please pick up a card and write a prayer concern on the back.
Some of these will be read aloud during our Prayers of the Community.
These will be collected during the first hymn. Thank you for your participation.*

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY *Cheryl McAfee, organ*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE *arr. Sanborn*
We Gather Together

GREETING *Thomas Quisenberry*

Welcome this day to the house of our God.
We are greeted in peace and in love.
Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.
We worship in hope and with grace.
Welcome this day to our community of faith.
We are sisters and brothers in Christ.
Together, let us worship God.

APPROACH

*HYMN *ELLACOMBE*
I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)
(Please see insert.)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION *Jeff Parker*

CHILDREN'S TIME *Michael Sepulveda*

PSALM READING *Karen Henderson*
Psalm 78:1-7 (NRSV)
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE *Karen Henderson*

We gather together to *remember*,
to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God—
**stories we have heard many times before,
and passed down from generation to generation;
stories of faithfulness and love,
of mercy and compassion,
of miracles and new life.**
(silent remembrances)

We tell these stories over and over so that we don't forget.
We tell these stories to remember who we are—**people of God.**
We tell these stories so that our children and our children's children
can also come to know and love the God we serve.

*HYMN *REGENT SQUARE*
You Are Called to Tell the Story
(Please see insert.)

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM *Nickel*
Almighty God
Adult Choir

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may more perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy Name
through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Saviour and Lord.
Almighty God, we come before you through Jesus Christ,
your only son, our Savior and Lord.

GOSPEL READING *Thomas Quisenberry*
Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Thomas Quisenberry*
Oiling Our Lamps

RESPONSE

*HYMN 486 *BECK*
Lord, Here Am I

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY *Thomas Quisenberry*

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR GIVING *Emma Mullins*
In our giving may we be freed from a love of material things
and, instead, choose a love of neighbor.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *arr. Sanborn*
Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS *OLD 100TH*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
Him, all creatures here be - low; praise Him a -bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Emma Mullins*

WORK OF THE CHURCH *Thomas Quisenberry*
Church Conference – Committee on Committees Report
Recognition of the Shower/Truck Ministries

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *Thomas Quisenberry*

*RESPONSE *ACCLAMATIONS*

**This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends,
and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:**

Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

POSTLUDE *Bach*

Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
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You Are Called to Tell the Story

You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along,
then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.

You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,
then to move within the circle, hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.

You are called to set the table, blessing bread as Jesus blessed,
then to come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest.
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.

May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space
give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.

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