



*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** is given in loving memory of Vacky Strong in celebration of her birthday on September 14 by Lynn & Rodney Strong, Gara & Dave Strong, Pam & Mike Strong, and Heidi, Mo, Noorah, and Omar Elbarky.

**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.



During September, our Deacon Council encourages all members to participate in **Staff Appreciation Month**. The deacons are providing lunch later in the month for the staff during office hours. Each church member is invited to contribute personally over the next two weeks:

**September 15** - Write thank you notes to specific church staff members and drop them in the box outside the church office.

**September 22** - Bring gift cards in any amount to local establishments and place them in the box outside the church office. NOTE - Please write the dollar amount on the gift card, but do not include names as the gift cards will be distributed equally among all the staff.

**TN CBF General Assembly, September 20 – September 21**

Join us... at partner congregation Central Baptist Bearden (Knoxville) as we fellowship, worship, and explore the diverse callings God has placed on our lives and the abundant ways... that we've been equipped for each one.  
~Rick Bennett, Field Coordinator (<https://tn.cbf.net/ga2024/>)

**Mark your calendar!**

**September 28, Saturday, Worship, 5:00PM, Chapel**

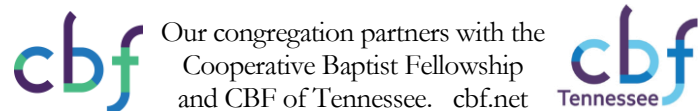
We will not have access by motor vehicle to our building on Sunday, September 29, due to changes in the route for the Ironman. All activities in our building for that date are cancelled. Worship will take place on Saturday, September 28, instead.

**Sunday, October 6, World Communion**

Share communion as part of worship, then join us for a meal as we continue in community around the table after worship. 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.



Our congregation partners with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and CBF of Tennessee. [cbf.net](http://cbf.net)

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 15**

- 9:10 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 pm Dogwood Committee – E217
- 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, September 17**

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

**Wednesday, September 18**

- 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 Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)

**Thursday, September 19**

- 2:00 pm Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area

**Friday, September 20**

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**Saturday, September 21**

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- 10:50 am Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Bylaws Committee – Conference Room
- 4:30 pm Committee on Committees – E217
- 4:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30 pm Youth Supper / Parents Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite

**Worship Leaders**

- Dr. Thomas Quisenberry -----Senior Pastor
- Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
- Rev. Michael Sepulveda-----Minister of Children and Youth
- Mr. Gary Scott -----Organ
- Ms. Jenny Parker-----Piano
- Mr. Gordon James-----Horn
- Mr. Tommy Bulman-----Trumpet
- Ms. Tina Erickson -----Trumpet
- Mr. Doug Warner -----Trombone

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Chattanooga, Tennessee  
 September 15, 2024

Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony, which premiered in 1824, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This work was significant in many ways. Two of those we highlight this morning. The 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony was the first to incorporate choral music within this type of work. The added power and beauty of the human voice changed orchestral writing forever. The 9<sup>th</sup> also brought us the melody "Hymn to Joy," the tune to which we sing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." The impact this tune has had on Christian worship is immeasurable. Today we celebrate this anniversary by offering our voices in praise and by incorporating this beautiful melody.

## GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY Brass Quartet

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE Franck

*Andantino*

GREETING Thomas Quisenberry

Sing a new song! Sing an old song!

**Make a joyful noise!**

Let the sea roar,

**and let the sky shimmer.**

Let the earth be glad,

**and let all the people dance and play.**

Let the old laugh with deep wisdom.

**Let the young listen, wide-eyed and wondering.**

Let us worship God.

## APPROACH

HYMN HYMN TO JOY, arr. A. Parker

*Joyful, Joyful*

(drawn from Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony, Mvt. #4)

Adult Choir

(All children are invited to come forward when the congregation stands.)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

(please stand)

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION Thomas Quisenberry

CHILDREN'S TIME Roberta Echols

PSALM READING Olen Grubbs

*Psalm 19* (NRSV)

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 10 O STORE GUD

*How Great Thou Art*

## PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING Thomas Quisenberry

*Mark 8:27-38* (NRSV)

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Thomas Quisenberry

*Fresh Perspective*

## RESPONSE

\*HYMN HYMN TO JOY

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.**

**Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.**

**Born with talents make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.**

~text: Robert L. Edwards © 1961, ren. 1989 *The Hymn Society*

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Jeff Parker

PREPARATION FOR GIVING Caroline Shoop

We bring these offerings with hearts full of love and gratitude,  
inspired by the beauty of creation and the Love that binds us all.

We dedicate these gifts to further the kingdom with joy and patience.  
May they bring hope, peace, and transformation, reflecting God's love for all.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING arr. Labenske

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God, the Source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who  
came to earth; praise God, the Spi-rit, ho-ly flame; all  
glo-ry, hon-or to God's name! A-men.

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Caroline Shoop

\*WORK OF THE CHURCH Thomas Quisenberry

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION Thomas Quisenberry

\*RESPONSE GREEN TYLER

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:**

O Christ, sur-round me, O Christ, sur-round me.

POSTLUDE Marcello

*Psalm 19*

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

\*Please stand, if able. OL#A728820