



*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 honor of Laura Cooper in thankfulness for her kindness and giving spirit as well as her love for this church by her husband, Charlie Cooper.

**The rose** on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of a son, Carmen Beck Shiflett, on September 17 to Jessica and Chase Shiflett.

**We welcome Gary Scott** as our guest organist. Gary served as organist at First Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, TN, for many years. He and his wife, Gloria, have two adult children and moved back to Chattanooga last year to be near their grandchildren. We are so thankful to have him as a leader in worship today.

We are accepting gifts for the **Benevolence Fund** at the end of worship today. We cover the cost of 40 food vouchers per month provided through the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. We also issue grants for utilities or rent depending on the immediate need presented and the available money for aid. Our Benevolence Fund is not a budgeted item but is supported through your additional gifts. Your generosity benefits many families in our community.

**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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During September, our Deacon Council encourages all members to participate in **Staff Appreciation Month**. The deacons are providing lunch on the 24<sup>th</sup> for the entire staff. Thank you so much for your lovely notes and generosity.

**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.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 22**

- 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 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

**Tuesday, September 24**

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

**Wednesday, September 25**

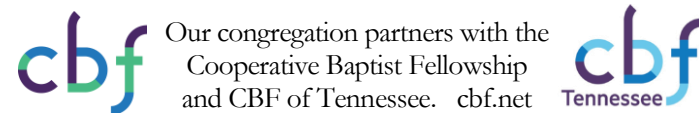
- 10:00 am BetterFi – E210
- 11:00 am First Friends Council – Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 pm Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir – E111
- 6:15 pm Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15 pm Epiphanies (study/discussion/action) – E217
- 6:15 pm Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)

**Saturday, September 28**

- 5:00 pm Worship – Chapel

**Sunday, September 29**

No Activities in the Building All Day



**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
- Ms. Cindy Solfest-Wallis-----Flute

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Chattanooga, Tennessee  
September 22, 2024

## GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

*Melissa & Bryan Laseter*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

*Valet will ich dir geben*

Bach

GREETING

*Thomas Quisenberry*

Children of God: welcome!

**Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

## APPROACH

HYMN 202

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Thomas Quisenberry*

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Jeff Parker*

PSALM READING

*Jim Boles*

*Psalm 1 (NRSV)*

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*Jim Boles*

You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life;  
**you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters.**

You are like the sunlight enticing us taller  
and like the breeze rustling our leaves.

**You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat,**  
and, in the nights when winter's frost ices the landscape,  
your love warms and sustains us.

**You are everything to us.**

**O let our gratitude be great,  
let our praise be plentiful,**

**let our worship be wonder-filled!**

Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son. **Amen!**

\*RESPONSE

Tomlin, Reeves and Cash

## *How Great Is Our God*

refrain

How great\_\_\_ is our God! Sing with me:\_\_\_ how  
great is our God!\_ And all\_\_\_ will see how  
great, how great\_\_\_ is our God!\_

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**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;  
it trembles at his voice, it trembles at his voice.**

(repeat refrain)

## PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

*Thomas Quisenberry*

*Mark 9:30-37 (NRSV)*

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

ANTHEM

O'Brien

## *Of Woman Born*

The light of God is shining bright  
in ev'ry girl (boy) of woman born,  
and in her (his) fingers and her (his) face  
are heaven's glory, pow'r and grace,  
so when she's (he's) walking, running, leaping,  
sitting and thinking, talking, sleeping,  
don't ever treat a girl (boy) with scorn,  
but look and see the face of God  
in ev'ry girl (boy) of woman born.

The light of God is shining bright  
in ev'ry child in ev'ry land,  
and shining out of ev'ry face  
are heaven's glory, pow'r and grace,  
so though the wheels of war are spinning,  
pray for the day when men and women  
don't ever hit with angry hand,  
but look and see the face of God in ev'ry child, in ev'ry land!

MESSAGE

*Thomas Quisenberry*

*Fussing Over the Wrong Stuff*

## RESPONSE

\*HYMN 279

MARYTON

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*Thomas Quisenberry*

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

*Samuel Bond*

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

Lovlace

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

\*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

*Samuel Bond*

\*WORK OF THE CHURCH

*Thomas Quisenberry*

Licensing for Ministry

*Melissa Singleton Laseter*

\*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

Schroeder

*Toccata*

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.  
An offering for local benevolence will be received as you leave the service today.

\*Please stand, if able.

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