



*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.

We welcome back Dr. Wesley Roberts as our guest organist. He served as a member of the music faculty at Campbellsville University from 1982-2022, teaching courses in piano, organ, and musicology. Additionally, he has presented concerts as pianist and organist throughout the U.S. as well as in Europe and China. Along with his wife Sida, the two have jointly served in various church music positions. We are so thankful to have him as a leader in worship today.

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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Please Note:

Sunday, October 13, Fall Break, no youth evening activities
Wednesday, October 16, Fall Break, no evening activities

The Fall Festival is a few weeks away, Sunday, October 27, 5:00-6:30PM!

There are so many ways you can be involved in making this an amazing event for our young people: you can represent your Sunday School class by entering your best chili recipe in the chili cook-off; get together with your family or friends and decorate your vehicle for the Trunk-or-Treat; or help run some of our fun games where you'll get to laugh and have fun with the kids who show up for the Fall Festival! We'll once again have music, face painting, a photobooth, and food and drinks! This is an event not just for the kids but for everyone. Come out, enjoy the evening, and be a part of the festivities. If you want to sign up your chili or your trunk, look for the sign-up sheet in your Sunday School class or contact Lizzie Alford in the church office. Also, if you want to help with games or food, please contact Lizzie (423-648-2542 or lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org).

How to Help:

Recent hurricanes have taken devastating paths through Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. As a church, we're participating in CBF Disaster Response by putting together Cleanup Bucket Kits. Directions for the kits are available in the current *Gateway*; or printed lists are available on the credenza in the Narthex and on the table near the church office. The approximate cost of each completed bucket is \$100. Please bring the completed Cleanup Bucket Kits to church for collection on Sunday, October 27, either during Worship or during the Fall Festival. You may also donate items from the list that go into these Kits. Those items will be used to pack additional Cleanup Bucket Kits on Wednesday, October 30, at 6:15PM. Another helpful option is to donate the cost of one or more Cleanup Bucket Kits to [Donate to CBF Hurricane Relief \(classy.org\)](https://www.classy.org)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13

- 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
- 5:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
No Youth Activities (Fall Break)

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:00 am Tuesday Book Group – Off Campus or E213
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211
- 5:30 pm Moving Forward CJC Classes – Lower Chapel Area

Wednesday, October 16

- 10:00 am BetterFi – E210
- 11:00 am FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
No Evening Activities (Fall Break)

Thursday, October 17

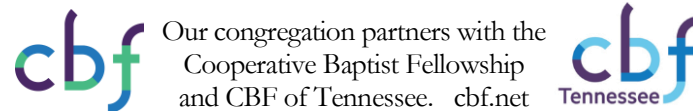
- 2:00 pm Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area
- 4:00 pm Finance Committee – via Zoom

Sunday, October 20

- 9:10 am Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 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
- 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



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

Worship Leaders

- Dr. Thomas Quisenberry -----Senior Pastor
- Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
- Dr. Wesley Roberts-----Organ
- Ms. Jenny Parker-----Piano

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
October 13, 2024

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

Cheryl McAfee, organ

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre Dame

Boëllmann

GREETING

Jeff Parker

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 74

ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jeff Parker

CHILDREN'S TIME

Caroline Shoop

PSALM READING

Karen Henderson

Psalm 22:1-11 (NRSV)

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

ANTHEM

arr. Pederson

Still I Sing Alleluia

With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind,
with Spirit below and beside me;
with Spirit all around, even where affliction's found,
I will sing, I will sound, "Alleluia."

When darkness descends and the night never ends,
when my shadows and demons surround me;
when questions I spin echo answerless within,
even then, even then, "Alleluia."

Alleluia, still I sing alleluia, open us to you 'til we sing alleluia.

Weave joy in our gain, bring us hope in our pain;
hear all prayers that we offer to you, Lord;
breathe life into death, draw us closer with each breath,
that our lips may confess, "Alleluia."

Alleluia, still I sing alleluia, open us to you 'til we sing alleluia.

So praise, praise the Father, and praise, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit who moves in and through all.

All creation sound the word so profound;

let us sing, let us live, "Alleluia!"

Still I sing alleluia.

PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

Jeff Parker

Mark 10:17-31 (NRSV)

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

MESSAGE

Jeff Parker

God Likes Me Better

RESPONSE

*HYMN

BEECHER

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

**Alleluia! Laud and blessing
to our God, whose Word is sure;
by whose grace we find redemption,
in whose love we live secure.**

**Righteousness and rich compassion
shall attend us all our days;
may God's promise to be faithful
echo through our songs of praise!**

**Alleluia! God sustains us;
matchless are the gifts we share:
light in darkness, hope in conflict,
answers to our deepest prayer.**

**Ours to give as we are given:
arms to lift when others fall;
images of God's great goodness,
faithful servants to God's call.**

**Alleluia! Holy Parent,
all your children now reclaim;
may our lives reflect your justice,
heirs to your most sacred name.**

**Fill our hearts with understanding,
brace our weakness by your might;
awesome honor, born in wisdom;
your great glory, our delight!**

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PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mary Jayne Allen

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

Roberta Echols

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. Shackley

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

OLD 100TH

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

Roberta Echols

*WORK OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Parker

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Jeff Parker

*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

Murrill

Carillon

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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