



Our celebration of Trinity Sunday marked the beginning of the season in the church year known as Ordinary Time. In this case the word “ordinary” comes from the word “ordinal” meaning ordered and is used because these Sundays are numbered following Pentecost. The season represents a time of growth and the application of our faith to our everyday lives. This important season takes us through the summer and into the fall. We hope you will join us each week for the journey.

Jeff Parker grew up in Marion, Illinois, with a twin sister and older brother. He holds degrees from Belmont (College) University and the former Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He served churches in North Carolina for almost 20 years before coming to FBC Chattanooga in 2008. Jeff’s joys are the amazing women in his life: Jenny, Jordyn, Joci, Maisie and Rosie. For mental, spiritual, and physical health, Jeff still enjoys running through the beautiful settings in and around Chattanooga, just at a much slower pace. We are grateful for Jeff’s ministry and welcome his message today.

The floral arrangement is given to the glory of and in thanksgiving for God by Cheryl & Jim McAfee.

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Renee Shoop, on July 3, to Madeline and Joshua Shoop.

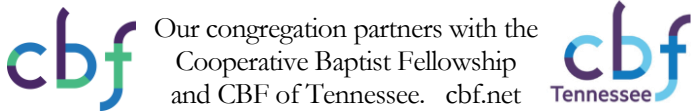
If you would like to know more about becoming a member of First Baptist or about making a profession of faith, please see Jeff Parker in the Narthex after the service. A time will be arranged when you can speak together about the next steps to take in finding your place in our church family.

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Help needed! We need folks to stay after worship today to help load the bus with things for camp. Please come to the Lower Lobby (blue tile area).

Registration is still open for these two FBC Summer Camps!
For Preschool BAM Camp, July 27-29, go to our website and click on EVENT REGISTRATION in the red bar to sign up by July 15.
For Music & Arts Camp, July 27-29, please contact the Music Office as limited spaces remain.

Please take a moment to **complete the survey** included in the insert today. Printed copies, if preferred, are available in the Narthex and Lobby. We need and appreciate each person’s input!



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, July 12**
8:45AM Summer Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
12:15PM Missions Committee Meeting – E217
- Monday, July 13**
8:30AM All Kids & Youth Campers Arrive – Office Entrance
FBC Kids & Youth Camps – Dogwood
5:00PM Day Campers Return – Office Entrance
- Tuesday, July 14**
9:00AM Day Campers Arrive – Office Entrance
FBC Kids & Youth Camps – Dogwood
10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room
5:00PM Day Campers Return – Office Entrance
6:00PM Tuesday Book Group – Conference Room
- Wednesday, July 15**
9:00AM Day Campers Arrive – Office Entrance
FBC Kids & Youth Camps – Dogwood
11:00AM FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
5:00PM Day Campers Return – Office Entrance
- Thursday, July 16**
9:00AM Day Campers Arrive – Office Entrance
FBC Kids & Youth Camps – Dogwood
2:00PM Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area
5:00PM Finance Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
5:00PM Day Campers Return – Office Entrance
- Friday, July 17**
9:00AM Day Campers Arrive – Office Entrance
FBC Kids & Youth Camps – Dogwood
5:00PM Day and Overnight Campers Return – Office Entrance
- Saturday, July 18**
12:30PM Youth Campers Return – Office Entrance
- Sunday, July 19**
8:45AM Summer Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary

Worship Leaders

- Dr. Thomas Quisenberry -----Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
Rev. Kelly Kunf -----Interim Minister of Youth and Children
Dr. Darryl Miller-----Organist
Ms. Jenny Parker-----Pianist
Ms. Caroline Shoop-----Summer Intern, Youth
Mr. Tilson Boshears-----Summer Intern, Children
Ms. Lucy Herrod-----Summer Intern, Children

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
July 12, 2026

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

Jenny Parker, piano

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING

We are here to meet God –

with hesitant steps and questioning minds,

with ready hands and pierced hearts,

with acceptance of each other and gratitude to our Creator.

As we gather in this place,

let us worship God.

PRELUDE

Gather Us In

(Hymn 401)

arr. J. Behnke

APPROACH

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Caroline Shoop

*HYMN 625

O Lord My God

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

HOW GREAT THOU ART

CHILDREN’S TIME

Janice Bond

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:1-11 (NRSV)

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MADELEINE

LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Lucy Herrod

Jesus calls us to love God with all our mind.

Surely not all of our mind.

More than our thirst for knowledge,

our education, our favorite books,

our advanced technology?

More than all these.

When we love God with all our mind,

God’s creative love inspires our thoughts and our will

so that our wisdom and knowledge are shaped

by God’s kingdom values of justice and mercy, love and peace.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

arr. L. Scott

The Mind of Christ

Summer Choir

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,

by his love and pow’r controlling ev’rything I do or say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,

so that I may see I triumph only through his mighty pow’r.

May the peace of God the Father rule my heart in ev’rything,

that I may be calm to comfort fearful, sick, and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;

him exalting, self-abasing, this is all my victory.

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,

by his love and pow’r controlling ev’rything I do or say.

MESSAGE

Jeff Parker

Theme and Variations on “The Sower”

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSV)

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

*HYMN 451

OPEN MY EYES

Open My Eyes, That I May See

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Kelly Kunf

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

Alishea Hixson

Where the broken are, may we bring them healing.

Where the lonely are, may we be their family.

Where the hungry are, may we share our bread.

Wherever, and however, we find God’s people,

may we go to share the gifts God has given to us.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

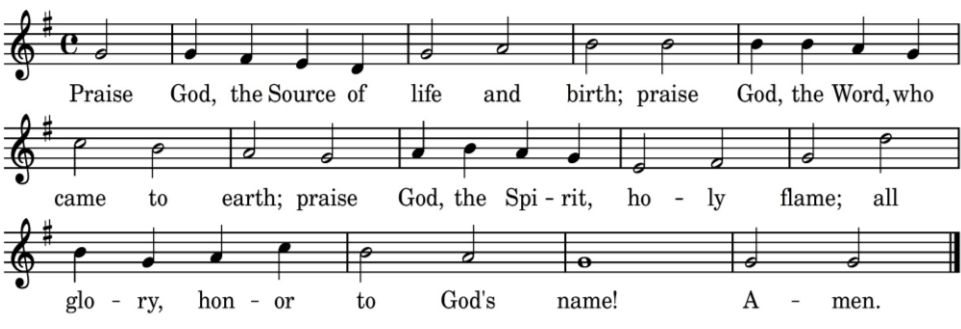
arr. M Burkhardt

For the Fruit of All Creation

(Hymn 36)

*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

Alishea Hixson

*WORK OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Parker

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

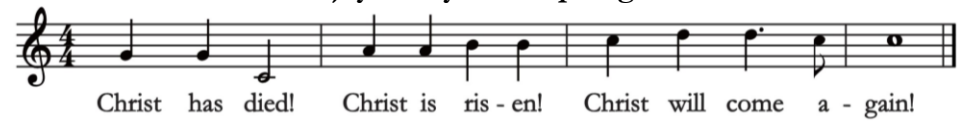
Jeff Parker

*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

J. Pachelbel

Chromatic Fugue in d minor

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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