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 Chapel 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 in celebration of Delores Markham on her birthday, October 15, and is given by Wilbourne Markham.

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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Today, right after Worship, our youth group will embark on an adventure! Please meet at 12:30PM in the Youth Room for a tantalizing afternoon of pizza and an escape room experience. We are taking the church bus and returning by 4:30PM in time for Youth Choir. Pick up is at 5:30PM.

Our next **churchwide catered dinner is Wednesday, October 21,** in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM. No reservations are required. The fee for each meal is $7 regardless of age, with a family maximum of $20. The menu is BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Rolls or Bun, and Dessert.

Our Fall Festival is Sunday, October 25, from 5:00-6:30PM and we are looking for a few friendly faces to help run a station that evening. We also need decorated trunks and folks to cook chili. (More information is in your Sunday School folders). If you can help, contact Lizzie at lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org or 423.648.2542. Everyone can help with donations of individually-wrapped candy for our Trunk-or-Treat. We ask that **all candy is nut-free** to accommodate our kids with nut allergies. Please drop off your candy donations in the bright orange bin located in the Narthex. The box will be in the Church Office during the week. Thank you for helping to make this annual event the best!

Are you interested in being a part of the **FBC South Africa Mission Trip** in July 2027? If so, please let Thomas Quisenberry know by the end of October. More information about the trip is in the current *Gateway*.

Two of our ministries are in **need of Bibles** to give to others. Soft bound, modern translations, and standard size (not pocket size) are preferred. Used copies are fine, or you may donate money to purchase the Bibles. Please indicate "Bibles" on your donation and place any gifted books on the table outside the church office.

If you receive a notice while parking in our Sanctuary lot or the upper lot while attending a church function, please contact the church office. We are renting these lots to the YMCA during the week and are trying to work with them while they monitor use of the lots. More detailed information is in the *Gateway*.

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, October 18
9:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins
10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
12:30PM Youth Excursion – Escape Room
4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite

Monday, October 19
7:30PM Marketing Task Force (via Zoom)

Tuesday, October 20
10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room
5:30PM Moving Forward Chatt. Classes – Lower Chapel Area
5:30PM Deacon Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 21
10:00AM Master's Mats Group – E217
10:00AM Media Library Workers – Media Library Office
11:00AM FBC serves at the CHATT Foundation
5:30PM Wednesday Evening Dinner – Fellowship Hall
6:15PM Preschool Music/Missions – E107
6:15PM Children's Choir – E111
6:15PM Youth Gathering – Youth Area
6:15PM Epiphanies (study/discussion/action group) – E217
6:15PM Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
7:00PM Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)

Thursday, October 22
2:00PM Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area

Sunday, October 25
9:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins
10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
5:00PM Fall Festival – Front Lawn & Parking Lot

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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

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Chattanooga, Tennessee

October 18, 2026

The Worship of God

Gathering

Songs of Community — *Janice Bond*

Chiming of the Trinity

Greeting — *Thomas Quisenberry*

In the light of this day we have gathered;
we are a community that is one, bringing our questions and our joys.
In the song and silence we will listen;
what is it that God would have us hear this day?
In our praise and our prayers we will remember
that God's glory shines around and within us.
So let us worship God.

Prelude — arr. R. Hebble

Blessed Assurance
(Hymn 839)

Approach

Prayer of Adoration — *Thomas Quisenberry*

*Hymn 634 — TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God Be the Glory
(All children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Children's Time — *Kelly Kunf*

Psalm Reading — *Verbie Prevost*

Psalm 96:1-13 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem — G. Holst, arr. D. Forrest

O God Beyond All Praising
Chancel Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.
Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Praise — *Verbie Prevost*

We are people who must sing you, God,
for the sake of our very lives.
You are a God who is sung by us,
for the sake of your glory and honor.
And so we thank you:
for lyrics that push us past our reasons,
for melodies that break open our givens,
for cadences that help us find home,
for tones and tunes that open our lives to joy beyond description,
for saints who have sung you deep and true.
We thank you for the good company of artists, poets, musicians,
and instrumentalists that sing for us and with us, toward you.
We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor;
we will not keep silent… ever again. Amen

*Hymn 641 — ENGELBERG

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Proclamation

Gospel Reading — *Thomas Quisenberry*

Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — *Thomas Quisenberry*

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Response

*Hymn 691 — LAND OF REST

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Prayers of the Community — *Jeff Parker*

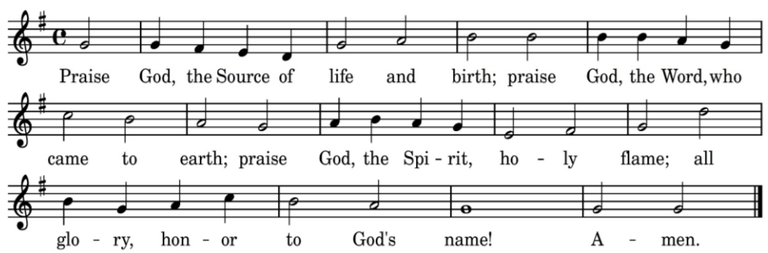
Preparation for Giving — *Jeff Laseter*

May not only our gifts, but our lives,
be the grace and hope which bring healing to the broken,
as well as food and nourishment
to all who hunger and thirst for justice and peace.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings — arr. Pool

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Dedication of Gifts — OLD 100TH



*Prayer of Thanksgiving — *Jeff Laseter*
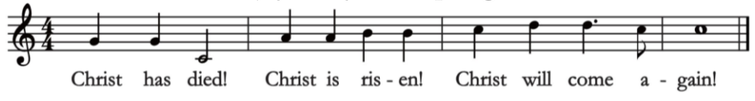
*Work of the Church — *Thomas Quisenberry*

*Words of Blessing

*Charge — *Thomas Quisenberry*

*Response — ACCLAMATIONS

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



Postlude — arr. J. Walther

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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