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.

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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Our Fall Festival is this evening from 5:00-6:30PM!
We'll have games, face painting, a photo booth, food and drinks. Which chili will be judged as best? Which trunk will be the kids' favorite? This is an event for everyone. Come out, enjoy the evening, and be a part of the festivities.

Hey, Youth! Disciple Now (D-Now) weekend is almost here!
It's happening Friday, November 6 – Sunday, November 8, and the cost is $45. This year's theme is "Your Story: use your story to bring God glory." For the weekend, youth will split up in groups by age and sex, spending Friday and Saturday nights in homes of church members. Two young adult leaders will be with each group all weekend. Those leaders will teach Bible studies and lead discussions. The whole youth group will do activities together on Friday night and throughout the day on Saturday. D-Now will end after participating in worship together here on Sunday. Watch your email for sign-up information. Please contact Lizzie with any questions (lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org).

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*.

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 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

Monday, October 26
5:30PM Moving Forward Chatt. Classes – Lower Chapel Area

Tuesday, October 27
10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room

Wednesday, October 28
10:00AM Master's Mats Group – E217
10:00AM Media Library Workers – Media Library Office
5:30PM Fellowship Time (BYOF) – 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)

Sunday, November 1
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
12:15PM Finance/Budget Committee – E217
4:30PM Growth Task Force – Conference Room
4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
5:30PM Youth Supper – Youth Area
6:00PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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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 25, 2026

The Worship of God

Season of Growth, 22

Gathering

Songs of Community — *Chattanooga Strings*

Chiming of the Trinity

Greeting — *Thomas Quisenberry*

Come, you who thirst for grace.
Come, you who hunger for justice.
Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.
Come, you who are like a child at home.
Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.
We have come to worship God.
Then let us worship well.

Prelude — J. S. Bach

Air (from *Suite in D*)

Approach

Prayer of Adoration — *Thomas Quisenberry*

*Hymn 305 — DARWALL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!
(All children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Children's Time — *Maggie Quisenberry*

Anthem — A. Pote

A Jubilant Song
Chancel Choir

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad;
let the heavens be filled with joy and a jubilant song.

Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Shout his marv'lous works among the people,
for great is the Lord, great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,
from age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom.
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.

Psalm Reading — *Olen Grubbs*

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 36 — AR HYD NOS

For the Fruit of All Creation

Proclamation

Gospel Reading — *Thomas Quisenberry*

Matthew 22:34-46 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — *Thomas Quisenberry*

Loved

Response

*Hymn 833 — ST. MARGARET

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Prayers of the Community — *Kelly Kunf*

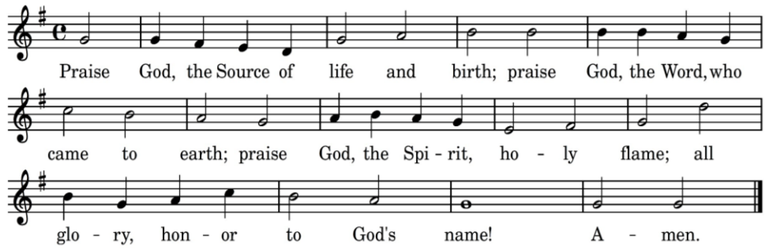
Preparation for Giving — *Roberta Echols*

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. T. Smith & D. Hustad

Abide with Me

*Dedication of Gifts — OLD 100TH



*Prayer of Thanksgiving — *Jeff Laseter*

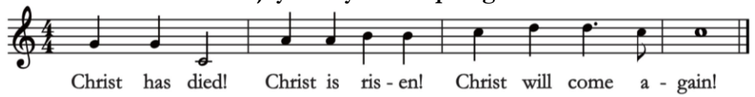
*Work of the Church — *Thomas Quisenberry*

*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. D. Hustad

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(Hymn 275)

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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