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 is given in loving memory of Sybil Topel in observance of her birthday on November 10, by her husband, Chris Topel, and her mother, Mollie Vannoy.

The rose on the communion table is given in celebration of the birth of Van Franklin Johnson to Esther (Carter) and Reed Johnson on October 10.

November is a $1 month. We are collecting $1 bills as part of our offering each Sunday this month to help fund items needed by our community such as pescription medications and bus cards. We encourage you to place your dollar bills in the offering baskets as they are passed during Worship. Last Sunday, we received $107. Thank you!

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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Chapel Series: SFA Faculty Recital, Today, November 8, 4:00PM
Come hear members of our School of Fine Arts Faculty in the Chapel this afternoon as they share their music with us. There will be solos and duets. Faculty members may not even play the instrument you expect. Come find out and enjoy some wonderful music.

Surviving the Holidays*, a ministry of *GriefShare, deals with difficult issues for those who have lost a loved one by death. We invite you to attend this support group that uses a professional video, survival guide and discussion. The free seminar is planned for next **Saturday, November 14**, from 10:00AM-12:00PM in E213. Register online at www.griefshare.org/events/306129. For additional information, please contact Jim Schwall (423.280.7998).

Epiphanies (Wednesday, November 11, 6:15PM, E217) will host Dr. Emily Clark, who will share simple traditional Chinese medicine tools to help ease into the fall season with its changes in temperatures and challenging illnesses.

Cool Kids Collective (CKC) (3rd-5th graders) is meeting next Sunday, November 15, from 12:30-2:30PM for a Baking Party in the Children's Hangout Room (E109). We'll have a lunch of hamburgers, fries, and our baked dessert. (Bring $5 for lunch, please). We'll bake desserts for others in our church family. Contact Kelly with any questions (561.252.2969/kelly@fbcchattanooga.org).

Christmas Brunch, Saturday, December 12, beginning at 9:00AM

- We need servers, table hosts, greeters, drivers, and more. Sign-up sheets will be on the board in the lobby near the office beginning Sunday, November 15.
- We need toys for children ages birth-15 years old (especially for the older kids). Each toy should cost around $10. Gender neutral toys are helpful. Please bring these unwrapped gifts on Sunday, December 6, or Wednesday, December 9.
- Monetary donations are always welcome. Please indicate "Brunch."
- On Wednesday, December 9, at 6:15PM all ages will be included as we prep for the brunch, pack gifts, and decorate the Fellowship Hall for all the fun!

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, November 8
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 Youth D-Now Weekend Completed
12:15PM Missions Committee Meeting – E217
4:00PM SFA Faculty Recital – Chapel

Tuesday, November 10
10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room
5:00PM Investment Committee – E211
5:30PM Moving Forward Chatt Classes – Lower Chapel Area
6:00PM Tuesday Book Group – Conference Room

Wednesday, November 11
10:00AM Master's Mats Group – E217
10:00AM Media Library Workers – Media Library Office
11:00AM First Friends Council Meeting – Conference Room
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)

Friday, November 13
8:30AM Habitat for Humanity Workday – Off Campus

Saturday, November 14
10:00AM GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays – E213

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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 (Deacon Ordination) – Sanctuary
12:30PM CKC: Baking Party – E109
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

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
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
November 8, 2026

The Worship of God

Season of Growth, 22

As you enter, please pick up a card and write a prayer concern on the back.
Some of these will be read aloud during our Prayers of the Community.
At the beginning of the first hymn, someone will come down
all three aisles to collect the cards. Thank you for your participation.

Gathering

SONGS OF COMMUNITY — *Dan Shell,* saxophone; *Cheryl McAfee,* piano

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING — *Thomas Quisenberry*

Joy, wonder, delight –
doubt, peace, restlessness –
sorrow, contentment, anxiety –
confidence, hope, pardon:
We lay our hearts, full of these things, before our God.
Unburdened, we wait in anticipation.
Let us worship God.

PRELUDE — arr. D. Wyrtzen

Like a River Glorious

Approach

PRAYER OF ADORATION — *Thomas Quisenberry*

*HYMN 804 — MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!
(All children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN'S TIME — *Emma Mullins*

PSALM READING — *Rose Thomas*

Psalm 78:1-7 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN — *Rose Thomas*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all children.
May we embrace our responsibility to them
and all the generations to come.
Lord, help us to see the wonders you have done,
and to show them to our children.
May our lives demonstrate to those who follow
that loving you and loving others
is the most important thing in life. Amen.

*HYMN 488 — WATERLIFE

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Proclamation

GOSPEL READING — *Thomas Quisenberry*

Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE — *Thomas Quisenberry*

Faith in Practice: Waiting

Response

*HYMN 182 — KINGSFOLD

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY — *Kelly Kunf*

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

PREPARATION FOR GIVING — *Lynne Mayfield*

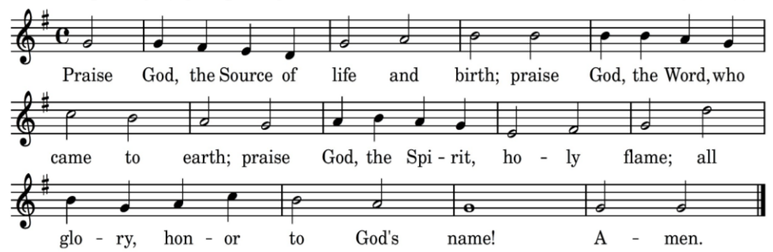
We can stand at the edge and watch while God seeks to bring
hope, healing, peace, and joy to everyone in the world.
Or we can take that step, of committing our lives as well as our gifts,
in working with God in this ministry of grace.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS — Traditional Kenyan, arr. Kirchner

Wana Baraka
Chancel Choir

Wana baraka wale waombao; Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluya!
Wana amani; wana furaha; wana uzima.
They have blessings, those who pray; Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!
They have peace; they have joy; they have well-being.

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS — OLD 100TH



*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — *Lynne Mayfield*

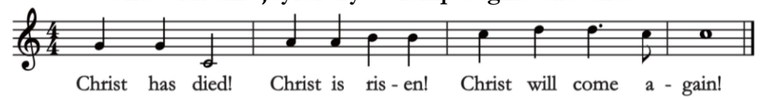
WORK OF THE CHURCH — *Thomas Quisenberry*
Church Conference — *Dawn Oakes*
Vote on: 2027-2029 Deacons
Committee on Committees Report

*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 — J. Lee

Fanfare

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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