

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Broadcast WCTI Television  
Sunday, May 11, 2025

Channel 12 ~ Cable 13  
10:15 AM

*Please feel free to exchange greetings with one another upon your arrival.  
We invite you to a time of quiet meditation as the prelude begins.*

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Michael McKnight, piano  
*Holy Ground with The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* - arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome Kerry Peeler

\*Hymn of Adoration No. 307 LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*All Creatures of Our God and King* (stanzas 1 - 4)

\*Invocation Michael McKnight

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

Children's Time Sheree Bagley

*Amazing Mothers Everywhere* Children  
Amazing mothers everywhere, we sing this song for you,  
To thank God for your love and care, to ask that He'll bless you.  
So, Lord, now on this Mother's Day, will you hold and embrace  
Each mother here to keep them safe, and give them all your love.

A Litany of Recognizing Mothers Richard Seagle  
Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for mothers, for all they mean or  
have meant to us.

**We thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have  
given and for the many times they gave us hugs and held us close.**

Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for the qualities of mothers, for  
their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding, in so many  
ways reflecting who you are.

**We thank for the part they play in our lives and for this special day  
of saying 'thank you' to them.**

Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for the wonder of your mothering.  
As a mother protects her children, you watch over us day by day.

**We thank you for your arms which always encircle and protect us.  
Your hands shield and deliver us from harm.**

Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother's Day brings heartache  
rather than celebration. We pray for those who have never known their  
mother or whose mothers have died.

**We thank you for your mothering heart and your tender love, which  
nurtures all who feel abandoned and lost.**

We wait with those who long to be mothers but as yet have not had their  
own children. We grieve with those who ache because they will never be  
mothers or who have experienced the death of a child.

**We thank you for their mothering hearts which long to be expressed.  
Lord in your mercy, mother us all with your love.**

We pray for those who struggle with the way their children have chosen to  
live their lives and grieve with those who are orphaned or have a difficult  
relationship with their mother.

**We thank you that when we long for a mother's love you do not  
abandon us. Lord in your mercy, mother us all with your love.**

May all of us have the comfort of knowing that your mothering love is  
constant, your understanding is perfect and your compassion is never-  
ending.

**We thank you that you gave birth to all of us with delight and joy.  
Lord in your mercy, mother us all with your love. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise No. 281 BEECHER  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Offertory Prayer Charlotte Fuller, deacon

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir  
*How Can I Keep from Singing* - arr. Tom Fettke  
My life goes on in endless song, echo in my soul,  
and I hear the music ring.  
And though the storms may come, I am holding on,  
And to the rock I cling.

(Chorus)  
How can I keep from singing Your praise  
How can I ever say enough? How amazing is Your love.  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King,  
and it makes my heart want to sing.

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redemer!  
Sing, O earth His wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;  
strength and honor give to His holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children.  
In His arms He carries them all day long.

Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Now I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,  
for I know my Savior lives.  
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through,  
and sing the songs You give.

(Chorus x 2)

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Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

\*Hymn of Offering Dedication LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All Creatures of Our God and King* (Stanza 5)  
Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

New Testament Reading Wayne Brown, deacon  
Colossians 1:11-14 (Pew Bible 200)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sermon Richard Seagle  
Christ as the Fullness of God: *Getting Out of the Darkness*

Invitation to Discipleship and Membership Richard Seagle

\*Hymn of Response No. 214 AUSTRIAN HYMN  
*Long in Darkness We Have Waited*  
Long in darkness we have waited,  
for the shining of the light.  
Long we've felt the things we hated,  
sink us still in deeper night.  
Blessed Jesus, loving Savior!  
Tender, faithful, strong and true.  
Break the cruel chains that have bound us.  
Give us Your transforming love.

Now, at last, the Light has broken,  
Jesus stands upon the shore;  
And with tender voice, He calls us,  
Come to Me and sin no more!

We have nothing but our weakness,  
Only sorrow, sin and care.  
All within is empty longing,  
All without is dark despair.

All our talents we have wasted,  
All Your laws have disobeyed.  
But Your goodness now we've tasted,  
In Your grace we stand with love.

You have saved us and redeemed us,  
Guide us by Your powerful hand.  
Let the Holy Spirit teach us,  
That our light may ever shine.

Sharing of Public Decisions Ministers

**SENDING FORTH OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

What's Coming Your Way!

Richard Seagle

\*Benediction

Kerry Peeler

\*Postlude

Bette Jo Oglesby, organ

*Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord* - G. F. Handel

\*Please stand if able

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY 05/11/2025 Mother's Day**  
 9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 9:50 AM Café Connection  
 10:15 AM Worship Service  
 11:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 11:45 AM Adult Ensemble Rehearsal

**MONDAY 05/12/2025**

2:00 PM Homeplace

**TUESDAY 05/13/2025**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY 05/14/2025**

6:30 AM Men's First Light  
 10:00 AM Community Gospel Choir  
 5:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper  
 5:40 PM Announcements & Prayer  
 6:00 PM Discipleship

**THURSDAY 05/15/2025**

5:30 PM Chancel Bell Choir

**SUNDAY 05/18/2025**

9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 9:50 AM Café Connection  
 10:15 AM Worship Service  
 11:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 12:15 PM Adult Ensemble Rehearsal  
 4:00 PM Community Gospel Choir Cantata:  
*The Song Everlasting*  
 5:00 PM Youth End of School Bash

**MENU**

Assorted Sub-wiches  
 Pasta Salad  
 Chips

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK		
	05/11/2025	05/18/2025
<b>DEACONS</b>	Wayne Brown Charlotte Fuller	Chuck White James Garner
<b>WATCHMEN</b>	Steve Wynn Ed Stinson	John Duff
<b>USHER TEAMS</b>	Mike Seawell	Eddie Games
<b>CAFÉ CONNECTION</b>	Kathy Swindell	Charlotte Fuller
<b>GREETERS</b>	Hall	Duff
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Elizabeth Swicegood Mary Ella Swicegood Carole Hart	Sheree Bagley Chris Bagley
<b>EXTENDED CARE</b>	Rebecca Sanchez Jennifer Emens Kathy Swindell Cathy Rock Christine Soler Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Kelsie Ferguson Trey Ferguson Gretchen Overby Brian Swicegood Christine Soler Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov

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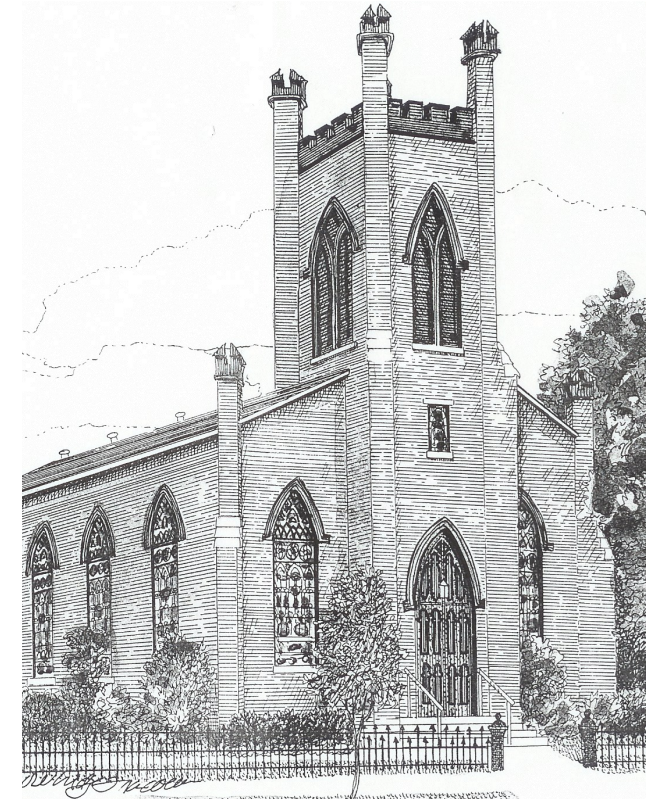
May 12 6:00 T-Ball @ Snack Bar  
 6:00 Rookie @ Caraway  
 6:00 Major @ Weyerhaeuser  
 May 15 6:00 T-Ball @ Fort Totten  
 May 16 6:00 Major @ Weyerhaeuser



# First Baptist Church

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*Mother's Day*



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