

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

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude

Sanctuary Choir

America the Beautiful - arr. Buryl Red

Welcome

Nick Lewis

*Call to Worship

Bo Doak

Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day!
Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.
God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.
**God is worthy of worship. He is our Creator,
Healer, and Inspiration.**
Come and let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise No. 7

HUDSON

Worthy of Worship

*Invocation

Kerry Peeler

LISTENING FOR GOD’S VOICE

_Children’s Time

Sheree Bagley

(Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be dismissed to Children’s Church)

A Litany Prayer for Independence

Richard Seagle

As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts....
For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,
We thank you Lord.
For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,
We thank you Lord.
For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,
We thank you Lord.
For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,
We thank you Lord.
For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,
We thank you Lord.

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,
We thank you Lord.
For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,
We thank you Lord.
For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,
We thank you Lord.
For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far, those under oppression and those who live in freedom,
We thank you Lord.

Lord, we pray for this country we call home, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.
We pray to you Lord.
That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,
We pray to you Lord.
That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,
We pray to you Lord.
That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,
We pray to you Lord.
That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,
We pray to you Lord.
Gracious God, Father of all nations, bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Choir and People

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found.
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

(Chorus)

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

(Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Offertory Prayer

Jennifer Emens, deacon

Musical Offering

Sanctuary Choir

River in Judea - arr. John Leavitt

*Hymn of Offering Dedication No. 706

OLD 100TH

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Sermon

Richard Seagle

Getting Dressed for Abundant Living
Colossians 3:5-17

Invitation to the Table

Richard Seagle

Breaking the Bread

Kerry Peeler

Pouring the Cup

Nick Lewis

Musical Offering

Michael McKnight

Change My Heart, O God - arr. Mark Hayes

Invitation to Discipleship and Membership

Richard Seagle

SENDING FORTH GOD’S PEOPLE

*Hymn of Response No. 597

SWEETEST NAME

He Keeps Me Singing (stanzas 1,4 & 5)

Sharing of Public Decisions

Ministers

What’s Coming Your Way

Richard Seagle

Benediction

Kerry Peeler

*Postlude

Bette Jo Oglesby, organ

Postlude on National Airs - arr. Charles Callahan

*Please stand if able

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph Randal Overby, IV (Joey) by the Overby family.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 07/06/2025 Communion
 Youth leave for ASP Camp
 9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages
 9:50 AM Café Connection
 10:15 AM Worship Service
 4:00 PM “One Nation Under God” Concert
 at Centenary UMC

TUESDAY 07/08/2025
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY 07/09/2025
 6:30 AM Men’s First Light

FRIDAY 07/11/2025
 5:30 PM Deacons Meet & Greet candidate for
 Music and Worship in FBC Youth Lounge

SATURDAY 07/12/2025 Call Weekend
 11:00 AM Howard Mathews Memorial in Sanctuary
 1:00 PM Candidate to meet with Adult Ensemble
 1:30 PM Candidate to meet with Sanctuary Choir
 2:15 PM Meet and Greet for Candidate and musicians
 4:00 PM Congregation Meet & Greet candidate in FLC

SUNDAY 07/13/2025
 9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages
 9:50 AM Café Connection
 10:15 AM Worship Service
 11:30 AM Deacons Meeting
 3:00 PM Called Church Conference to vote on candidate
 5:00 PM Youth Connect

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK		
	07/06/2025	07/13/2025
DEACONS	Mona Quick Jennifer Emens	Wayne Brown Charlotte Fuller
WATCHMEN	Kimsey Welch	Ed Wall
USHER TEAMS	Susan Williams	Todd Spear
CAFÉ CONNECTION	Linda Williams	Tracey Lorentzen
GREETERS	Bunting	Hall
CHILDREN’S CHURCH	Elizabeth Swicegood Mary Ella Swicegood Carole Hart	Jennifer Benton Allison Bunting Bella Bernabi
EXTENDED CARE	Brenda Hall Terry Hall David Zink Thaih Zink Susan Trout Christine Soler Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Cindy Lewis Jeremy Tavares Courtney Tavares Cindy S. Taylor Christine Soler Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow

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Welcome to Our Guests!

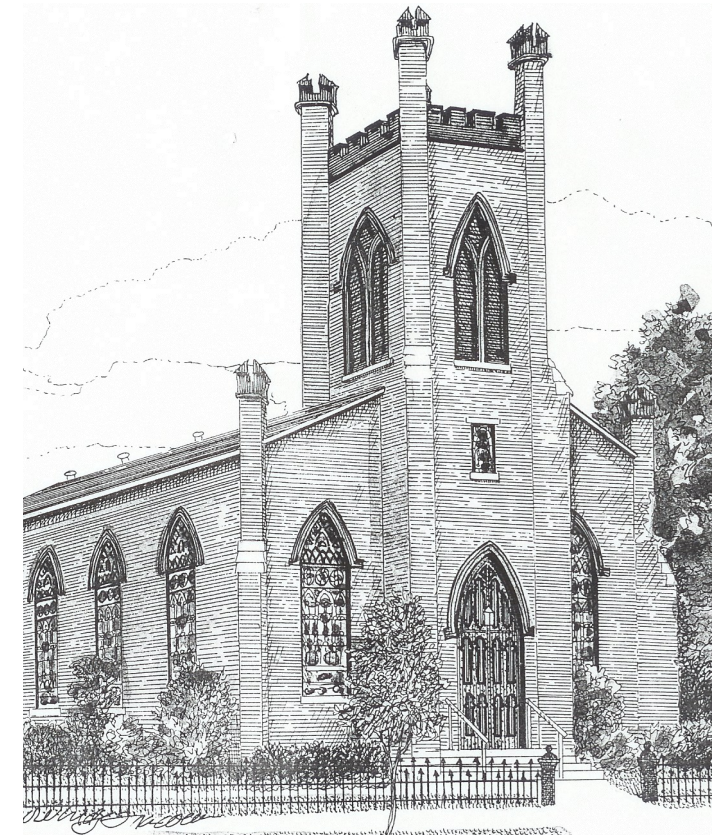
We are grateful that you are present today! You are invited to fill out an information card indicating your presence in worship and interest in First Baptist Church. Guest Information Cards are available in the Sanctuary pews or from an usher. Once completed, feel free to hand your card to an usher, one of our pastors, or drop it in one of the stationary offering plates.

God’s Invitation to You!

During worship, we hope you encounter Jesus Christ and His Good News, hearing the call to follow Him with your life. If the call of Christ is new to you, we encourage you to respond and receive Him, making a public profession of faith and receiving baptism. Or, if you already know Christ as Savior, you may be led to make other faith decisions such as life rededication or by joining the membership of this church. Our pastors will receive people during a time of invitation as we sing the last hymn of worship. You may also contact a pastor by telephone or email at any time to discuss your decision.

First Baptist Church

Sunday, July 06, 2025 10:15 AM



Dr. Richard D. Seagle, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Kerry Q. Peeler, Associate Pastor of Christian Education
 Rev. Michael McKnight, Interim Minister of Music
 Rev. Barry E. Templeton, Associate Pastor of Senior Adults
 Rev. Nick Lewis, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life
 Mrs. Sheree G. Bagley, Children’s Minister
 Miss Naomi Daugherty, Summer Intern
 Rev. Tanner Brown, Summer Youth Staff

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