

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

Hangings of the Green

December 3rd — 9:30 AM

We'll reflect on the themes of the season as the sanctuary is decorated around us.

HEAVEN'S LIGHT

Wednesday, December 6 - 6:00 PM

Presented by the FBC Children's Choirs Followed by Refreshments in the Rock Room

COMMUNITY EVENT

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 19 - 5:00 PM
Boulevard Baptist Church Sanctuary

For those interested in singing in the choir, please arrive by 4:15 PM for practice. Music will be provided.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

THE MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

November 28th at 10:00 AM in Room 212

Our Mission focus will be the Patrick Harris Psychiatric Hospital

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S MINISTRY DINNER/STAGE SET UP

Monday, December 4 — 6:00-7:00 PM

Following supper, volunteers will help set up the sanctuary stage extension in preparation for upcoming Christmas programs.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DRESS REHEARSAL

Wednesday, November 29 — 6:00 PM

PARENTS DAY OUT AND KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 2 — 2:00 - 7:00 PM

- Wear your Christmas PJs!
- Crafts, Activities, Hot Dogs, and Christmas Movie
- Needed: adult and youth volunteers, especially from 2:00-5:00 PM for crafts/activities.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH FRIENDS GIVING

TODAY! — 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Meet at Naomi's apartment and bring a side to share.

PLEASE NOTE

The Church Office will be closed
Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24.

The FBC Staff wishes you a very

Happy Thanksgiving!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

STEVIE JEAN BOULWARE

Born November 6, 2023

Proud Parents: Garrett and Kelsey Boulware

Siblings: Cooley and Lewie

Grandparents: Steve and Debbie Hand

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Offertory Prayer: Anne Whitney

Visitor Outreach: Janet Geisel

Children's Worship: Cathy Drew

Nursery: Tracey Ramsey

Security: Dean Cate and Jeff Neal

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, November 20

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, November 22

No School (Dist. 5)

No evening Choir Rehearsals, kids or youth activities

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

No School (Dist. 5)

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

No School (Dist. 5)

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner



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As children of God, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we believe that we have been called to serve alongside Jesus in the beautiful work of bringing heaven to earth.

Welcome

November 19, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence this morning and invite you to participate in the worship, study, service, and Fellowship life of First Baptist Church. For more than two centuries, this church has gathered to worship in response to God's presence among us. This is the primary act of our congregation; it defines us and unites us. We joyfully welcome you this morning as we worship God Together.

You may note the liturgical color green on our pulpit and communion table this morning. Because the color green is associated with life, the use of it in worship during so much of our year reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us as individuals and into our church. Thank you for sharing in this life with us this morning!

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Pat Vickery

Visitor Outreach: Katherine Wilson

Trinity Chimes: Handbell Choir

Acolytes: Saylor Wilson and Sebastian Hunt

Children's Worship: Timothy Clardy

Nursery: Becky Campbell

Security: Alan Oxendine and Chad Waters

Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Minister to Youth
 Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager
 Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
 Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist
 Miss Kendra Hamilton, Musician in Residence
 Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager
 Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor
 Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Cara Morgan, Minister to Children
 Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager
 Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
 Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
 Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
 Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

The Worship of God

“Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.”
-Henry Alford

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Chris Liles

Prelude *O God, Beyond All Praising* arr. David Pettit
Jamie Smith, Trumpeter and Ramona Hallman, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 636 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

Offertory Prayer Pat Vickery

Offertory Music *I've Got Peace Like a River* arr. Sandra Ethen
Handbell Choir

Praising God For His Gifts To Us OLD 100TH

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Song of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come - arr. Chapman
Let Everything That Has Breath - Redman

Pastoral Prayer Naomi Black-Bass

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

Our Father who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Trinity Chimes

Rung by one of our children as we pray, the Trinity Chimes are a reminder that God is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we gather in God's house; that we are God's people; and that we seek God's will for our worship.

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](text:fbcanderson) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Anthem *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Mack Wilberg
Sanctuary Choir

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Scripture **Psalm 100; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**
(Pew Bible Page 593; 1171)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Josh Hunt

*Hymn No. 638 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

Benediction Josh Hunt

Postlude *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* arr. Johann Bach
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer's baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.