

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

Welcome to First Baptist Church, where we celebrate God’s love and Christ’s salvation, engage in ministry near and far, and empower each person to be the good news of Jesus Christ in Vero Beach. Please see an usher for any concerns, and fill out a Connection Card for the offering plate.

We welcome children in our worship services: The presence of children is a gift, and we celebrate their wiggles, cries, and play as we teach them how to “play” and be the church! We hope that you feel the warm embrace of the First Baptist family and grow deeper in the Lord. Nursery is provided for infants and preschool children in both services.

This Week’s Opportunities

Sunday, January 12, 2025

- 7:45 AM Worship Team Warmup
- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:15 AM The Gathering (FLC)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Warmup (Choir Room)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Committee Reorganizational Meeting

Deacon of the Week
Judy Landgrave

Monday, January 13, 2025

- 6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ
- 6:30 PM Men’s Bible Study
- 7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

- 7:30 AM Men’s Prayer
- 7:15 PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

- 3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Friends
- 5:00 PM Fellowship dinner
- 5:45 PM Prayer & Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16, 2025

- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Birthday Wishes - January Nonagenarians (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian members: Myrtle Holman - January 7 (93) and Lowell Mowry - January 26 (97)

Office Supplies

The church office is in need of letter size, 20lb weight, white copy paper. If you would like to donate some paper, please drop it by the office. Thank you!



“Love Thy Neighbor”

First Baptist
Vero Beach

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News and Notes

Committee Reorganization Luncheon * Today!

New committee members will be meeting with committees. Agendas, officers, when and how often you will meet, and goals for the New Year will be the center of discussion. This luncheon meeting follows the 10:30 AM worship service.

CareNet 18th Annual Stand for Life *

Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Individuals and families will be peacefully standing or sitting along Highway 60 in Vero Beach holding free signs about protecting life. Please call Katherine at 386.506.9477 for an assigned block or more information.

Welcome Our New Deacons

In 2025, we welcome these new deacons: Dominica Anderson, Tommy Anderson, Alice Bays, Bob Hiller, Casey Lunceford, Cristina McClure, Carla Rumas, Chris Rumas and Paul Schlicht. A commissioning and ordination service will take place in February. Deacons rotating off will also be recognized.

Men’s Bible Studies * Mondays at 6:30 PM and Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

Join us every Monday evening and Tuesday morning in the executive library for Men's devotional and prayer. Tuesday breakfast is off campus around 8:00 AM.

Wednesday Friends

Each Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 PM a clothing room is open on our campus for anyone who needs clothing or hygiene products. Dinner is served with a gospel message each week at 5:00 PM.

Wednesday Friends Needs

We are always in need of tents, razors, bug spray, shampoo, backpacks, body lotion, deodorant, men’s belts, body wash, ladies & men’s sneakers (all sizes), white t-shirts, white socks, steel cable bike locks, men’s pants (30, 32, 34 & 36) and men’s boxers (small & medium). We appreciate all those who have helped in this wonderful ministry.

Thursdays * Youth Fellowship at 7:00 PM

Middle and High School youth are invited to the gym with the Youth Team for a time of fellowship, devotional, and fun. Email Kristina LaGuardia for more details at childrenministry@fbcvero.org

Did you know?

First Baptist Church of Vero Beach partners with these ministries:

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| CareNet Pregnancy Center | Operation Christmas Child |
| Cooperative Baptist Fellowship | IMB - Richard Family |
| Food Pantry of IRC | Risk Takers for Christ |
| Florida Baptist Convention (SBC) | Samaritan Soup Bowl |
| Indian River County Sports Ministry | Wednesday Friends |
| Mission Offerings | Youth For Christ |

If you would like more information about the ministries at FBC please go to our website: www.fbcvero.org or contact someone on our Missions Committee.

Prayer Letters * www.fbcvero.org/prayer-request

Do you know someone who would like a prayer letter or a congratulations letter? Please visit our website & send us their name & address.



The Worship of God

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Worship Service at 8:30 AM

Opening Praise - We Want to See Jesus Lifted High

Prayer & Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - What the Lord Has Done / Down to the River to Pray / Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

A Response - Wade in the Water

Scripture Lesson - Luke 3:15-22 (NT p. 46) - Judy Landgrave
This is the Word of God for the people of God. / Thanks be to God!

Message - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - “Filled with Expectation”

Time of Response - Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Offertory Prayer - Judy Landgrave / Offertory - Dr. Ray Adams

Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Closing Song - May the Peace of God / Doxology

The Christian Calendar proclaims God’s story of redemption throughout the year. The First Sunday after the Epiphany celebrates the Baptism of our Lord. The word “epiphany” means manifestation. Following the Incarnation of Christ, He was made known and shown to the world. One of these ways was through His baptism. John baptized Him “so that He might be manifested to Israel” (John 1:31). God also recognized Him at His baptism as His “beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased” (Matthew 3:17). May this day remind us of our own baptism, when we courageously declared to the world that we have heard the call of Christ to follow Him! The color for this Sunday is white, which is symbolic of the purity of Christ, the Light of the World.

Pastoral Ministry Team:

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia, Rev. Dr. Michael Carter,
Dr. Ray Adams and Kristina LaGuardia

Ministry Assistants:

Aaron Marckel, Millie Portante,
Pat Smith and Roy Strickland

Worship Team:

Dr. Ray Adams, Judy Carter, Lance Lunceford, Richie Mola,
Hunter Scoville, and Billy Smith

Technical Support Team:

Jim Aldendorf, Roger Butler, Hayden LaGuardia,
Philip Smith, and Stephen Smith

First Baptist Church Preschool

René LaRosa and Leeanne Parrish

Nursery Workers

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, and Shyanna Nowell

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Music Upon Gathering Dr. Ray Adams, organ
Shall We Gather at the River (Aaron Copland)

Call to Worship (1-solo; 2-choir; 3-all)
Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water. God’s gonna trouble the water.

Invocation & Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Opening Sentences

Leader: Spirit of righteousness, God of power and might, help us be a
light to the nations and a reflection of your glorious salvation.

People: Work in our lives and in our ministries, that the world might
know the power of your love and grace.

Leader: As you alighted upon Jesus at his baptism, descend upon us this
day, that we may be a people of hope and possibility.

People: Wash us clean and renew our spirits that we may grow each
day to be more like Jesus!

*Hymn of Worship (# 362) BUNESSAN
Baptized in Water

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir
Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me (K. Lee Scott)

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 489) I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Judy Landgrave
Offertory Dr. Ray Adams
Come, Thou Fount (Joel Raney)

*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Call to Prayer
As I went down to the river to pray, studyin’ about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, sinners let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.
Oh, sinners let’s go down, down to the river to pray. (repeat)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

An Affirmation

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin’ for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin’ for to carry me home.
I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, comin’ for to carry me home?
A band of angels comin’ after me, comin’ for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin’ for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin’ for to carry me home.
The brightest day that I can say, comin’ for to carry me home;
When Jesus washed my sins away, comin’ for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin’ for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin’ for to carry me home.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 3:15-22 (NT p. 46) Judy Landgrave
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People for God
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Filled with Expectation”

*Hymn of Response (# 305) ASSAM
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 462) MALOTTE
Our Father, which art in heaven...

*Music upon Departure Dr. Ray Adams, organ
Water Music (G.F. Handel)

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SERMON NOTES

Our Mission

To worship God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and
action with our local community and around the world.