

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, October 12, 2025

7: 45 AM Worship Team Warmup
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM The Gathering
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Warmup
10:30 AM Worship Service

Deacon of the Week
Meghan Toupin

Monday, October 13, 2025

6:00 PM RiskTakers for Christ - Living H2O Initiative
6:30 PM Men’s Bible Study
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal



Tuesday, October 14, 2025

7:30 AM Men’s Prayer
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting
7:15 PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, October 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

Wednesday Supper Menu
Baked ziti, garlic bread,
salad, & dessert -
Dinners \$8 each

Thursday, October 16, 2025

12:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Youth Group

Friday, October 17, 2025

4:30 AM VB Football Breakfast

Committee Meetings

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting
7:15 PM Deacons Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2025

12:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting

Birthday Wishes - October Nonagenarians (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian members:

Johnny Carpenter - October 6 (91)

Rolland Laramore - October 8 (92)

News and Notes

Deacon Ballots are Due Back Today!

Church Workday/Youth Car Wash * Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who brought their cars to be washed and participated in church work day! All your hard work is greatly appreciated!!

Poinsettia Orders * Starting Today!

Order a poinsettia for the Advent Season to honor an individual or to memorialize a loved one. Bring your message to the church office or drop it in the offering plate with a check or cash for \$20. Order deadline is Sunday, November 9, 2025.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes * Sunday, October 19, 2025

OCC shoeboxes will be available to pick up and fill. For any questions, please call Kim Orndorff at 772.532.1816. Shipping for each shoebox is \$10.



Trunk or Treat * Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Join us for fun and fellowship, games, music, prizes, kid-friendly costumes, and snacks. Volunteers are needed to participate, set up and clean up. Donations of individually wrapped candy and trinkets are appreciated. Trunk or treat parking spaces are limited. Please call to reserve your spot. Contact FBC Preschool Director, René LaRosa at 772.562.3037 for any questions.



Samaritan Soup Bowl * Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Join us in the Family Life Center 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM for the 33rd Annual Soup Bowl Event benefiting Catholic Charities’ Samaritan Center. We will be serving soup, fresh bread, iced tea, water and dessert. Eat-In or To-Go Soup: \$5.00 - & \$15 - Quart. Pottery Bowls (\$20 each) will be sold here as well as the Heritage Center 2140 14th Ave on Thursday, November 6, 2025 -9:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study

Join us for dinner at 5:00 PM and Bible study begins at 5:45 PM. Our Bible Study series is on 1 Timothy.

Youth Fellowship * Thursdays 6:30 PM to 8:30 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 familyminister@fbcvero.org

Music Rehearsals Resume

Treasure Coast Chorale - Mondays at 7:00 PM
Sanctuary Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Both of these rehearsals will meet in the Music Building D.

Little Birthday Angels

Little Debbie Birthday Cakes are being collected for our ministry partner, Little Birthday Angels. Drop off areas for the cakes: Sanctuary Narthex and Church Office.



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The Worship of God


Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025

Let faith arise in spite of what I see.
Lord, I believe, but help my unbelief!
I choose to trust You no matter what I feel.

Let faith arise!
God of miracles come!
We need Your supernatural love

To break through!
Nothing's impossible:
You're the God of miracles!

Chris McCarney, 2015

8:30 AM Worship Service			10:30 AM Worship Service			*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia *Closing Affirmation (# 462) MALOTTE <i>Our Father...</i> *Music Upon Departure Joey Rumberger, organ Songs and words used with permission. *All who are able, please stand. CCLI # 1219241 Streaming License #2036378		
Opening Praise - <i>How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art</i>			Music Upon Gathering Joey Rumberger, organ					
Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia			Opening Sentences					
Worship Songs - <i>Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty / God of Wonders</i>			Leader: Jesus brought healing love to all people. People: They talked and marveled about his miracles. Leader: But they really didn’t understand him. People: They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives. Leader: Jesus brings us transforming compassion. People: Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to your life-changing words. AMEN.					
Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia								
A Response - <i>You Are My All in All</i>								
Scripture Lesson - Luke 17:11-19 (NT p. 61) - Meghan Toupin								
Sermon - “Recognizing Miracles” - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia								
Time of Response - <i>Give Thanks</i>			*Hymn of Praise (# 4) <i>To God Be the Glory</i>					
Offertory Prayer - Meghan Toupin / Offertory - Judy Carter, piano			Prayer, Welcome and Passing of the Peace Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia Choral Affirmation <i>Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing</i> Sanctuary Choir Gordon Young					
Ministry Opportunities / Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia			Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia *Hymn of Dedication (# 188) <i>The Great Physician</i> <i>Thank You Lord for saving my soul</i> <i>Thank You Lord for making me whole</i> <i>Thank You Lord for giving to me</i> <i>Thy great salvation so rich and free</i>					
Closing Song - <i>May the Peace of God / Doxology</i>			The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People *Offertory Prayer Meghan Toupin Offertory Judy Carter, piano *Doxology (# 253) <i>OLD 100th</i> Children’s Sermon Patti Carter Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 (NT p. 61) Meghan Toupin Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God. People: Thanks be to God. Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia “Recognizing Miracles” *Time of Response <i>My Tribute</i> <i>MY TRIBUTE</i> (When directed, please sing the refrain of hymn 153) <i>To God be the glory, to God be the glory,</i> <i>To God be the glory for the things He has done</i> <i>With His blood He has saved me; with His pow'r He has raised me;</i> <i>To God be the glory for the things He has done!</i>					
First Baptist Church follows the Christian Calendar, which proclaims God’s Great Story of Redemption and helps mark the seasons of our life together. Today, in the Christian calendar, is the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Sundays following Pentecost highlight the Church’s work in the world and acknowledge the words of Christ in Acts 1:8: empowered by the Spirit, Christ’s followers bear witness of him to the ends of the earth. The color for this season is green, signifying the growth of the Church. We thank Judy Carter and Joey Rumberger for their leadership in worship today! Cover photo by Cerezo Barredo.						SERMON NOTES		
<u>Pastoral Ministry Team</u> Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia, Rev. Dr. Michael Carter, Dr. Ray Adams and Kristina LaGuardia								
<u>Ministry Assistants</u> Millie Portante, Pat Smith and Roy Strickland								
<u>Worship Team</u> Dr. Ray Adams, Judy Carter, Lance Lunceford, Richie Mola, Joey Rumberger, Hunter Scoville, and Billy Smith								
<u>Technical Support Team</u> Jim Aldendorf, Roger Butler, Abigail Gast, Hayden LaGuardia, Philip Smith, and Stephen Smith								
<u>First Baptist Church Preschool</u> René LaRosa and Leeanne Parrish								
<u>FBC Kids Staff</u> Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, Sam Guymon and Shyanna Nowell								
<u>Youth Volunteers</u> Willow Brown, Ali Crawford, Teagan Davis, Dylan Johnson and Myla Wortham								
						<u>First Baptist Church Apparel: Dress Shirts, Oxfords, and Golf Shirts!</u> Let the community know that First Baptist Church is on mission! Choose from a variety of styles, colors, and price points. Find our online store at: https://scottssportinggoods.chipply.com/FBCvero 		
						<u>Sunday Prayer Ministry *</u> <u>Prayer Chapel after Worship, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM</u> Anyone who needs prayer may join our prayer warriors in the Prayer Chapel every Sunday after worship. Our prayer warriors are Sheryl Farrington, Chris and Carla Rumas and Dr. Cristina McClure (playground).		
						<u>Our Mission</u> To worship God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and action with our local community and around the world.		