

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 5, 2025

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

Deacon of the Week
Judy Landgrave

Monday, October 6, 2025

6:00 PM RiskTakers for Christ - Living H2O Initiative
6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal



Tuesday, October 7, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer
2:00 PM G.R.O.W. Team Meeting
6:30 PM Ladies Devotions

Wednesday, October 8, 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
Ham, scalloped potatoes,
roll/butter & Dessert -
Dinners \$8 each

Thursday, October 9, 2025

6:30 PM Youth Group

Friday, October 10, 2025

4:30 AM VB Football Breakfast

Committee Meetings

Monday, October 6, 2025

6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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



News and Notes

G.R.O.W. Team Meeting * Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 2:00 PM

G.R.O.W. meets the first Tuesday of each month for about an hour in the Family Life Center (Building C). We reach out to others with a card, letter or phone call. We have cards and stationery for you to use. If you have questions, please contact the church office. (office@fbcvero.org)

Ladies Devotions * Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM

All ladies are invited to come and fellowship. Bring a friend, a snack and a devotion to share. Ladies devotions will take place in the Large Social Hall in the Family Life Center.

Church Workday/Youth Car Wash *

Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 8:00 AM & 8:30 AM

Join us as we beautify our campus. We will have something for everyone to do - both inside and outside. Come and get your car washed to support our youth as we clean up our campus. Our history room will also be open each workday for those who wish to help organize our church historical documents.

"Many hands make light work!"



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.



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.

First Baptist Church Apparel: Dress Shirts, Oxfords, and Golf Shirts!

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:
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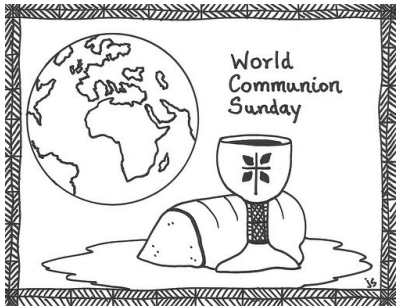


The Worship of God

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday

O God, you are the giver of life.
We pray for the church in the whole world.
Sanctify her life, renew her worship,
give power to her witnessing, restore her unity.
Give strength to those who are searching together
for that kind of obedience which creates unity.
Heal the divisions separating your children one from another, so
that they will make fast, with bonds of peace,
the unity which the Spirit gives. Amen.



Worship Notes for Today

On this World Communion Sunday, we gather with Christians all over the world to worship Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our common faith. This day is a call for all Christians – of whatever background – and of whatever theological tradition – to recollect that we are in fact one in Christ – and that the table around which we gather is God’s table – not our own. *“I was captivated by the image of men, women, and children of every language, color, and nationality gathering in fields, straw huts, brick schools, wooden shacks and stone cathedrals all praising God and entering into both a physical and spiritual communion with one another as the planet turned under the gaze of the sun and the stars that God has placed over us all.”*

We are especially glad to welcome worshipers from our 8:30 service as we fellowship, worship, and commune with God and one another. Let us worship God together. Thank you to Judy Carter and Joey Rumberger.

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Pastoral Ministry Team

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

Ministry Assistants

Millie Portante,
Pat Smith and Roy Strickland

Worship Team

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

Technical Support Team

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

First Baptist Church Preschool

René LaRosa and Leeanne Parrish

FBC Kids Staff

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, Sam Guymon and Shyanna Nowell

Youth Volunteers

Willow Brown, Ali Crawford, Teagan Davis,
Dylan Johnson and Myla Wortham

10:30 AM Worship Service

Music Upon Gathering Joey Rumberger, organ

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir
Let All the World in Every Corner Sing McCutchan/Young
(The text is that of hymn 28.)

Opening Sentences

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which the Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

People: From the east and west, from north and south, people will come and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God.

Leader: Come, then, to the joyful feast of the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise (# 206) BLESSED NAME
Blessed Be the Name

Prayer, Welcome and Passing of the Peace Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir
In Remembrance of Me Buryl Red

Pastoral Prayer Kristina LaGuardia

*Songs of Dedication
All the Way to Calvary / O the Blood / They’ll Know We are Christians

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People
*Offertory Prayer Judy Landgrave
Offertory Judy Carter, piano
*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100th

Children’s Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe & Kristina LaGuardia

A Word - Luke 14:12-24 (NT p. 59) Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“HEAR this Word”

A Celebration

A Meal The Bread and The Cup
Eat this Bread - Berthier / Meditation - Judy Carter
All those who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at Christ’s Table.
Please hold the communion elements until directed to partake.

*Hymn of Response # 385 ST. PETER
In Christ There is No East or West

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 462) MALOTTE
Our Father...

*Music Upon Departure Joey Rumberger, organ

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SERMON NOTES

Pastor’s Note: Our old friend, Rev. Dr. Leo George, gave me this rubric to use in studying the Bible I think you’ll appreciate: “HEAR”

H - Highlight those portions of scripture that catch your attention.

E - Exposit and explain the word in its historical, theological context

A - Apply the text to the contemporary culture and community

R - Respond to God in a spirit of surrender and obedience

Deacon Ballots

Deacons are servant-leaders in our church, and it is an honor to serve. Deacon ballots are available in the narthex and sanctuary pass-through. Ballots will need to be turned back in by Sunday, October 12, 2025.

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, Preschool, and Church Office.

Sunday Prayer Ministry *

Prayer Chapel after Worship, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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).

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.