

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, November 2, 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

Deacon of the Week
Rusty Banack

Monday, November 3, 2025

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

Fellowship Dinner:
Chicken Piccata, Linguine,
Caesar Salad, roll/butter &
dessert

Dinners: \$8.00 each

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

7:30 AM Men’s Prayer
2:00 PM G.R.O.W. Meets
6:30 PM Ladies Devotions

Contributions

A gift was given to the
General Fund in memory of
Julia Adams. Gifts were given
to the General Fund and the
Scholarship Fund in memory of
Bertha Sharp.

Wednesday, November 5, 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, November 6, 2025

4:30 PM Samaritan Soup Bowl
6:30 PM Youth Group

Birthday Wishes - November Nonagenarians (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian members:
Harry Hurst - November 3 (92), Donald Hinz - November 12 (95),
Nola McCrillis - November 21 (91) and Ron Hutchison - November 27 (93)

Messiah Rehearsals

Thursday, November 6 – (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) – Music Building D
Tuesday, November 18 – (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) – Music Building D
Monday, December 8 – (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) – Sanctuary
Saturday, December 20 – (2:30 PM – 5:00 PM) - Sanctuary



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News and Notes

G.R.O.W. Team Meeting * Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 2:00 PM

G.R.O.W. meets 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 stationary for you to use. If you have questions, please contact the church office. (office@fbcvero.org)

Ladies Devotions * Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

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. Suggested Donation: Eat-In or To-Go Soup: \$5.00 -Bowl & \$15:00-Quart. Pottery Bowls (\$20 each) will be sold at the Heritage Center 2140 14th Ave on Thursday, November 7, 2024 - 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

Advent Poinsettias Order Forms Available* Deadline is November 9, 2025

During the Advent/Christmas Season, a beautiful array of poinsettias signifying the Glory of God, grace our sanctuary. 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.

Communion/Lunch/Church Conference/2026 Budget Discussion * Sunday, November 16, 2025

- One worship service at 10:30 AM with communion.
 - Luncheon & Church Conference at 11:45 AM: 2026 Budget Discussion.
 - The Nominating Committee: announce new members for 2026 committees.
- Please plan to attend this important Church Conference. The budget vote will take place on Sunday, November 23, 2025.

College-Career Bowling Night * Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

College-career young adults are invited to this first event at Vero Beach Bowl. Please invite friends! For more information, contact Kristina at familyminister@fbcvero.org.

“Fluffing of the Greens” * Monday, November 24, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

After being compressed into cartons for storage all year, the miles of greenery (not really miles, but a few feet) that we have for the Advent Season will need to be fluffed. It won’t take long with many willing hands. Join us as we prepare God’s house for Advent.

Welcome New Deacons!

We thank our newest deacons for answering the call to serve our church. Welcome Bruce Carley, Diane Dees, Sandy Jinorio, Paul Schlicht, Beckie Selph, Audrey Sexton, Rick Vavak, Charlie Winters, and Laura Attwood (serving a one-year term). Deacon ordination and commissioning will be held in late January.

Celebrating God’s Call!

At the direction of Dr. Michael Carter, a council for Kristina LaGuardia's ordination in her role as Minister of Children, Youth, and Families will include: Deacon Chair, Jerry and Connie Johnson; Personnel Chair, Casey Lunceford; Church Moderator, David and Amy Johnson and son, Dylan; Chris and Carla Rumas; Adam and Dr. Kristy Crawford and daughters, Ali and Ella. Community supporters include Rev. Dr. Leo George, Rev. Tammy Snyder, and Rev. Dr. Karen Hardaway.

Church Office Closed

Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (no men’s Bible study that day)
Thanksgiving Holiday -Thursday, November 27, 2025 & Friday, November 28, 2025.



The Worship of God

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

*During Children’s Moment
one bright, sunny Sunday morning,
the minister asked the children,
“What is a saint?”
Looking up at the tall figures
in the stained glass windows,
one child responded,
“A saint is someone
that the light shines through.”*

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - Forever

Prayer & Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - Blessed Be Your Name / Trading My Sorrows

Remembering the Saints / Silence - Rev. Dr. Michael Carter

A Response - No More Night - Rev. Dr. Michael Carter

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Scripture Lesson - Ephesians 1:15-23 (NT p. 148) - Rusty Banack
This is the Word of God for the people of God. / Thanks be to God!

Message - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - “Love toward the Saints”

Time of Response - We Fall Down

Offertory Prayer - Rusty Banack / Offertory - Judy Carter, piano

Legacy of the Saints - David Johnson

Ministry Opportunities / Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Closing Song - I’ll Fly Away

First Baptist Church follows the Christian Year Calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today is All Saints Sunday in the Christian Year. It is a time to celebrate and give thanks for the community of faith and the individuals who comprise it. We give thanks for the generations of faithful folks who have prepared the way for us. We pray that we may also be faithful as we share God’s love with this and future generations: all to the glory of God! The color for All Saints Sunday is white. Thanks to Judy Carter for playing the piano today!

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

Gathering Music Judy Carter, piano

Call to Worship (singing # 204, stanza 2; # 514, stanzas 1,2)
Great Redeemer, Lord and Master, Light of all eternal days;
Let the saints of ev’ry nation sing Thy just and endless praise!
Glorious, glorious, glorious is Thy name, O Lord!
Glorious, glorious, glorious is Thy name, O Lord!

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace:
In the mansions bright and blessed, He’ll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we’ll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will over-spread the sky;
But when trav’ling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh.
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we’ll sing and shout the victory!

Invocation and Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Sentences

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
People: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
Leader: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
People: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God.
Leader: Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

People: Alleluia!

*Hymn of Praise (# 355, stanzas 1,2,5) SINE NOMINE
For All the Saints

Stewardship Moment - Legacy of the Saints David Johnson

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation (Chris Rice/Robert Sterling)
Untitled Hymn

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 522) BY AND BY
When the Morning Comes

Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful, Generous People

*Offertory Prayer Rusty Banack
Offertory Judy Carter, piano
*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Remembering the Saints Since Last All Saints Sunday
(Following each name, please respond: “Thanks be to God!”)

Julia Adams	Sylvia Green	Bertha Sharp
Irene Bush	Carole Healy	Ed Taylor
Butch Cappelen	Laverne Lambert	George Todd
Ann Carter	Renee Long	Sherry Wachtel
Imogene Chatham	Jeanette McDaniel	Jan Watterson
Joyce DuMars	Margaret Pierce	
Rev. Dr. Jim Graves	Peter Seed	

Giving Thanks for Other Saints in God’s Nearer Presence / Silent Prayer

Vocal Affirmation No More Night Rev. Dr. Michael Carter

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23 (NT p. 148) Rusty Banack
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Love toward the Saints”

*Hymn of Invitation (# 524) MARCHING TO ZION
We’re Marching to Zion

Ministry Opportunities and Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation I’LL FLY AWAY
Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away, (fly away);
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away, (fly away).
I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away, (in the morning);
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away, (fly away).

*Music upon Departure Joey Rumberger, organ

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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.