

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 23, 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
4:00 PM TCC Country Music Concert
6:00 PM College Career Bowling Night

Monday, November 24, 2025

9:00 AM OCC Collection
9:00 AM Fluffing of the Greens
6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

No Supper or Bible Study

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Happy Thanksgiving!

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)
Ron Hutchison - November 27 (93)

Messiah Rehearsals

Monday, December 8 –
(7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) – Sanctuary
Saturday, December 20 –
(2:30 PM – 5:00 PM) - Sanctuary



NO Supper

NO supper or activities on
Wednesday, November 26, 2025

The Church Office will be closed
Thursday, November 27, 2025 and
Friday, November 28, 2025.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Deacon of the Week

David Johnson

Men's Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

Join us every Tuesday morning in the executive library for Men's devotional and prayer. We go off-campus for breakfast around 8:15 AM.

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

Clothes Closet Needs

The clothing closet is in need of men's winter clothes (sweaters, sweat shirts, and jackets). All sizes are accepted (but medium, large and extra-large are in high demand). Thank you in advance!

Little Birthday Angels

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

News and Notes

TCC Presents a Country Music Concert * Today at 4:00 PM

The Treasure Coast Chorale presents a Country Music Spectacular: Celebrating 100 years of the Grand Ole Opry! Doors open at 3:00 PM. Suggested free will offering - \$10 per person. For the health of our musicians & patrons, please refrain from wearing any fragrances.

College-Career Bowling Night * Today 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.

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week Hours

Tomorrow 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM

If you would like to volunteer to help with the shoebox collection, please contact Kim Orndorff at 772.532.1816.



"Fluffing of the Greens" * Tomorrow 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.

Advent Booklets * Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 2:00 PM

We will be stapling & folding this year's Advent Booklets. If you would like to help put them together, please contact the church office.

"Hanging of the Greens" * Sunday, November 30, 2025

The Advent Season is here! We will have Sunday School Classes at 9:30 AM and the "Hanging of the Greens" at 10:30 AM. No 8:30 AM Service. Advent books will be available on that Sunday. This year's Advent theme is "Home for Christmas".

Blue Christmas Service * Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Join us for a service of hope, lament, and remembrance as we gather for a shared time of worship and reflection. The Christmas season is not always filled with cheer and sometimes brings grief or hardship. Everyone is invited to attend in the sanctuary.

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).

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, Audrey Sexton, Rick Vavak, Charlie Winters, and Laura Attwood. Deacon ordination and commissioning will be held in late January.

Celebrating God's Call!

The Ordination Council for Kristina LaGuardia's ordination as Minister of Children, Youth, and Families has unanimously endorsed Kristina's ordination to the Gospel Ministry. Dr. Carter has set the ordination as part of the Epiphany worship service on January 4th. This will be one service at 10:30 AM.



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The Worship of God

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

November 23, 2025

*And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

Daniel 7:14

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - Majestic

Prayer & Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - Victory Chant / You Are My King

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Musical Response - All Hail King Jesus / He is Exalted

Message - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - “The King’s Household”
Ephesians 5:15—6:11 (NT p. 150-151)

Time of Response - We Fall Down

Offertory Prayer - David Johnson / Offertory - Judy Carter, piano

Budget Vote - David Johnson

Ministry Opportunities - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Benediction and Blessing of OCC Boxes - Kim Orndorff

Closing Song - May the Peace of God / Doxology

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 is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in the Church Year. It celebrates the lordship and reign of Christ. It also serves as a transitional Sunday leading to Advent and a new Church Year. The colors for Christ the King are white and gold, which are used on occasions that magnify the person and work of Christ Jesus. We thank Judy Carter for her leadership in worship 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, Riley Faulknier, Patrick Gordon,
Tanner Goulet, Jacob Longnecker, Lance Lunceford, Richie Mola,
Joey Rumberger, Hunter Scoville, Billy Smith and Jax Trojanoski

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 Judy Carter, piano
Now Thank We All Our God (arr. Penny Rodriguez)

Call to Worship
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high! (repeat)
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

Invocation & Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Sentences
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Come and worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the One who was, who is, and who is to come!
People: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!
Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!
People: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!
Leader: To Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever!
People: Amen!

*Hymn of Worship (# 197) DARWALL
Rejoice, the Lord is King

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir
We Will Glorify (arr. Jack Schrader)

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 55) TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
Children of the Heavenly Father

Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful, Generous People
*Offertory Prayer David Johnson

Offertory Judy Carter, piano
O Worship the King (arr. Joel Raney)

*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Sermon - Ephesians 5:15—6:11 (NT p. 150-151) Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“The King’s Household”

*Hymn of Invitation (# 555) BINGHAMTON
A Child of the King

Budget Vote David Johnson

Ministry Opportunities Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Benediction and Blessing of OCC Boxes Kim Orndorff

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

*Music upon Departure Joey Rumberger, organ

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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.