

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

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Children's Palm Processional

7:45 AM Worship Team Warmup
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM The Gathering in the FLC
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Instrumental Warmup
10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Warmup (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Online Bible Study

Deacon of the Week
Barbara Wight

Monday, April 14, 2025

6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ/Living H2O Initiative
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal (Music Building D)

Fellowship Dinner:
Chicken piccata, linguini,
veggies, roll/butter & dessert
Dinners are \$8.00 each

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group
6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens
4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Executive Library)
5:00 PM Fellowship dinner
5:00 PM Wednesday Friends
5:45 PM Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Music Building D)



Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

3:00 PM Call to Prayer Meeting (Prayer Chapel)
6:00 PM Choir Warmup
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (communion)
7:00 PM Youth Group

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

4:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Birthday Wishes - April Nonagenarian (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to Peggy Wood - April 4 (91)

Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary this morning are given by Jean and Talmage Rogers in loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Donald McGregor and Mr. & Mrs. Talmage Rogers, Sr., and their siblings, Douglas & Bruce McGregor and Florence Louise Rogers.



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News and Notes

Sunday Prayer Ministry * Prayer Chapel after Worship, 8:30 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 Ferrington (early service), Chris and Carla Rumas (second service) and Dr. Cristiana McClure (playground).

Call to Prayer * Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Our next monthly prayer meeting will be in the Prayer Chapel from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Pray for our church, families, community, nation and world.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service * Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Join us as we observe the Last Supper on our journey to the cross.

Stations of the Cross * Good Friday, April 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Stations of the cross is a self-guided journey through scripture of Jesus' Last Supper to when his body is placed in the tomb. This year our stations will focus on the theme "Lord, Teach Us to Pray". This is a wonderful Easter event for the whole family, and a great opportunity to invite a friend.

Flowering of the Cross * Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Join us by bringing flowers to add to the cross on our church's front lawn. This gesture reminds us that our Savior Jesus Christ turned an instrument of torture and death into a symbol of life and beauty! Early service participants: please bring your flowers to the worship service. Later service participants: please bring your flowers to the front lawn **before** the 10:30 AM service. Thank you.

FBC Preschool Spring Fling Concert * Friday, April 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Please come and show your support of our preschool as our children perform and sing at their Spring Fling Concert. Thank you!

Special Called Church Conference * Sunday, April 27, 2025

A brief time of discussion and vote will happen at the end of the services this day. Motion from Nominating Committee to fill vacated positions: The Nominating Committee makes the motion to approve Lance Lunceford to the Stewardship Committee for the 2025 year; and to approve Linda Edwards to the Audit Committee for the 2025 year. The Memorial Endowment Committee will make a motion to fund HVAC refurbishment and repairs from the Memorial Endowment Fund in the amount of \$125,000.00.

National Day of Prayer * Thursday, May 1, 2025

Let this day remind us to pray for our country and its leaders! The 2025 theme is "Pour out to the God of Hope and be filled", based on a verse from Romans 15:13.

Sr. Adults Birthdays Celebration * Friday, May 2, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Join us in the Family Life Center (Building C) as we celebrate our nonagenarian friends.

FBC Preschool Spaghetti Supper & Art Show * Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Continue to support us in updating our playgrounds. Join us for a night of fundraising and family fellowship! Student Art Show * Silent Auction * Spaghetti Dinner. Sponsorship opportunities are available - contact LeeAnne Parrish at 772.562.3037 or email at preschool@fbcvero.org. **Purchase tickets in advance - go to fbcp.betterworld.org/events/supper.** \$15 Adults & \$10 Children. This event takes place in the Family Life Center, Building C.



The Worship of God

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

You are on your way to Jerusalem, precious Lord.

You are on your way to suffering and to death for the sake of our freedom and our salvation.

This is mystery and wonder.

Our hearts overflow into songs of praise.

"Hosanna!", we cry with the crowds.

"Blessed are you who comes in God's name!"

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - *All the Way to Calvary*

Invocation - Luke 19:28-40 (NT p. 63) - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - *Hosanna (Praise is Rising) / What the Lord Has Done*

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

A Response - *Via Dolorosa* - Gigi Seasholtz

Scripture Lesson - Philippians 2:5-11 (NT p. 152) - Barbara Wight

This is the Word of God for the people of God. / **Thanks be to God!**

Message - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - "Thy Kingdom Come"

Time of Response - *Rock of Ages*

Offertory Prayer - Barbara Wight/ **Offertory** - Dr. Ray Adams

Ministry Opportunities / Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Closing Song - *May the Peace of God*

Today in God's Great Story of Redemption known as the Christian Year, is Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday. It marks the beginning of Holy Week and celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on His way to the cross. Purple is the color for Palm/Passion Sunday. It represents royalty and repentance. It reminds us to take inventory of our life in preparation for Easter. Our Lenten theme of "Lord, Teach us to Pray" reminds us to come away and commune with our Heavenly Father that we may be strengthened for the journey with Jesus to the cross. Throughout Lent we are using the petitions of The Lord's Prayer to guide our thoughts as we seek to deepen our prayer life and walk closer with the Lord. The members of the Festival Brass Ensemble are: John Kuntz, Scott Apelgren, Laurie Broadway, and Ron Youmans. Percussionists are Richie Mola & Jax Trojanoski. Acolytes for today are Aaron Marckel and his son, Landon Traband.

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, Abigail Gast,
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

10:30 AM Worship Service

Thy kingdom come...

Opening Acclamation The Festival Brass and Organ
All Glory, Laud, and Honor (arr. Vaclav Nelhybel)

Welcome & Invocation - Luke 19:28-40 (NT p. 63) Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Opening Praise Rev. Dr. Michael Carter
Ride On, King Jesus (Spiritual/Hall Johnson)

Opening Sentences

Leader: O Lord, you rode on.

**People: You rode over the cloaks and under the branches,
You rode through the shouts and past the praises,
Receiving the praise that you deserved,
but not confusing our praise in your presence
for your purpose in coming.**

Leader: O Lord, you rode on.

**People: You rode towards the controversy and the cost,
You rode towards the curses and the cross,
Receiving the stripes you didn't deserve,
to give us a reward that we couldn't earn.**

Leader: O Lord, you rode on.

**People: You rode through the tomb and the grave,
You rode through our time and space,
Ascending to a throne that will never decay,
A priesthood that will never pass away,
A life of love that will always remain,
And hearing us even now as we pray.**

Leader: O Lord, you rode on.

**People: We remember the journey you have taken
as we commit ourselves to walking
in the same way. Give us the strength, hope,
and joy we need as we follow.**

Leader: May your kingdom come!

People: O Lord, ride on!

*Hymn in Procession (# 126) *ST. THEODULPH*
All Glory, Laud, and Honor (arr. Cynthia Dobrinski)

Children's Procession, Congregation, Choir, Organ, Handbells, Brass

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir, Brass, Piano
At Calvary (Mary McDonald)

*Songs of Affirmation (# 175)
"Man of Sorrows," What a Name (stanzas 1,2,3)
(# 141) *So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.*

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Barbara Wight

Offertory Anthem Choir, Festival Brass and Organ
At the Name of Jesus (Cindy Berry)

*Doxology (# 253) *OLD 100TH*, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Musical Affirmation Pat Rish

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11 (NT p. 152) Barbara Wight

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
"Thy Kingdom Come"

*Hymn of Response (# 406) *SOLID ROCK*
The Solid Rock

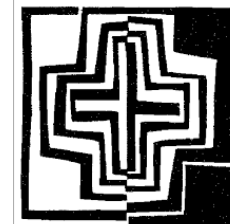
*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

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

*Music upon Departure The Festival Brass and Organ
All Creatures of Our God and King (arr. Vaclav Nelhybel)

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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