

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, April 19, 2026

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

Monday, April 20, 2026

6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

7:45 AM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

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, April 23, 2026

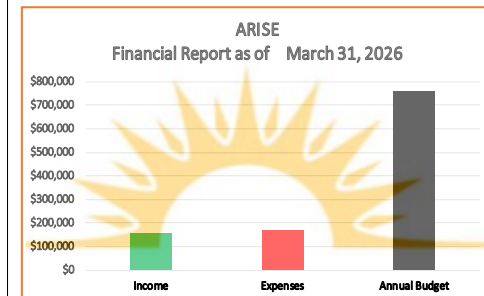
6:30 PM Youth Worship

Saturday, April 25, 2026

1:00 PM Funeral Visitation - Angela Bischoff
2:00 PM Funeral Service - Angela Bischoff

Little Birthday Angels

Little Birthday Angels is in need of children's socks. Drop off locations are: Narthex, FLC & Church Office.



Wednesday

Fellowship Supper - 5:00 PM

Chicken pot pie, salad, roll/butter & dessert - Supper \$8 each

Deacon of the Week

Sandy Jinorio

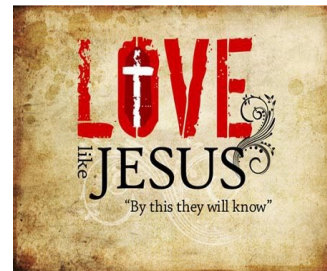
Easter Offering for North American Missions

Spring into missions this season in prayer and support. Pray for missionaries and then support those on the front lines of missions. Use the special envelopes in your packet or special envelopes in the pew racks.

Birthday Wishes - April Nonagenarian (90-99)

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

Peggy Wood - April 4 (92)



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News and Notes

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting

Sabbatical Workshop * Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 5:45 PM

Join us for dinner at 5:00 PM, followed by Sabbatical workshops at 5:45 PM. Part 2 will be a Bible study on an aspect of Pastor Joe's sabbatical studies. Rev. Kevin Kroitor, our Sabbatical Interim Pastor, will join us to greet you and answer any questions you may have related to the sabbatical.

First Baptist Church Preschool Upcoming Events

Friday, April 24, 2026 * 6:00 PM

Spring Fling Concert in the church sanctuary! Come out and enjoy a concert by our preschoolers!

Monday, May 11 - Friday, May 15, 2026

Teacher Appreciation Week at First Baptist Church Preschool.

Friday, May 22, 2026

Pre-K Bridge Crossing Ceremony & Last Day of School!

National Day of Prayer * Thursday, May 7, 2026

Let this day remind us to pray for our country and its leaders! The 2026 theme is Glorify God among the nations seeking Him in all generations. 1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB.

The Treasure Coast Chorale presents "Let Freedom Ring" Concert *

Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 4:00 PM

The Treasure Coast Chorale is proud to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States and to honor Veterans at our next concert. The doors will open at 3:00 PM.



Scholarship

Scholarship criteria & an application can be found on our website: fbcvero.org/scholarship. Email completed application to scholarship26@fbcvero.org. The applications are due back to the church office by May 28, 2026.

Birthday Card Writing * First Wednesday of Each Month

We meet in the Family Life Center Building C to write a birthday card or letter. For questions, please email the church office at office@fbcvero.org.

Men's Bible Studies * Mondays at 6:30 PM and Tuesdays at 7:45 AM

Get into God's word and join in accountability as "iron sharpens iron". Monday group meets in the executive library. Tuesday group meets at Waterfall Restaurant for Bible devotion and prayer.

Thursdays * Youth Worship at 6:30 PM

Middle and High School youth are invited to the gym with the Youth Team for a time of fellowship, worship, and fun. Email Kristina LaGuardia for more details at familyminister@fbcvero.org



DEEP LIFE

Life Together in Christ
Arise! Eastertide Series



First Baptist Church of Vero Beach
Third Sunday after Easter
April 19, 2026

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - *How Great Thou Art*

Welcome & Invocation - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - *Good Good Father / Such An Awesome God*

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Scripture - Luke 24:13-18, 28-35 (NT p. 68-69) - Sandy Jinorio

Message - "Deep Life Together" - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Communion

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.

Time of Response - *Thank You Jesus for the Blood*

Offertory Prayer - Sandy Jinorio / **Offertory** - *Nothing But the Blood*

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 the Third Sunday of Easter. The church decided long ago that one day was not enough to contain all the joy, celebration, and importance of Easter, so the Season of Easter lasts for fifty days. This festival season begins with Easter Sunday and ends on the Day of Pentecost. Through joyous proclamation, prayer, righteous living, and worship, we, as Easter people, proclaim that Christ is risen indeed! The color for the Easter season is white. Photo cover by Cristian Palmer on unsplash.com.

Pastoral Ministry Team:

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

Ministry Assistants:

Millie Portante, Pat Smith and Roy Strickland

Worship Team:

Dr. Ray Adams, Judy Carter, Lance Lunceford,
Richie Mola, Dezmond Moss, Joey Rumberger, 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, Sam Guymon and Shyanna Nowell

Youth Volunteers

Willow Brown, Ali Crawford,
Teagan Davis and Dylan Johnson

One Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Music Upon Gathering

Dr. Ray Adams, organ

Opening Sentences

Leader: The grace of our risen Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

(sing:) *I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You.*

O my soul, rejoice! Take joy my King in what You hear:

May it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear.

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord!

(sing:) *I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)*

Who is worthy to be praised. (ECHO)

So shall I be saved from my enemies. (ECHO)

I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,

And let the God of my salvation be exalted. (REPEAT)

Leader: With thanksgiving, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

(sing:) *We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;*

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;

I will enter His courts with praise.

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made!

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad! (REPEAT)

Welcome & Invocation

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Choral Acclamation

Sanctuary Choir
(arr. Bradley Ellingboe)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Hymn of Easter Praise (# 161)

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer

Sandy Jinorio

Offertory

Dr. Ray Adams, organ

*Doxology (# 253)

OLD 100TH

Ministry Moment

Scholarship Committee

Children's Sermon

Patti Carter

Musical Affirmation

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (REPEAT)

And now let the weak say I am strong; let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us. (REPEAT)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:13-18, 28-35 (NT p. 68-69) Sandy Jinorio

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

"Deep Life Together"

Communion

The Bread, the Cup

All those who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at Christ's Table.
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*Hymn of Invitation (# 533)

ACKLEY

He Lives

Opportunities for Service & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 462)

MALOTTE

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name...

*Music upon Departure

Dr. Ray Adams, organ

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*All who are able, please stand.

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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.