

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 27, 2025

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

Deacons of the Week
Tommy & Dominica Anderson

Monday, April 28, 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)

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

7:30 AM Men’s Prayer Group

Fellowship Dinner:
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/
gravy, green beans, roll/butter
& dessert
Dinners are \$8.00 each

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens
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)

Thursday, May 1, 2025 - National Day of Prayer

7:00 PM Youth Group

Friday, May 2, 2025

12:00 PM Sr. Adults Birthday Celebration

Saturday, May 3, 2025

5:30 PM FBC Preschool Spaghetti Supper & Art Show

Birthday Wishes - April Nonagenarian (90-99)

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



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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 Farrington (early service), Chris and Carla Rumas (second service) and Dr. Cristina McClure (playground).

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 Supper 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.

G.R.O.W. Team * Tuesday, May 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM

G.R.O.W. meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center (Building C). We reach out to others with a phone call, card or letter. For questions, please email the church office at office@fbcvero.org.

Ladies Devotions * Tuesday, May 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Please join us & bring a friend, a snack and a devotion to share. We will meet in the Family Life Center (Building C) small social hall.

Call to Prayer * Thursday, May 15, 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.

Treasure Coast Chorale Presents: “Singing with the Beatles” *

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Join us as enjoy the music of the “British Invasion” of the BEATLES!! Doors will open at 3:00 PM.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Monday, May 5, 2025

6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting

7:15 PM Deacons Meeting

Men’s Prayer Group * Monday at 6:30 PM and Tuesday at 7:30 AM

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

Youth Fellowship * Thursdays at 7:00 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



Easter Stories

The Worship of God Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

Easter Stories: Walking with Jesus as Easter People

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

Our Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain,

ne’er burst His three-day prison,

our faith had been in vain;

but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen!

But now is Christ arisen!

George Ratcliffe Woodward

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - Come People of the Risen King

Welcome & Invocation - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - He Lives / Because He Lives / Victory Chant

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

A Response - Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Message - Luke 24:13-35 (NT p. 69) - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Easter Stories: Insight”

Time of Response - We Fall Down

Offertory Prayer - Tommy Anderson / Offertory - Judy Carter, piano

Ministry Opportunities / Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Closing Song - May the Peace of God

Church Conference - Linda Edwards, Moderator

Today, in God’s Great Story of Redemption known as the Christian Year, is the Second 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. Special thanks to Judy Carter for playing the services today while Dr. Adams is away. Cover photo by Pisit Heng, unsplash.com.

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

Music Upon Gathering Dr. Ray Adams, organ
Crown Him with Many Crowns (R. Adams)

Opening Sentences

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen!

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it!

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God’s people!

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news—the risen, exalted Lamb of God calls us to follow Him, to love Him, to serve Him, to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in His name to all the nations.

People: (singing # 594 – refrain)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world
adore His sacred name!

Leader: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

*Hymn of Praise (# 360) REGENT SQUARE
Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Welcome & Invocation Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Easter Affirmation (#178—refrain)

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Ev’ry knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Choral Acclamation Sanctuary Choir
Resurrection Chorus (Jack Schrader)

*Hymn of Easter Praise (# 533) ACKLEY
He Lives

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Dominica Anderson

Offertory Judy Carter, piano

*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Sermon - Luke 24:13-35 (NT p. 69) Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Easter Stories: Insight”

*Hymn of Response (# 161) DIADEMATA
Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

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

Church Conference Linda Edwards

*Music upon Departure Dr. Ray Adams, organ

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Worship Notes

Special Called Church Conference * Sunday, April 27, 2025

A brief time of discussion and vote will happen at the end of the services today. The Nominating Committee will make a motion to fill vacated positions: Lance Lunceford to the Stewardship Committee for the 2025 year, and 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.