

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, June 14, 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 Summer Choir Warmup (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Online Sunday School

Monday, June 15, 2026

6:00 PM RiskTakers for Christ
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

7:45 AM Men's Prayer (Waterfall Diner)
6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens
5:00 PM Wednesday Friends
5:00 PM Fellowship Supper
5:45 PM Prayer & Bible Study

Thursday, June 18, 2026

3:00 PM Call to Prayer (Coffee House 1420)
6:30 PM Youth Worship

Saturday, June 20, 2026

10:00 AM FBC Sewing Circle

Hurricane Season is Here!

We want to remind everyone that hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30. Please be sure to stock up on supplies such as water, food, batteries, medications, pet food, etc.

Wednesday Supper - 5:00 PM

Stuffed shells w/sauce, salad, roll/butter & dessert - \$8 a plate

Deacons of the Week

Chris & Carla Rumas

Birthday Wishes—June

Nonagenarian (90-99)

We would like to say Happy Birthday to our nonagenarian member: Sam Nall—June 6 (91)

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Arise

AND WE WILL BUILD!

This season, we're challenging our church to "Arise and Build!" in unity, discipleship, and generosity. Over the summer, the Stewardship Committee is encouraging everyone to prayerfully show unity by giving \$15.00 per week above tithes to fulfill all of the church's ministry needs!

YTD Expenditures: \$306,834

YTD Receipts: \$270,400

News and Notes

Learn more about our Baptist Fragile Freedoms...

This month, in honor of the 250th anniversary of our nation, we will focus on our Baptist "fragile freedoms" in Christ. To learn more, visit the "About Us" page on our website at www.fbcvero.org/mission-and-values/

Call to Prayer * Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 3:00 PM

All are welcome to join us at Coffee House 1420 (on 14th Ave) for our next Call to Prayer meeting. We discuss prayer requests and provide a safe space for meaningful conversation as we lift up our community and nation.

Baby Bottles for CareNet Pregnancy Center

Please take a baby bottle for loose change over the next few weeks, and return the bottle on Father's Day (June 21) to raise funds for CareNet!

South Carolina Mission Team * June 22 - 26, 2026

Liberty Southern Christian Pentecostal Holiness Church from Hemingway, S.C. will be coming to stay in our Family Life Center for a few days. These students will be helping around our community. When you see them around our campus be sure to welcome them to our church.

July 4th Celebration * Friday July 3, 2026 at 12:00 PM

Celebrate Independence Day with us during a time of food, fellowship and fun. We will meet in the Family Life Center. This event is sponsored by the Senior Adult Committee.



One Worship Service/Communion * Sunday, July 5, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Join us for ONE worship service at 10:30 AM (no 8:30 AM service). Sunday School Classes will meet as scheduled, and we have the Gathering in the Family Life Center from 9:15 AM for pastries and coffee.

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 for a time of fellowship, worship, and fun. Email for more details at familyminister@fbcvero.org

On the Road to Sabbatical

Pastor Joe will be on Sabbatical from July 13—Sept. 7. During this time, Rev. Kevin Kroitor of Youth for Christ will be Sabbatical Interim Pastor. The Ministry Team, Deacons, and Committees are excited to see how we experience God in the life of our church as we "Arise together" in unity and a season of renewal. You can follow Pastor Joe on his sabbatical by visiting his blog at www.baptistspirituality.org.

Committee Meetings

Tuesday, June 16, 2026—6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2026—4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

Our Fragile Freedoms



**First
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Vero Beach

The Worship of God
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - *This Is Amazing Grace*

Welcome and Invocation - Rev. Kristina LaGuardia

Baptism - Irene Searcy

Worship Songs - *Better Is One Day / Good Good Father*

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Kristina LaGuardia

Scripture Lesson - Acts 2:37-42 (NT p. 91) - Carla Rumas

Message - "Soul Freedom" - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - *How Great Thou Art*

Offertory Prayer - Chris Rumas

Offertory - "God Knows All About Tomorrow" - Nancy Lesslie & Band

Ministry Opportunities / Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Closing Song - *This Is Amazing Grace*

Welcome to worship! 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, in the Christian Calendar, is the Third Sunday after Pentecost. The Sundays following Pentecost deal with the Church's work in the world. The Church acknowledges and engages the words of Christ in Acts 1:8: empowered by the Spirit, Christ's followers bear witness of him to the ends of the earth. The color for this season is green, signifying the growth of the Church. Cover photo by Priscilla Du Preez.

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,
Billy Smith and Michael Trojanoski

Technical Support Team:

Jim Aldendorf, Roger Butler, Abigail Gast,
Hayden LaGuardia, Philip Smith, and Stephen Smith

First Baptist Church Preschool

Director René LaRosa and Assistant Director Chrissy Rogers

Nursery Workers

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, Sam Guymon,
and Shyanna Nowell

Youth Volunteers

Willow Brown, Ali Crawford,
Teagan Davis and Dylan Johnson

10:30 AM Worship Service

Music Upon Gathering Joey Rumberger, organ

Opening Sentences

Leader: When the people heard the good news of Jesus, they were pierced to the heart and asked, "What should we do?"

People: We are called to repent, to turn our lives toward God, and to receive the free gift of God's Spirit.

Leader: The promise is for us, for our children, and for all who are far off. Let us come into God's presence with sincere and devoted hearts.

People: Like the early believers, we devote ourselves to the Word of God, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

Leader: The Lord has called us together. Let us worship the Lord in Spirit, in truth, and in freedom!

(singing # 626) *We bind ourselves in freedom's chains, the cross has set us free. God's anvil forged each link with love, in Christ, our liberty.*

(singing # 628) *No prison wall can hold, no temple veil can hide the freedom that will shock the world when Christ is glorified. He gives to each a song composed at Calvary; the glorious love of God the text, free grace the melody.*

Shattering wall and veil, love leads us to God's throne. It bids us come with nothing, save, Christ's righteousness alone. To wear a servant robe, God calls us to be priests; to risk among the lost and poor as servant of the least.

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Hymn of Praise (# 231) MADRID
Come, Christians Join to Sing

Choral Affirmation Summer Choir
Be Strong in the Lord (Michael Barrett)

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 383) SYMPHONY
We Are God's People

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Chris Rumas
Offertory Joey Rumberger, organ

*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Musical Affirmation *God Knows All About Tomorrow* Nancy Lesslie

Scripture Lesson - Acts 2:37-42 (NT p. 91) Carla Rumas
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God

Response: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
"Soul Freedom"

*Hymn of Response (# 395) CWM RHONDDA
God of Grace and God of Glory

*Opportunities to Serve and Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

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

*Music upon Departure Joey Rumberger, organ

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*All who are able, please stand.

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"You are God's chosen treasure – priests who are kings, a spiritual 'nation' set apart as God's devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience His marvelous light, and now He claims you as His very own." God did this so that you would broadcast the Lord's glorious wonders throughout the world! Arise! Be strong and free in the Lord!

Summer Choir * 10:00 AM Each Sunday

The Sanctuary Choir, Bells and TCC are on holiday during the summer. Summer Choir will be leading us in worship at the 10:30 AM service. We invite all singers to join us in the choir loft at 10:00 AM every Sunday for a brief rehearsal. For more information contact Rev. Dr. Michael Carter at music@fbcvero.org

Our Mission

Our mission is to worship God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and action with our local community and around the world.