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

Deacons of the Week

Tommy & Dominica Anderson

No Fellowship Dinners in July

Sunday, June 29, 2025

9:15 AM The Gathering (FLC)

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Worship Team Warmup

10:00 AM Summer Choir Warmup (sanctuary)

10:30 AM One Worship Service

3:00 PM Faith and Culture Movie Series: The Forge (FLC)

Monday, June 30, 2025

6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ/Living H2O Initiative

6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM G.R.O.W. Meets

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens

5:00 PM Fellowship dinner

5:00 PM Wednesday Friends

5:45 PM Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Thursday, July 3, 2025

7:00 PM Youth Group

Friday, July 4, 2025

12:00 PM Independence Day Lunch (FLC)

Independence Day

The Fourth of July – also known as Independence Day or July 4th – has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Did you know New York City has the biggest fireworks display in the United States and that three U.S. presidents died on July 4?

John Adams, Thomas Jefferson & James Monroe

News and Notes

Faith and Film * FBC Summer Movies Series

This summer, FBC is hosting several series exploring the intersection of faith and culture. Join us:

- Today -The Forge 3:00 PM
- Sunday, July 27, 2025 War Room 3:00 PM
- Sunday, August 24, 2025 Bonhoeffer Pastor, Spy Assassin 3:00 PM

These three faith-based movies will be followed by a brief time of discussion. Pizza, refreshments, and desserts will be served; and there is no cost to attend (thanks to our sponsors). Please text your RSVP and # attending to Jean and Richard at 561.350.0643 or call the church office.

July 4th Celebration * Friday, July 4, 2025 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.

Church Workday/Youth Car Wash *

Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 8:00 AM & 8:30 AM

Join us as we beautify our campus. We will have something for everyone to doboth inside and outside. Come and get your car washed to support our youth as we clean up our campus. Our history room will also be open each workday for those who wish to help organize our church historical documents.

"Many hands make light work!"

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

First Baptist Church Apparel: Dress Shirts, Oxfords, and Golf Shirts!

Let the community know that First Baptist Church is on mission! We now have the ability to purchase shirts and apparel online through Scott's Sporting Goods! Choose from a variety of styles, colors, and price points. Find our online store at:



https://scottssportinggoods.chipply.com/FBCvero

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, medications, batteries, pet food, etc.



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has 2 openings: Trustees Committee 3 year term and Sr. Adults Committee balance of the 2025 term. Contact Tammy Jones 772.559.2137 if interested.

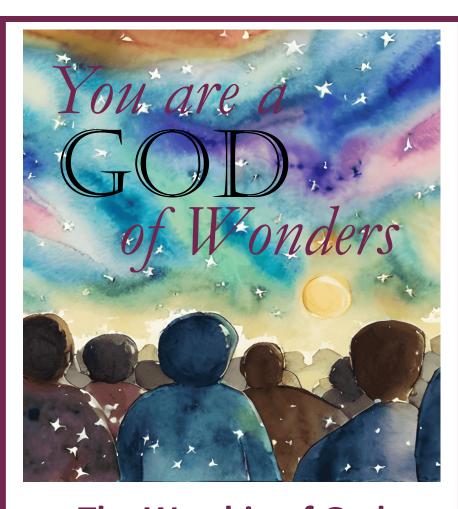
Office Supplies

The church office is in need of letter size, 20lb weight, white copy paper. If you would like to donate some paper please drop it by the office.





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The Worship of God Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29, 2025

"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!



Worship Notes for Today

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 of the Christian Calendar is green, signifying the growth of the Church. We are especially glad to welcome worshipers from our 8:30 service as we fellowship, worship, and commune with God and with one another. Let us worship God together.

We are grateful for the ministry of the Word today from Kristina LaGuardia in Pastor Joe's absence. We also thank Judy Carter for playing the piano in worship.

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, Riley Faulknier, Jacob Longnecker, Lance Lunceford, Richie Mola, Joey Rumberger, 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

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 Combined Worship Service

Music Upon Gathering Congregation & Worship Team

Awesome God / God of Wonders

Opening Sentences

Leader: God of wonder and glory, this world around us is awesome.

People: You created it! You continue to hold it together, even as we threaten to tear it apart.

Leader: God of justice and righteousness, to you we look for the truth.

People: You are the ultimate judge. Your wisdom cuts through the lies. Leader: God of grace and mercy, the love you have shown us in Jesus is

more than we deserve.

People: Your arms are open wide, like a waiting father for his prodigal children, ready to welcome and restore.

Leader: We come to you just now thirsting for your living water.

People: Guide us to the streams of your wonder and glory, your justice and righteousness, your grace and mercy, that we may drink and be satisfied, renewed for our continuing journey with Jesus.

*Hymn of Praise (# 208)

BEECHER

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Invocation and Passing of the Peace Kristina LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation Summer Choir

I Stand Amazed in the Presence (arr. K. Christopher)

Recognition of Graduates Alexa Ramos
Wendy Sampayo

Sebastian Trautman

Pastoral Prayer Kristina LaGuardia

*Songs of Affirmation Congregation & Worship Team

This is holy ground; we're standing on holy ground, for the Lord is present and where He is is holy. (repeat)

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now,

we are standing in God's presence on holy ground. (repeat)

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Tommy Anderson
Offertory Judy Carter, piano
*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children's Sermon Kristina LaGuardia

Scripture Lesson: Acts 3:1-10 (NT p. 91-92)

Tommy Anderson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Kristina LaGuardia

"I Wonder..."

*Hymn of Response (# 320) LEMMEL

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*Benediction Kristina 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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SERMON NOTES

Contributions

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Irene Bush & Joyce DuMars.

Birthday Wishes - June/July Nonagenarians (90-99)

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

Sam Nall - June 6 (90) Beverly Adkins - July 4 (96) Nancy (Nan) Carroll - July 16 (90)

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 Pastor Michael Carter at music@fbcvero.org

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.