

The Worship of God

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Preparation for Worship

Susan Spivey

Welcome

Greg Pope

Welcome to all who are gathered for worship today at FBC Fitzgerald. We seek to be an inclusive fellowship offering a place to grow, to serve, and to experience the unconditional love of God. If you are a guest, please introduce yourself to the pastor on your way out and let us know if you have any questions about our church.

The Life of the Church

Please read the announcements found in the worship bulletin and participate wherever you are able.

Prelude

Susan Spivey

Hymns for Worship

*How Great Thou Art
Love Lifted Me
The Bond of Love*

The Epistle Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Congregation

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Special Music

Hal Wiley

Offertory Hymns

*He Keeps Me Singing
Nothing But the Blood
Doxology*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Susan Spivey

Sermon

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant

Greg Pope

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

Greg Pope

Celebration of Communion

Congregation

Affirmation of Faith

Congregation

*We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to follow Jesus, crucified and risen, our Savior and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.*

Invitation to Discipleship and Community

If you are feeling led to publicly profess your faith in Christ as Savior and Lord or to join your life with this community of faith, you are invited to come forward during the hymn of response and share that decision with the pastor. If you have any questions about membership, you are welcome to speak with the pastor at any time. For all worshipers, may this be a time of rededication of our lives to the kingdom of God and the way of Jesus.

Hymn of Response

Just As I Am

Benediction

Greg Pope

Postlude

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Susan Spivey

**Our Service of Worship has Ended.
Our Worship Through Service is Beginning.**

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the breezeway today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving honor of the Dorcas Golden Circle Sunday School Class by Norma Prince.

**Church Council Meeting
Monday, May 1 in Burch Hall
6:00-6:30 Pizza Dinner
6:30-8:00 Meeting**

Worship Schedule

Wednesday May 3
Bible Study Through the Book of Philippians (3.1-11)

Sunday May 7 Easter 5
The Hank Inside Us All
Acts 7:55-60. Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10. John 14:1-14

Wednesday May 10
Bible Study Through the Book of Philippians (3.12-4.3)

Sunday May 14 Children's Sunday
A Celebration of our Children's Ministry
The Dedication of Bo Matthew Dixon
son of Jad and Erin Dixon

Wednesday May 17
Bible Study Through the Book of Philippians (4.4-9)

Sunday May 21 Graduate Sunday
The Recognition of Graduates who will also lead in worship

Wednesday May 24
Bible Study Through the Book of Philippians (4.10-23)

Sunday May 28 Memorial Day Service
A remembrance of those who died in service to our country
Honoring those who presently serve

Children's Ministry

Children's Events

Sunday School (10:00am)

Children's Choir (5:30pm Wednesdays)

(Children's Choir Room above the Breezeway)

Mission Friends, GAs & RAs (6:00pm Wednesdays)

PASSPORTkids Summer Camp (3rd-6th Grade)

Camp dates are July 16-19

The NON-REFUNDABLE camp deposit of \$150 is PAST DUE.

We ask that you please make arrangements to pay this as soon as possible. Scholarships will be available if needed.

Please see or contact Carly if you have any questions.

Youth Ministry Events

Sunday School (10:00am Youth Room)

Wednesday Night Live (6:00pm Youth Room)

All Graduates participating in the Graduate Recognition Service,

Please turn in your baby and graduate pictures by TODAY!

Music Ministry

COME JOIN THE CHOIR!

If you would like to join the Adult Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, and/or Handbells, please contact Blane for more information. Our next choir rehearsal will be

May 7th at 9:15am in the sanctuary.

IMPORTANT DEACON SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Second Round of Deacon Selection will be on May 7, 2023.

55+ Club/Young at Heart

Covered Dish Luncheon

May 1 at 12pm in Burch Hall

We invite you to enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship.

May Hostesses: Ellene Echols, Tony & Donna Sheffield,

Norma Prince, and Barbara Brinson

Light Exercising

Stretch – Cardio – Strength

45 minute session begin May 2 at 10am

Every week on Tuesday and Thursday in Mann Hall.

Come join us and don't forget your water bottle!

Extra Dishes & Serving Items

Must Go From Burch Hall

May 3 and May 10 at 5pm

Mrs. Jane Stuart will be in Burch Hall

for you to stop by and see if you left

any of your dishes behind in

Burch Hall kitchen.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*

11:00 AM.....Worship in the Breezeway*

12:00 PM.....Cookout following worship (Burch Hall/Breezeway)

5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, MAY 1

Daily Scripture: Acts 2.42-47. Psalm 23

12:00 PM.....55+Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (Burch Hall)

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

6:00 PM.....Church Council Meeting (Burch Hall)

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Daily Scripture: 1 Peter 2.19-25. Psalm 23

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Daily Scripture: John 10-1-10. Psalm 23

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir*

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs*

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)*

6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)*

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Daily Scripture: Acts 7.55-60. Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Daily Scripture: 1 Peter 2.2-10. Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Daily Scripture: John 14.1-14. Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

SUNDAY, MAY 7 (Second Round of Deacon Selection)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*

11:00 AM.....Worship (Sanctuary)*

1:30 PM.....Deacons Meeting (Mann Hall)

5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, MAY 8

Daily Scripture: Acts 7.55-60. Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Daily Scripture: 1 Peter 2.2-10. Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Daily Scripture: John 14.1-14. Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir*

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs*

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)*

6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)*

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Ms. Barbara Jacobs

Ms. Susan Spivey

Mr. Jeffrey Morgan

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

11 O'clock in the Morning



First Baptist Church

Is a loving and caring Christian community seeking to extend the open hand of God's grace to meet physical and spiritual needs through worship, education, ministry, fellowship, and spiritual nurturing.