

# The Worship of God

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

## Pre-Service and Prelude

Barbara Jacobs

## 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 fill out a visitor's card found on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Please introduce yourself to the pastor on your way out and let us know if you have any questions about our church.

### To Our Guests

Thank you for joining us in worship today! We invite you to scan this QR Code so that we may get in touch with you, or to sign up for our newsletter.



## The Life of the Church

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

## Introduction of our Guest Preacher

Lydia Mason

## Hymn for Worship 267

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

## Prayers of the People

Ross Campbell

## A Moment with Our Children

**Congregational Fellowship and Welcoming of Children**  
*The Family of God*

ACKLEY

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God—I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, For I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

## The Children's Lesson

Carly Harper

*(After a Moment with the Children, preschool through kindergarten age children will exit to the preschool building for Extended Session.)*

## Song of Blessing for our Children

*God Be with You Here*

Congregation

Kyle D. Matthews

*God be with you here! God be with you there! (repeat)  
God's love will always hold you tight, even when you're out of sight!*

## The Word in Music

*We Are Surrounded*  
Based on Hebrews 12:1-3

Sanctuary Choir  
Williams, Martin

*We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, looking on encouraging us to do the will of the Lord! We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Let us stand worthy and be faithful to God's call.*

*We must not grow weary doing what is right; as we run with joy the race, we must run with all our might. We must lay all earthly things aside that would hold us down. We must claim the victory if we would win the crown.*

*We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, looking on encouraging us to do the will of the Lord. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Let us stand worthy and be faithful do God's call. Amen.*

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Ginger Heidel

## Offertory Hymn 277

*The Church's One Foundation*

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## Offertory Prayer

## Offertory

Susan Spivey

## Sermon

*Who Do You Think I Am?*

Dr. Gene Wilder

## Silent Reflection

## 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 202

Newton/Traditional American Melody  
*Amazing Grace*

## Benediction

Greg Pope

## Postlude

Barbara Jacobs

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

## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Jimmy and Geraldine Gaskins by Clay and Christine Cook & Family, Hank and Leah Cook & Family, Todd and Christie Cook & Family, and Freddy and Mary Jean Mims.

## Narthex Flowers

The flowers in the Narthex today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in celebration of Shirley Coxen's 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday by her loving children and grandchildren.

## Homecoming Schedule

Following worship, homecoming dinner in the gymnasium. Please enter by the door facing the Education Building. You will make your way through Mann Hall to pick up your food and then on to the gym to sit and eat. The Deacons will help break down and put up the tables and chairs after the event.

## Worship Schedule

**Wednesday, August 30**

*The Church's One Foundation* (Ephesians 2.11-22,4.1-6)

**September 3**

**The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
Exodus 3:1-15. Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c.  
Romans 12:9-21. Matthew 16:21-28  
Sermon: *On the Other Side of Loss*

**Wednesday September 6**

6:00 Sanctuary  
Better Together Kickoff

## Children's Ministry

### Children's Events

Sunday School (10:00am)

Children's Choir meet at 5:30pm in the

Children's Choir Room (Upstairs Breezeway)

Mission Friends meet at 6pm (Pre-school Building)

GAs & RAs meet at 6pm (Upstairs Breezeway)

## Youth Ministry Events

Sunday School at 10am in the Youth Room

WNL at 6pm in the Youth Room

## Music Ministry

Thanks to all who joined us for our summertime choir!

The sanctuary choir is now back singing each week.

Our next Choir practice is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Church Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed on

Labor Day, Monday, September 4.

We will return to normal business hours

on Tuesday, September 5.

## 55+ Club/Young at Heart

### Supper Club

Date: September 7th

Time: 5pm

Location: DJ's Steak & Seafood Restaurant

If you need to carpool with someone, please meet at 4pm

by the Breezeway, or arrive at the restaurant by 5pm.

Sign-up sheets can be found in your Sunday school classrooms

or on the Narthex table. Last day to sign-up

is Sunday, September 3rd. Hope you will join us!

## Prayer Garden Brick Orders

Prayer Garden brick orders are due by

September 30. If you have any questions or

need an order form, please contact the

church office.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**MONDAY, AUG 28**

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 1.8-2.10. Psalm 124*

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

**TUESDAY, AUG 29**

Daily Scripture: *Romans 12.1-8. Psalm 124*

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUG 30**

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 16.13-20. Psalm 124*

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, AUG 31**

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 3.1-15. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c*

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

**FRIDAY, SEPT 1**

Daily Scripture: *Romans 12.9-21. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c*

**SATURDAY, SEPT 2**

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 16.21-28. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c*

**SUNDAY, SEPT 3**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

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

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

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

**MONDAY, SEPT 4 - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 3.1-15. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c*

**TUESDAY, SEPT 5**

Daily Scripture: *Romans 12.9-21. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c*

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6**

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 16.21-28. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c*

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

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

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

6:00 PM.....Better Together "40 Days of Community" series begins.....Adult Vespers (Sanctuary)\*

**THURSDAY, SEPT 7**

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 12.1-14. Psalm 149*

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

6:00 PM.....55+ Club/Young at Heart Supper Club (DJ's Steak & Seafood Restaurant)

**FRIDAY, SEPT 8**

Daily Scripture: *Romans 13.8-14. Psalm 149*

Ministers

Pastor

Minister of Music & Youth

Administrative Assistant

Director of Children's Activities

Organist

Pianist

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# Homecoming

August 27, 2023

11 O'clock in the Morning



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