

The Worship of God

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Pre-Service and Prelude

Susan Spivey

Welcome

Carly Harper

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.

Prelude

Hymn for Worship 292

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Prayers of the People

Peggy Clemons

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

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

Greg Pope

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!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Greg Pope

Special Music

Greg Pope

Offertory Hymn 363

More Love to Thee

Prentiss/Doane

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Susan Spivey

Sermon

On the Other Side of Loss

Greg Pope

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 worshippers, may this be a time of rededication of our lives to the kingdom of God and the way of Jesus.

Hymn of Response 183

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Benediction

Greg Pope

Postlude

Susan Spivey

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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 Jack Stuart and Jason Stuart by Jane Stuart, John and Sara Stuart.

Worship Schedule

**Better Together: 40 Days of Community
September 6 – October 15**

September 6	Better Together Kickoff (6:00pm Sanctuary) <i>What On Earth Are We Here For?</i>
September 10	<i>Compelled to Love God's Family</i>
September 17	<i>Commissioned to Reach Out Together</i>
September 24	<i>Chosen to Fellowship Together</i>
October 1	<i>Connected to Grow Together</i>
October 8	<i>Called to Serve Together</i>
October 15	<i>Created to Worship Together</i>

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 10th.

55+ Club/Young at Heart Supper Club

Date: September 7th Time: 5pm
Location: DJ's Steak & Seafood Restaurant
"Dutch Treat"

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!

Church Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be CLOSED on
Monday, September 4 in observance of
Labor Day. We will return to normal
business hours on Tuesday, September 5.

Prayer Garden Brick Orders

Prayer Garden brick orders are due by
Thursday, September 28. If you have any
questions or need an order form, please
contact the church office.

Guatemala Christmas Project

Thank you all for contributing items for this ministry.
Anyone that is still interested in contributing,
please see the list of items needed on the collection boxes
located in your Sunday school classrooms or in the Narthex.
You may drop your items off at the church office
or in the collection boxes. The deadline is Thursday, September 28.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 3.1-15. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c*
CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

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)
4:00 PM..... 55+ Club Carpool for Supper Club (Breezeway)
5:00 PM..... 55+ Club/Young at Heart Supper Club (DJ's Steak & Seafood Restaurant)

FRIDAY, SEPT 8

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

SATURDAY, SEPT 9

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 18.15-20. Psalm 149*

SUNDAY, SEPT 10

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

9:15 AM..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*
10:00 AM..... Sunday School*
11:00 AM..... Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
1:30 PM..... Deacon's Meeting (Mann Hall)
5:00 PM..... Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, SEPT 11

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 12.1-14. Psalm 149*
4:15 PM..... Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPT 12

Daily Scripture: *Romans 13.8-14. Psalm 149*
10:00 AM..... Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 13

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 18.15-20. Psalm 149*
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 (Sanctuary)*

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Pastor
Minister of Music & Youth
Administrative Assistant
Director of Children's Activities
Organist
Pianist
Nursery Staff
Custodian

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The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost September 3, 2023 11 O'clock in the Morning



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education, ministry, fellowship,
and spiritual nurturing.*