

The Worship of God

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

Barbara Jacobs

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 293

Rise Up, O Church of God

ST. THOMAS

Prayers of the People

Hank Cook

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!

Special Music

Caroline Spivey

Scripture Reading

Becky Hill

Reach out and welcome one another for the glory of God. Jesus did it, now you do it! (Romans 15.7)

Open your homes to each other without complaining (1 Peter 4.9)

Be wise in the way you act with people who are not Christians, making the most of every opportunity. When you talk, you should always be kind and pleasant so that you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should (Colossians 4.5)

Be friendly to everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. (Romans 12.16)

Become friends with God. God is already a friend with you. (2 Corinthians 5.20b)

Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions (1 John 3.18)

Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus. (Colossians 3.17)

Let us work together, struggling side by side to get others to believe the Good News (Philippians 1.27b)

Offertory Hymn 302

Share His Love

SULLIVAN

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

For God So Loved the World

Sanctuary Choir
Martin

Instrumental Special Music

Susan Spivey

Sermon

Better Together: Commissioned To Reach Out Together

Greg Pope

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 286

DENNIS

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Benediction

The Bond of Love

Congregation

Postlude

CCLI Account #1809261

Susan Spivey

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 David Cozart, Julian and Ethel Leverett by Brenda Cozart.

Worship Schedule

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

- September 24 *Chosen to Fellowship Together*
 October 1 *Connected to Grow Together*
 October 8 *Called to Serve Together*
 October 15 *Created to Worship Together*

Wednesday Night Vespers 6:00 PM

- Sept 20 Sheila Solomon: Lifehouse Ministries
(Mann Hall)
 Sept 27 *What Does It Mean to be the Church?*
Session One (Burch Hall)

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

The sanctuary choir is now back singing each week.
 Our next Choir practice is September 24 at 9:15am in the Sanctuary.

Women on Mission Bible Study

Tuesday, September 19
 10:00am (Library)

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 17 SEVENTEENTH 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 18

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 14.19-31, 15.1b-11, 20-21. Psalm 114*

TUESDAY, SEPT 19

Daily Scripture: *Romans 14.1-12. Psalm 114*

10:00 AM..... Women On Mission Bible Study (Library)
 10:00 AM..... Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 18.21-35. Psalm 114*

6:00 PM..... Mission Friends, GAs and RAs*
 6:00 PM..... Youth WNL (Youth Room)*
 6:00 PM..... Adult Vespers (Mann Hall)*

THURSDAY, SEPT 21

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 16.2-15. Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45*

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

FRIDAY, SEPT 22

Daily Scripture: *Philippians 1.21-30. Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45*

SATURDAY, SEPT 23

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 20.1-16. Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45*

SUNDAY, SEPT 24

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

9:15 AM..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*
 10:00 AM..... Sunday School*
 11:00 AM..... Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
 12:00-2:00 PM..... Children's Goody Bags & Games Day (Gym)
 5:00 PM..... Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, SEPT 25

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 16.2-15. Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45*

4:15 PM..... Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPT 26

Daily Scripture: *Philippians 1.21-30. Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45*

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 20.1-16. Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45*

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)*

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

All Members
 Rev. Greg Pope
 Rev. Blane Jacobs
 Ms. Dana Luckie
 Ms. Carly Harper
 Ms. Barbara Jacobs
 Ms. Susan Spivey
 Ms. Dana Luckie, Miss Megan McLeod, and Ms. Candy Herod
 Mr. Jeffrey Morgan

Website: www.fbcfitz.com Email: fbc@fbcfitz.com Phone: 423-4367

The Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost September 17, 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.*