

The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 it is passed later in the service.** 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.

Hymn for Worship 61

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

HYFRODOL

Prayers of the People

Greg Pope

A Moment with Our Children

Congregational Fellowship and Welcoming of Children

The Family of God

Gaither

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

Greg Pope

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

Scripture Reading

I John 3:16-24

Christie Cook

Reader: The gift of Holy Scripture

All: Thanks be to God

Offertory Hymn 358

I Am Thine, O Lord

Crosby/Doane

Offertory Prayer

Give Online

Your tithes, offerings, and gifts are more important than ever. We make giving online quick and easy. Use the QR code to make your donation.



Offertory

Sometimes I Hear God's Music

Sanctuary Choir
Williams/Martin

Special Music

Susan Spivey

Sermon

The Jesus Creed (II):

Lady Gaga and Shakespeare, Aretha Franklin and Jesus

Greg Pope

Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith: The Jesus Creed

Congregation

Hear, O people of God:

Yahweh our God is one.

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

with all your strength.

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

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 447

Freely, Freely

Owens

Benediction

Greg Pope

Postlude

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Barbara Jacobs

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 Leo and Jewel Roberts by their family.

Wednesday Vespers

11:00am and 6:00pm Burch Hall

April 24 – May 22 The Letters of First, Second, and Third John

Sunday School 10:00am

Worship 11:00am

Apr 28 *The Jesus Creed (III): The Cobbler's Gift*

Acts 8:26-40. Psalm 22:25-31.

1 John 4:7-21. John 15:1-8

Baby Dedication: Emma Cate Calhoun

May 5 *The Jesus Creed (IV): A World-Conquering Love*

Acts 10:44-48. Psalm 98. 1 John 5:1-6. John 15:9-17

Baptism: Kayla Sheppard

(Final Round of Deacon Selection)

May 12 CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

May 19 GRADUATE SUNDAY

May 26 MEMORIAL SUNDAY

June 2 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21. Psalm 104:24-34, 35b.

Romans 8:22-27. John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

(Lunch and Church Conference following Worship)

Deacon Selection Announcement

First Round is today. Ballet boxes are located at the back of the Sanctuary and in the Narthex. All ballots must be placed in the ballot box by the end of service today. Second Round of Deacon Selection will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The schedule has been carefully planned to avoid any conflicts with our Children's Worship Service on Mother's Day, May 12. The names selected for the second round will be listed in the newsletter on April 23rd.

ICE CREAM PARTY

Today at 2:00pm - 4:00pm in Burch Hall
Children will serve delicious ice cream sundaes.
All tips collected will go to Called to Care.
Everyone is invited to come and support our children!

Children's Ministry 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)
April 28th will be our next Fourth Sunday
for 1st - 5th graders. Make plans to join us!

Youth Ministry Events

GRADUATES: Today is the deadline to turn
in your Graduate and Baby picture along with the total
for the banquet. Join us for WNL this week at 6pm.

Music Ministry

The next choir rehearsal will meet at 9:15am in the
Sanctuary on May 5th. If you can't make rehearsal,
join us at 10:45am in the Choir Room to warm up.

55+ Club/Young at Heart Covered Dish Luncheon

Monday, May 6, 2024
12:00pm (Burch Hall)
Hosts: Ellene Echols, Margaret Maloy,
Barbara Brinson, Kathleen Cook, and Guy Selph

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship*
First Round of Deacon Selection – Ballots will be inside your bulletin. All ballots will be turned in by the
end of worship.
2:00-4:00 PM.....Children's Ice Cream Party (Burch Hall)
5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, APRIL 22 Daily Scripture: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23

TUESDAY, APRIL 23
Daily Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24, Psalm 23
10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
Daily Scripture: John 10:11-18, Psalm 23
11:00 AM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)
12:00 PM.....Staff Meeting
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, APRIL 25
Daily Scripture: Acts 8:26-40. Psalm 22:25-31
10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 Daily Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21. Psalm 22:25-31

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Daily Scripture: John 15:1-8. Psalm 22:25-31

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship*
5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, APRIL 29 Daily Scripture: Acts 8:26-40. Psalm 22:25-31

TUESDAY, APRIL 30
Daily Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21. Psalm 22:25-31
10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
Daily Scripture: John 15:1-8. Psalm 22:25-31
11:00 AM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)
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
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April 21, 2024
11 O'clock in the Morning



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and spiritual nurturing.*