

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

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 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 213

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

The Dedication of Emma Kate Calhoun

(see right panel)

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

Carly Harper

(After a Moment with the Children, preschool through kindergarten age children will exit to the preschool building for Extended Session. 1st-5th grade children will go to the Team Kids Room for Fourth Sunday.)

Prayers of the People

Blane Jacobs

Scripture Reading

I John 4:7-21

Reader: The gift of Holy Scripture

All: Thanks be to God

Cindy Pope

Offertory Hymn 362

Ingalls' *Christian Harmony*, 1805

I Love Thee

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

Trusting God

Sanctuary Choir

Speck

Special Music

Susan Spivey

Sermon

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

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 363

More Love to Thee

Prentiss/Doane

Benediction

Greg Pope

Postlude

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Susan Spivey

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

The Dedication of Emma Cate Calhoun

The Introduction of Parents and Child

Daniel and Courtney Calhoun

Emma Cate Calhoun

The Covenant of Dedication

Pastor: By God's love we are given children through the miracle of birth.

Congregation: We give God thanks.

Pastor: May we greet each new daughter and son with joy, and surround them with faith, so that they may know Christ and want to be his disciples.

**Congregation: Let us never neglect children,
but delight in them, showing them
the welcome God has shown us all.**

Pastor: Daniel and Courtney, in presenting Emma Cate to the Lord, do you promise in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church to teach your daughter by prayer, word, and example the gifts and claims of the Christian faith?

Parents: *We do.*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in the family of God, your help is as necessary to this covenant as the faithfulness of Emma Cate's parents. Will you covenant with them in prayer and support through the ministries of this church as they seek to raise their daughter in the way of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We will.

The Prayer of Dedication

The Words of Blessing

The Presentation of Bible and Certificate

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of
Horace and Kathryn Finley
by Lamar, Kathy and Jeremy Stone.

Final Deacon Selection

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Wednesday Vespers
11:00am and 6:00pm Burch Hall

May 1-22 The Letters of First, Second, and Third John

Sunday School 10:00am
Worship 11:00am

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)

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)
Today we will meet Fourth Sunday
for 1st - 5th graders. Please join us after the
moment with our children.

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 26th. 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 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)*

THURSDAY, MAY 2
Daily Scripture: Acts 10:44-48. Psalm 98
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, MAY 3
Daily Scripture: 1 John 5:1-6. Psalm 98

SATURDAY, MAY 4
Daily Scripture: John 15:9-17. Psalm 98

SUNDAY, MAY 5
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship*
 Second Round of Deacon Selection – Ballots will be inside your bulletin. All ballots will be turned in by
 the end of worship
 1:30 PM.....Note the change of date.....Deacons Meeting (Mann Hall)
 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, MAY 6
Daily Scripture: Acts 10:44-48. Psalm 98
 12:00 PM.....55+ Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (Burch Hall)

TUESDAY, MAY 7
Daily Scripture: 1 John 5:1-6. Psalm 98
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
Daily Scripture: John 15:9-17. Psalm 98
 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	All Members
Pastor	Rev. Greg Pope
Minister of Music & Youth	Rev. Blane Jacobs
Administrative Assistant	Ms. Dana Luckie
Director of Children's Activities	Ms. Carly Harper
Church Administrator	Mr. Byron Smith
Organist	Ms. Barbara Jacobs
Pianist	Ms. Susan Spivey
Nursery Staff	Ms. Dana Luckie, Ms. Candy Herod, and Miss Megan McLeod
Custodian	Mr. Jeffrey Morgan

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024
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.