

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

Barbara Jacobs

Welcome

Blane Jacobs

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.

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

Lexie Lee Clemons

The Celebration of Baptism

Greg Pope

Introduction of Candidate: Kayla Sheppard

The Baptismal Litany

Pastor (to candidate): What is your profession of faith?

Candidate: *Jesus Christ is Lord.*

Pastor: Hear now the pledge of your family of faith.

Congregation: **We rejoice with you. We will pray for you.**

We will walk with you in the way of Jesus.

Baptism

Blessing

Hymn for Worship 280

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

A Moment with Our Children

Carly Harper

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.)

Prayers of the People

Becky Hill

Special Music

Turn Your Eyes

Bill Bailey

Scripture Reading

I John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Reader: The Gospel of Our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Zach Sheppard

Offertory Hymn 283

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

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

Pachelbel's Canon

Lexie Lee Clemons

Sermon

The Jesus Creed (III):

A World-Conquering, Boundary-Breaking Love

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 513

O, How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

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 Mandy Hannon Luckie and in honor of Mia Mandy Luckie for her high school graduation by John, Cheryl, Trey, Dana, and Reid Luckie.

Final Deacon Selection

Today, May 5, 2024

FBC Members, your ballots are inside your bulletin. Ballot 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.

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

May 8-22 The Letters of First, Second, and Third John

**Sunday School 10:00am
Worship 11:00am**

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)

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**

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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
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)*

THURSDAY, MAY 9
Daily Scripture: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26. Psalm 1
10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, MAY 10
Daily Scripture: 1 John 5:9-13. Psalm 1

SATURDAY, MAY 11
Daily Scripture: John 17:6-19. Psalm 1

SUNDAY, MAY 12
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship*

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

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

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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.*