

# The Worship of God

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.

## Call to Worship

*We've Seen a Rose*

Sanctuary Choir  
Matthews

*We've seen a rose, one of a kind, it blossoms once, the rarest find,  
But you have blessed our mortal eyes to see it blooming in our time.  
Our grief is matched by gratitude that nothing loved is lost to you.  
And we return your gift to us with heartfelt thanks and all our love!*

*The rose on the Communion table is a sign that there has been a change in our congregation. Today the white rose is placed in memory of the death of our sister, Polly Davis.*

## Hymn for Worship 213

*Because He Lives*

RESURRECTION

The Dedication of Mary Ophelia and Etta June Hatcher (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

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

Carly Harper

## Prayers of the People

Hank Cook

## Message in Music

*Give Me Oil in My Lamp*

Sanctuary Choir  
Martin

## Scripture Reading

Acts 2:41-47

Reader: The gift of Holy Scripture

All: Thanks be to God

Linda Hatcher

## Offertory Hymn 470

*Footsteps of Jesus*

Slade/Everett

## 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

Susan Spivey

## Sermon

*In This Together*

Greg Pope

## 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 330

*Only Trust Him*

MINERVA

## Benediction

*God Is So Good*

Congregation

## Postlude

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Barbara Jacobs

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

## The Dedication of Mary Ophelia Hatcher and Etta June Hatcher

### The Introduction of Parents and Children

Luke and Jenny Hatcher  
Mary Ophelia Hatcher  
Etta June Hatcher

### 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: Luke and Jenny, in presenting Mary Ophelia and Etta June to the Lord, do you promise in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church to teach your daughters 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 Mary Ophelia and Etta June's parents. Will you covenant with them in prayer and support through the ministries of this church as they seek to raise their daughters in the way of Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: We will.**

The Prayer of Dedication  
The Words of Blessing  
The Presentation of Bibles and Certificates

## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Bill Jacobs and Brent Jacobs by Jean, Blane & Barbara, The Ben Jacobs Family, and The Bailey Miller Family.

Sunday School 10:00 am

Worship 11:00 am

- September 15 Pentecost 18  
*Practice Resurrection (Acts 3.1-21)*
- September 22 Pentecost 19  
*No Pretending (Acts 4.32-5.11)*
- September 29 Pentecost 20  
The Ordination of Brad Keaton

**Wednesday Vespers at 6:00 pm in Mann Hall**

- September 11 - *Is Change Possible?: Some Biblical Examples*
- September 18 - *Is Change Possible?: More Biblical Examples*



**Music Ministry**

**Sunday Choir Rehearsal Schedule**

**Next Week**

- 9:00am: Sanctuary Choir
- 9:20am: Living Christmas Tree Rehearsal

**Children's Ministry**

- 10:00am - Sunday School
- Wednesday at 5:30pm - Children's Choir
- 6:00pm - Mission Friends, RAs and GAs

**55+ Club/Young At Heart**

- Supper Club
- Thursday, September 12
- Catfish House at 5:00pm

This will be a *Dutch Treat* and the sign-up sheets can be located in your Sunday school class or on the Narthex table.



All are invited to drop by to congratulate the newlyweds.

*Brian and Laura Brazziel Jones*

Saturday, September 21, 2024

2:00 - 4:00pm in Burch Hall

Brian and Laura were married on

August 10, 2024, in Greenville, South Carolina.

*(No Gifts Please)*

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, SEP 8**

- 9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*
- 9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*
- 10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*
- 11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*
- 1:30 PM.....Deacon's Meeting (Mann Hall)
- 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Mann Hall)

**MONDAY, SEP 9** - Daily Scripture: *Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23. Psalm 125*

**TUESDAY, SEP 10** - Daily Scripture: *James 2:1-17. Psalm 125*

- Newsletter Printing and Mail-out
- 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, SEP 11** - Daily Scripture: *Mark 7:24-37. Psalm 125*

- 5:30 PM.....Children's Choir Practice (Children's Choir Room)\*
- 6:00 PM.....Vespers (Mann Hall), WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs\*

**THURSDAY, SEP 12** - Daily Scripture: *Proverbs 1:20-33. Psalm 19*

- 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)
- 5:00 PM.....50+Club Supper Club (Catfish House)

**FRIDAY, SEP 13** - Daily Scripture: *James 3:1-12. Psalm 19*

**SATURDAY, SEP 14** - Daily Scripture: *Mark 8:27-38. Psalm 19*

**SUNDAY, SEP 15**

- 9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*
- 9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*
- 10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*
- 11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*
- 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Mann Hall)

**MONDAY, SEP 16** - Daily Scripture: *Proverbs 1:20-33. Psalm 19*

- 9:00 AM.....Let's Make A Meal (Burch Hall)

**TUESDAY, SEP 17** - Daily Scripture: *James 3:1-12. Psalm 19*

- 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)
- 10:00 AM.....Women on Mission Group Meeting (Library)

**WEDNESDAY, SEP 18** - Daily Scripture: *Mark 8:27-38. Psalm 19*

- 5:30 PM.....Children's Choir Practice (Children's Choir Room)\*
- 6:00 PM.....Vespers (Mann Hall), WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs\*

**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
- Mr. Jeffrey Morgan

Ms. Dana Luckie, Ms. Candy Herod, and Miss Megan McLeod

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# The Seventeen Sunday of Pentecost

September 8, 2024

11 O'clock in the Morning



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