

UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

IT'S WHAT THE TRINITY WANTS



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE - 11 AM SERVICE

11 am Service | June 27, 2021

Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Fanfare Prelude on "St. Thomas" | Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship | Golden Notes

How Great Is the Lord | Pepper Choplin

I will extol You my God and mighty King.
For you are worthy of worship I will bring.
I'll praise Your name and forever I will sing,
"How great is the Lord!"

O Lord, You show us compassion from above.
You're slow to anger and full of constant love.
Your streams of mercy will become a mighty flood.
How great is the Lord.

How great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
For You are righteous and just in all Your ways.
Let all the earth lift up Your holy name forever.
Your loving compassion and all Your gifts of grace,
Abundant goodness, we come to celebrate.
Now hear your children rise again to say,
"How great, how great is the Lord."

How great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
For You are righteous and just in all Your ways.
Let all the earth lift up Your holy name forever, forevermore.
Your loving compassion and all Your gifts of grace,
Abundant goodness, we come to celebrate.
Now hear Your children rise again to say,
"How great, How great is the Lord."

I will exalt You my God and mighty King.
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Congregational Hymn 52

O Worship the King | LYONS

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Welcome | Pam Neal

*At this time, all children are invited to join
Mrs. Susan at the front for the Children's Sermon.*

Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum

Congregational Hymn 271

Christian People, Sing Together | JUBILEE

Christian people, sing together, all united in one voice.
Though we come from many cultures, yet in Christ we all rejoice.
In our daily lives we're scattered, serving God in various ways.
Then in worship we're united giving Him our thanks and praise.

God created countless faces, yet in Christ we all are one.
Though we look from many angles, all our views reflect the Son.
So we bring each gift and talent, offering what we have to share,
And God blends us all together in one body of His care.

Teach us, Lord, to trust each other, though our ways are not the same.
As you call us to Your purpose, bless our working in Your name.
In the world of daily living each uniquely serves Your will.
Show how every person matters as our calling we fulfill.

Scripture Reading (Genesis 1:26-27) | Tim Boone

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer | Chuck Powell

Special Music | Golden Notes

Build Your House on the Solid Rock | Pepper Choplin

Build your house on the strong and solid rock.
Build a firm foundation on the rock of our salvation.
You know that only the foolish man
Will build his house on the soft and sinking sand.
Come, build your house on the solid rock, solid rock.

When the floods are rising up and the rains are pouring down,
And the winds are blowing, winds are blowing, blowing all around.
If you listen to me and hear my words
And build your life on the things you've heard,
You'll be strong and you'll press on to stand through any storm.

So, come and build your house on the strong and solid rock.
Build a firm foundation on the rock of our salvation.
You know that only the foolish man
Will build his house on the soft and sinking sand.
Come, build your house on the solid rock.

Come, build it on the rock, build it on the stone,
Build it on the strong foundation.
Come, build it on the rock, build it on the stone,
Build it on the strong foundation.
Come, build it on the rock, build it on the stone,
Build it on the strong foundation.
Come, build it on the rock, build it on the stone,
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Come, build it on the rock, build it on the stone,
Build it on the strong foundation.
Come, build it on the rock, build it on the stone,
Build it on the strong foundation.

Listen now and hear my Word.
Live your life by what you've heard
And build your house on the strong and solid rock.
Rise up and build a firm foundation on the rock of our salvation.
You know that only the foolish man
Will build his house on the soft and sinking sand.
Come, build your house on the solid rock.
Build it up, build it up, build it up on the solid rock.

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Unity in the Spirit: It's What the Trinity Wants | Genesis 1:26-27

Hymn of Response 496

Footsteps of Jesus | FOOTSTEPS

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling, "Come, follow Me!"
And we see where Thy footprints falling, lead us to Thee.
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go.

Though they lead o'er the cold dark mountains, seeking His sheep,
Or along by Siloam's fountains helping the weak.
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go.

If they lead through the temple holy, preaching the Word,
Or in homes of the poor and lowly, serving the Lord.
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go.

Then at last, when on high He sees us, our journey done,
We will rest where the steps of Jesus end at His throne.
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go.

Worship Through Giving | Susan Tatum

Spoken Benediction

Sung Benediction | Golden Notes

With Simple Faith | Charles McCartha

With simple faith, with humble hearts, with Jesus’ truth and grace,
We can make mountains move, and change lives with His love,
As we live with simple faith.

With simple faith, with humble prayer, we will speak the Word of God.
Face to face, heart to heart, one to one, arm in arm,
We will bring the world God’s love.

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Postlude on "Lobe den Herren" | John Dixon

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers are given in honor and appreciation for our
Church Staff and their devoted leadership.

Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes next to the doors.

	May '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$146,508	\$1,714,173	
Expenses	<u>\$135,160</u>	<u>\$1,482,948</u>	Worship Total 293
Excess/Deficit	\$11,348	\$231,226	(does not reflect at-home viewers)

SPOTLIGHTON

STUDENT LIFE BEACH CAMP



Last Friday through Tuesday, 19 of our youth and four adults went to Gulf Shores, Alabama, for Beach Camp with Student Life.

I am so excited about the ways God worked in our group and about having the chance to get to know our group better myself.

The group had great spirits and attitudes despite a 5-hour wait at a rest stop on the way down, a tropical storm coming and going all week, and a late-night fire drill in our building. I saw our group pray for each other, lift each other up, worship God, and have lots of fun and fellowship together. Most exciting for me is that one of our youth made a decision to follow Jesus, and I heard many others talk about what's next in stepping out boldly in their faith.

Thank you FBC for your prayers and support of our youth group. I am sure you will soon get to join me in my excitement about what God has done, is doing, and will do in, among, and through our wonderful youth group.

Chuck

SERMONNOTES

"UNITY: IT'S WHAT THE TRINITY WANTS" *GENESIS 1:26-27*

God loves it when the church is unified. God blesses a unified church. The church is filled with people from different personalities and backgrounds and races and preferences, but for the sake of unity, we can't let our differences divide us.

It's your job to protect the unity of the church.

Our influence in the world is directly tied to the unity we display.

Dancing is mentioned in the Old and New Testaments as a way to praise God. Ecclesiastes says that there is a time to mourn and a time to dance. Psalm 149 says that God's people should praise His name with dancing and make music with the timbrel and harp "for the Lord takes delight in his people." God says that dancing is a right response to God's delight in God's people. But have you considered that the very nature of God is like a dance?

"In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:1-3, NIV)

"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us...'"
(Genesis 1:26, NLT)

The Father hates _____.

"There are six things the LORD hates...a person who stirs up conflict in the community." (Proverbs 6:16,19, NIV)

The Son died to bring us _____.

"For He [Christ] Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility." (Ephesians 2:14-16, NIV)

SERMONNOTES

The Spirit grieves our _____.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:29-30, NIV)

Some steps to learn the sacred dance again:

1. Make _____ with Christ the most important thing about you.

“The person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.”
(1 Corinthians 6:17, NLT)

2. Make it your _____ to have unity in your family or among your friends.

“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.” (Romans 12:18, NLT)

3. Make every effort to _____ the unity of the Spirit in the family of faith.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”
(Ephesians 4:3, NIV)

4. Make peace in the world rather than adding to _____.

“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.” (John 17:22-23, NIV)

How is God speaking to you today?

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Each week we pray for one church in our city. Today we lift up a neighboring downtown church. Please pray for strength, encouragement, and for God's purposes to be fulfilled through our fellow believers at Immaculate Conception.



COMMUNITY

Mask Policy Update on the Children and Preschool Floors

We appreciate your patience and compliance as we have continued to require masks for adults and children in these two areas. Our decisions have not been made lightly, as we have always tried to keep the safety of everyone in mind. Based on current Knox County COVID-19 cases, the numbers continue to remain extremely low (on 6/23 there were 1.28 new cases per 100,000 residents; positivity testing results below 3%; 0 deaths since 6/18).

With VBS and Worship Arts Camp coming up, we have re-examined our policy and made the following changes:

- Beginning Sunday, July 11, masks will no longer be required on these two floors. They are optional for anyone still desiring to wear one. Our teachers have been vaccinated but will make that choice for themselves.
- Masks will be optional for both VBS and Worship Arts Camp but not required.



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Again, this decision comes with great prayer and discussion. With most of the children returning to school less than a month after these two events with no mask requirements, we believe the time is right to adjust our policy.

Fish Tales: Sign Up Today!

July 26 - July 30 | 9 am-Noon | grades 1st-5th completed

At Worship Arts Camp this year, our children will put together and perform the children's musical Fish Tales. It will be a week your kids will not want to miss with singing, dancing, and learning about God through fishy tales! If you haven't signed up, do so today! You can email Richard Buerkle (rbuerkle@fbcknox.org) to register your kids.

Grandparents are welcome to invite their grandchildren to participate as well.



WORSHIP

Deacon Ordination Service

Today, June 27, 5 pm | Sanctuary/Virtual

Please join us tonight for this special deacon ordination service. Together, let's celebrate those who have been called to servant leadership within our church! A small reception will follow after the service.



DISCIPLESHIP

We Need Your Help

As we think about being the welcoming church for those who come to First Baptist, we are looking for some additional places to greet and welcome visitors. Please let Pam know at pneal@fbcknox.org if you would be a part of this new **Connection Team**. We are looking for **Parking Lot Greeters, Lobby Greeters, Information Desk Workers, and Escorts** for taking visitors to worship or Sunday School. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and serve our church. For more information, please contact Pam.



COMMUNITY

VBS: Pre-Registration & Volunteers Needed

July 12-16 | 9 am - 12:15 pm | 3 years-5th grade completed

Pre-Registration for VBS will close this Friday, July 2! Our numbers are already the highest we have seen in the past several years. So far, 119 children are signed up with a week to go! This does not include children that will show up on the first day without pre-registering!



DISCIPLESHIP

We still have a 3-year-old class with no teachers and an entering Kindergarten class with no teachers. Other groups are stretched very thin with adult leaders. I urgently ask you to pray about stepping up here at the last minute. The majority of these children are coming either from other churches or do not have a church home. We must be faithful to these families that God has sent our way and be ready to share God's love with their children! Please email Susan at statum@fbcknox.org today to get involved!

Wednesday Night Speakers: Ginger & Michael

Wednesday, June 30, 6 pm | Sanctuary/Virtual

You are invited to hear our mission prayer partners, Ginger & Michael from the Black Sea Ministries, speak next Wednesday night during our regular Bible study hour.

Ginger, Michael, and their three children had to quickly leave their country and were assigned to a new location in the middle of the pandemic. They are in Tennessee on a stateside assignment for the summer and will leave the United States in August in time for the beginning of school. We hope you will come and hear their story.



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Coming Up This Week

Today, 12:15 pm, 230 Centre

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Today, 5 pm, Sanctuary

Deacon Ordination Service

Wednesday, 6 pm, Sanctuary

Black Seas Ministries: Ginger & Michael

Wednesday, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, First Community

The Lord's Supper

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