

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

September 24, 2023

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3.17

Prelude "Reverie" ~ W. Faulks

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 150**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary.

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

Praise God in the earth and skies.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout and sing praises to God.

We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

We have seen the Lord's greatness.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**Let everything that draws breath
praise the Lord!**

***Time of Prayer**

***Opening Hymn *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* #435**

Special Music "Thy Will"

Bernie Herms | Emily Lynn Weisband | Hillary Scott
Liturgical Dance - Tremaine Guy

***Presentation of Tithes and offerings**

***Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #7**

***Offertory Prayer**

Kid's Korner

**Kid's Konnection Children, ages 3 through grade 3
may leave for Kid's Konnection at this time.**

Sermon

**"Unity in the Body of Christ"
1 Corinthians 12:20-31; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
Reverend William A. Guy**

Altar Call

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS?
OR DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THIS CONGREGATION?
Come and share your decision with the Pastor
during the Hymn of Invitation.**

***Hymn of Invitation *Jesus Is Calling* #322**

***Benediction**

Postlude "He Shall Reign" ~ R.J. Hughes

****Please stand as you are able***

Visit Our Welcome Table!

Our congregation offers a variety of opportunities for worship, fellowship, growth, and service. We have programs designed for children and adults. We want you to know that you are welcome here. Stop by our Welcome Table in the church entrance and a friendly greeter will be glad to help you.

About the Message

Today's message is not just someone delivering God's Word to an audience of people. In a worship service, each person is a participant and God is the audience. Although the Pastor has prepared a message for all of us, please don't just sit back and listen ... hear it and try and determine what God might have for you today and will give you in the days to come.

About The Offering

Those of us who have committed our lives to Christ give to support God's work here in this place. If you are visiting, don't feel pressured to give. Our members and regular attenders support our ministry out of gratitude to God. This is an act of worship and thanksgiving.

How May I Join First Baptist?

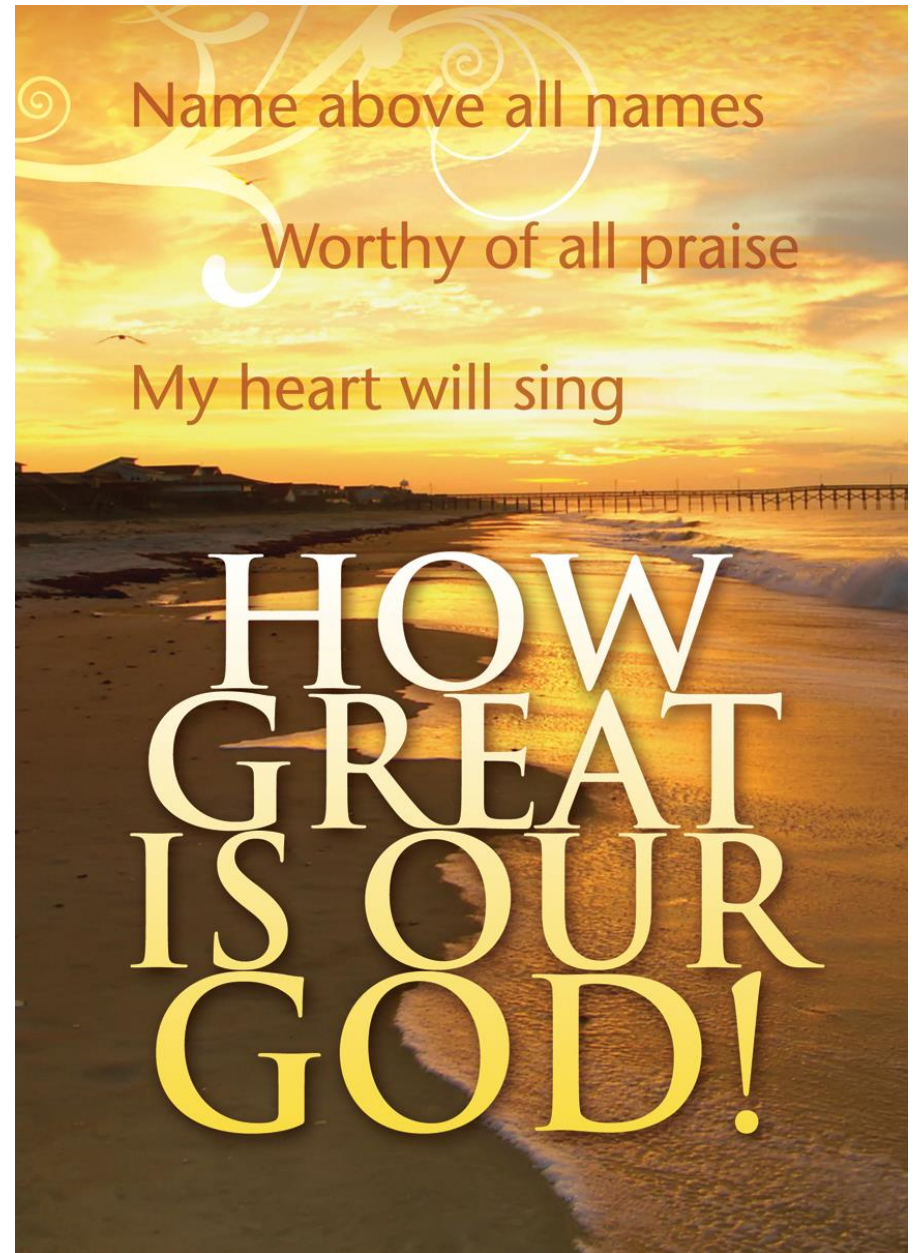
The First Baptist Church of Dover has a time of invitation during each worship service. This time is provided for anyone wishing to make a commitment to accept Jesus as Lord and to follow His teachings. Others may want to serve Christ as a part of this congregation. During the invitation hymn, come to the front of the Sanctuary and share your decision with the pastor. The following are the ways in which you may join First Baptist Church of Dover.

PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: As a Baptist, whose church membership is elsewhere, you are most welcome to join our fellowship. We will send for your church letter.

STATEMENT: By statement from another denomination. This is a statement of faith in Christ and that you have been baptized by immersion.

We stream our Worship Service each Sunday. It can be found on YouTube. Our YouTube channel is – First Baptist Church of Dover DE



First Baptist Church of Dover, DE
301 Walker Road
Dover, DE 19904
(302) 674-1980

This Week

TODAY – 9/24:

9:30am Adult Discipleship Class
Evangelism and Discipleship
in the Library
9:30am Children's Baptism Class
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

TUESDAY – 9/26:

10:00am Stewardship Committee
Conference Room

WEDNESDAY – 9/27:

7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
Conference Call
978-990-5083
Access code 676527#

THURSDAY – 9/28:

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

SUNDAY – 10/1:

9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Children's Baptism Class
9:30am New Members Class – Library
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of our daughter, Lorraine Leavel, on September 22nd with love, Mamma and Pop.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH is serving meals at the men's homeless shelter on Walker Road the second Wednesday of each month. The sign-up sheet for a meal contribution is available starting the last Sunday of the month at the Welcome Table in the church foyer.

DEVOTION AND PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL is held each Wednesday evening at 7:15pm. Dial **978-990-5083** and enter the **access code – 676527 #** to participate.

A Church Quarterly Business Meeting will be held immediately after the Worship Service on Sunday October 15th in the Sanctuary.

There is none
HOLY
as the Lord;
for there is
NONE
beside thee;
neither is there
ANY ROCK
like our God.
1 SAMUEL 2:2



WELCOME to First Baptist Church of Dover. We are glad that you wanted to share in worship with us this morning. A very special welcome is given to guests and new residents of the community. If you are seeking a church home, please consider joining us. We are an American Baptist congregation (abcusa.org). If you want to know more about us, contact the church office at 302-674-1980 or check the website www.fbcdover.org.



LULLABY LOUNGE is offered to parents with restless children. It's located at the back of our sanctuary where you can continue to watch and listen to our worship service.

KIDS KONNECTION is a kid-friendly worship experience for children Preschool–Grade 3. Children may leave the sanctuary at the time designated in the service.

FELLOWSHIP TIME between Sunday School and morning Worship from 10:30am to 10:50am in the Narthex. Coffee, Tea and goodies will be available. Please **do not** take food/drink into the Sanctuary. Thank you.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is offered for all ADULTS each Sunday at 9:30am. All are welcome.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you have a request for the chain, please call or email the church office (674-1980) (secretary@fbcdover.org).

Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven. Luke 6:20-23

SERVING TODAY

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| Organist: | <i>Gene Moore</i> |
| Worship Leader | <i>Phil Steinhoff</i> |
| Sound Technicians: | <i>Chris Cottrell</i> <i>Aaron King</i> |
| Projection: | <i>Charity King</i> |
| Streaming: | <i>Mark Moore</i> <i>Bethel Chang</i> |
| Trustees of the Day: | <i>Chris Cottrell</i> <i>Sal Manno</i> |

SUNDAY, September 17, 2023

Worship Attendance: 109
Offering: \$ 6,188



Men's Shelter Meal October 11, 2023

The October meal contribution for the Dover Interfaith Mission Shelter at Bagley Hall is scheduled for October 11, 2023. Your help provides a meal for the approximately 30 men in need at the shelter.

Please look for a meal contribution sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table in the church foyer on the last Sunday of September. Contributed meal items are delivered directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on October 11, 2023.

Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!



Fall Festival

On October 28th we will be having a Fall Festival, Chili Cook-off and Trunk or Treat. The Board of Christian Ed is looking for donations of candy, small toys, etc. for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet for the Trunk or Treat event. We would like to have 8-10 cars for this. More to come.