

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

October 1, 2023

Wide World Communion Sunday

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

Ephesians 3.17

Prelude *Elevation* ~ R. Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** Based on Deuteronomy 30:15-20

God has set before us life and death.
We choose life.

God has set before us blessings and curses.
We choose blessings.

So we gather this morning around the table—Christ's table.
We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life.

Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.
Let us worship God with joy!

***Time of Prayer**

***Opening Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #124**

Special Music
"In Remembrance"
Courtney | Red | Larson
Sanctuary Choir

***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.

Communion

Sermon God's Timing
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
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.

*** Invitational Hymn "Have Thine Own Way Lord" #480**

***Benediction**

Postlude *Concerto in A-Minor (1st Mvt)* ~ Vivaldi/Bach

****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?

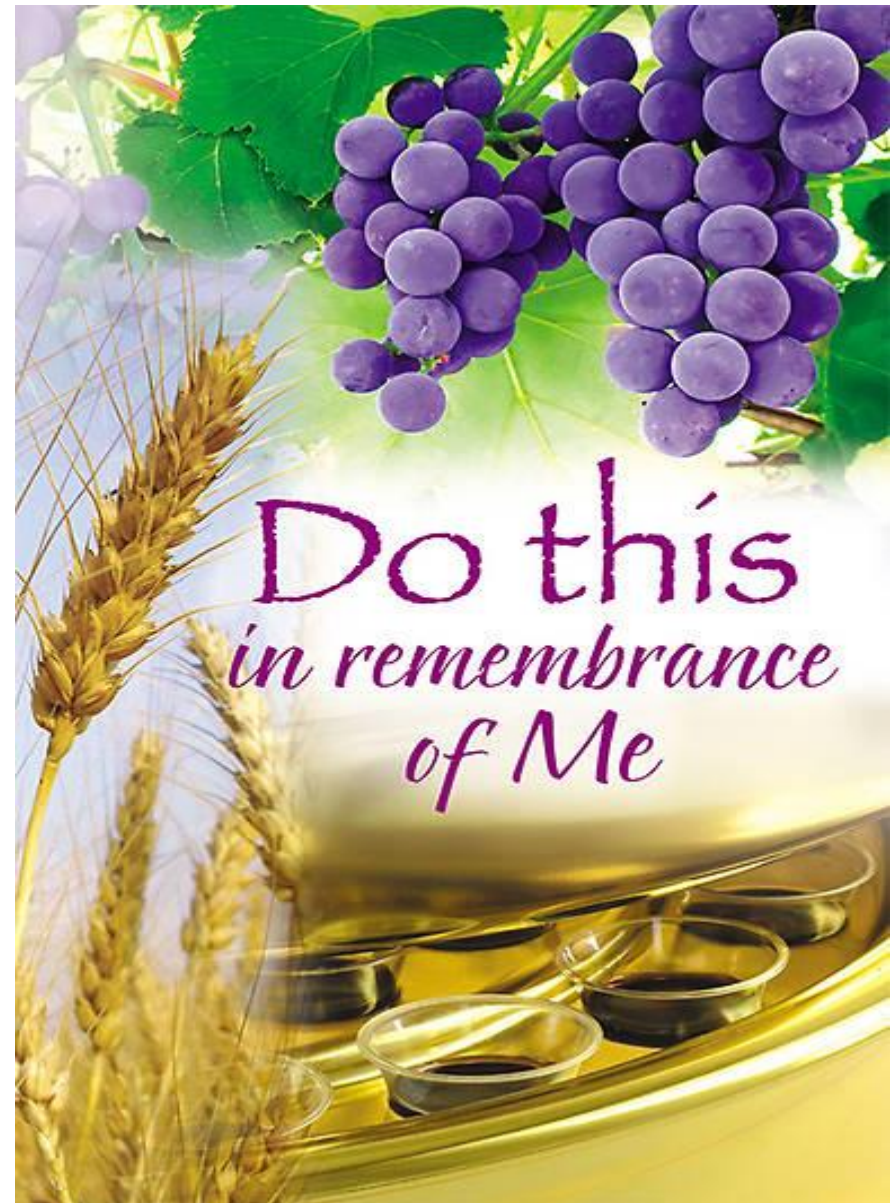
The First Baptist Church of Dover has a time of invitation during each worship service. This time is provided for anyone wishing to make a commitment to accept Jesus as Lord and to follow His teachings. Others may want to serve Christ as a part of this congregation. During the invitation hymn, come to 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



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This Week



TODAY – 10/1:

9:30am New Member Orientation-
Library
9:30am Children's Baptism Class
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

TUESDAY – 10/3:

10:30am Bonar Circle-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY – 10/4:

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

THURSDAY – 10/5:

1:00pm Clemmer Circle-Cox Parlor
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Saturday – 10/7:

10:00am Reed Circle-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY – 10/8:

9:30am Adult Discipleship Class
Salvation-Library
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Children's Baptism Class
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in memory of the Anniversary of Dominic & Eleanor Frattaruolo by Harry & Diane Anthony.

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. A collection box is located in the Narthex.

Trunk or treat

We are looking for 8-10 people who would like to decorate the trunk of their car for this event.

Theme: Name that Board Game

Examples: Monopoly, Trouble, Checkers, etc.

Please sign up today.

Men's Shelter Meal - October 11 is the next date for the dinner we provide for the Men's Homeless Shelter at 1150 Walker Road. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Table for food which is to be delivered between 4 and 5 p.m. in disposable containers. A big thank you to those who provided food in September--the men were so excited and appreciative.

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



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.

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.



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).

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I commanded you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."
John 15:12-15

SERVING TODAY

Organist:	<i>Gene Moore</i>
Worship Leader	<i>Phil Steinhoff</i>
Sound Technician:	<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>

SUNDAY, September 24, 2023

Worship Attendance: 98
Offering: \$ 3,414

Fall Festival



Oct 28th, 2023

4pm-7pm

Come out for
some fun!

Children may dress in
friendly costumes

Discipleship Classes



The following classes will be offered on Sundays at 9:30am in the Library:

- October 8th – Salvation
- October 15th – Baptism and Communion
- October 22nd – Evangelism and Discipleship

Please visit the welcome table to sign up.