

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday

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

Ephesians 3.17

Prelude *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word* ~ S. Scheidt

Welcome

Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Praise the Lord, Praise God in his sanctuary, praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe.

Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

***Time of Prayer**

***Opening Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #625

Special Music **Kidz Choir** "In His Time" by Diane Ball

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Kid's Eye on Reverend Guy

Sermon

God's Timing
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** "Blessed Assurance" #442
verses 1&3

***Benediction**

Postlude *Fortress of Faith* ~ **Luther/Rasley**

***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?

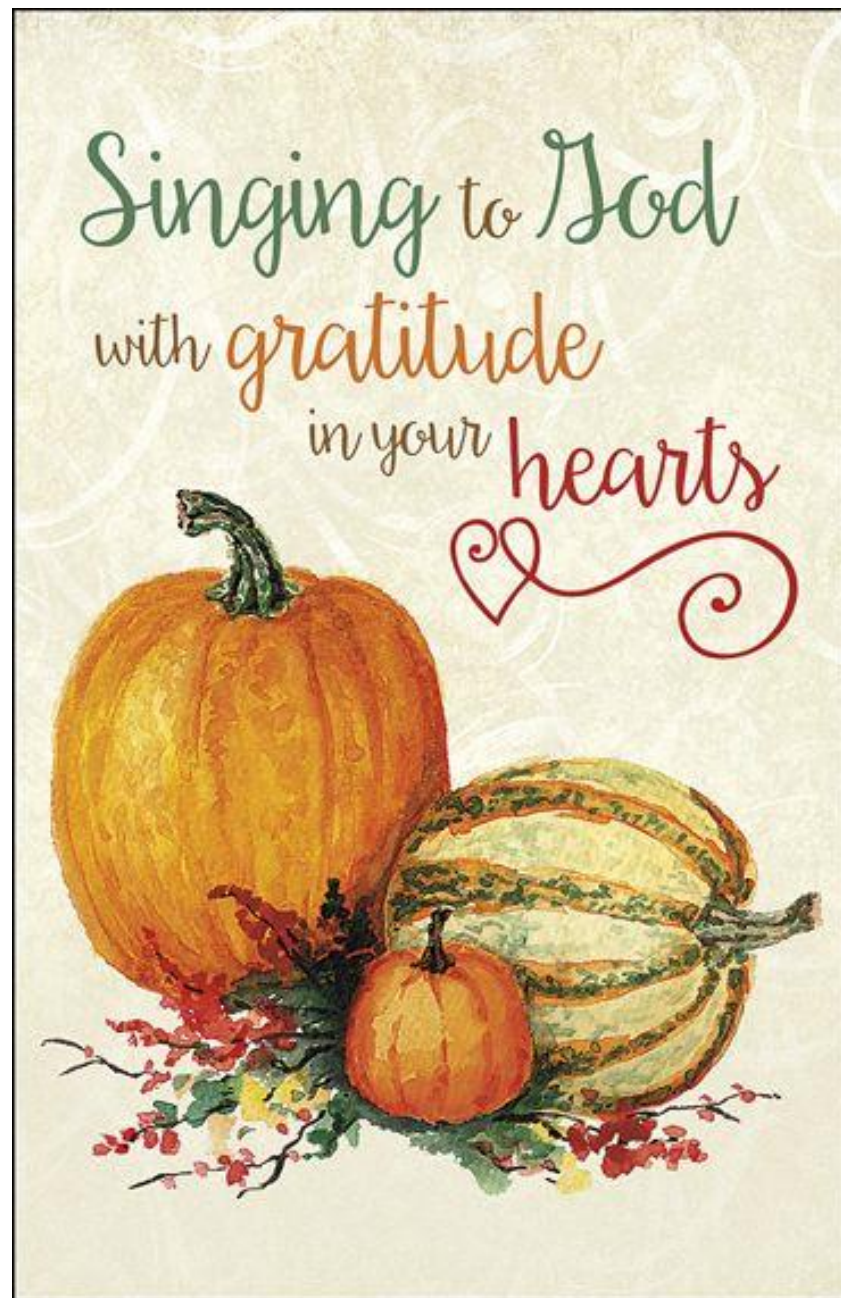
The First Baptist Church of Dover has a time of invitation during each worship service. This time is provided for anyone wishing to make a commitment to accept Jesus as Lord and to follow His teachings. Others may want to serve Christ as a part of this congregation. During the invitation hymn, come to 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 – 10/29:

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

WEDNESDAY – 11/1:

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

THURSDAY – 11/2:

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

Saturday – 11/4:

10:00am Reed Circle-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY – 11/5:

2:00am DST Ends (Clocks Fall Back)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Ladies Sunday School Class
9:30am Children's Baptism Class
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship
12:15pm Stewardship Luncheon - F.H.

SUNDAY, October 22, 2023

Worship Attendance: 95
Offering: \$ 2,277
World Mission Offering: \$ 415

Needed for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets

Boxed stuffing
Packages of gravy
Canned cranberry Sauce
Boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned vegetables



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Gladys Hutchins' 93rd Birthday on Oct. 27th, with love, Gilbert.

THE SINGLE VASE is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 8th birthday today of Ava and Zoe Rogers with love, their parents.

ATTENTION LADIES!

On November 5th @ 9:30 we are offering a new multi-generational Ladies Sunday School class moderated and taught by Adelle Aloi. We will launch the class with a 4-week study by Andy Stanley, "ADDRESS THE MESS", in the classroom previously used by the Seekers Class on the lower level. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Men's Shelter Meal – November 8th 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 Center 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 October--the men were so excited and appreciative.

Each year, a Christmas Card is designed by a member of our church, and it is sent out to everyone. If you are interested in submitting a cover design for consideration for this year's Church Christmas Card, please see Margaret Steinhoff. She will give you the requirements for size, etc. Use the gifts that God has given you to bless the people of our church. Deadline for submission is November 5th.



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.

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 and children 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](tel:674-1980)) (secretary@fbcdover.org).



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.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: *Gene Moore*
Worship Leader: *Phil Steinhoff*
Sound Technician: *Chris Cottrell*
Aaron King
Projection: *Charity King*
Streaming: *Mark Moore*
Bethel Chang
Trustees of the Day: *Harry Anthony*
Sal Manno



The annual Food Drive is scheduled for 11/3 and 11/10.

We will be working at Redner's at Greentree on 11/10 from 10am to 6pm. We need individuals to sign up for two-hour slots to be at Redner's to collect the food.

We also need individuals to help sort the food on 11/3 and 11/10. We will be picking up food on 11/3 at 6pm and again on 11/10 at 2pm and 6pm.

A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Your help is appreciated!



November is Stewardship Month!

Today is the last day to turn in your money and R.S.V.P. for the Stewardship Luncheon to be held on Sunday, November 5th following the worship service. The cost is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family living in the same household. Please see either Agnes Robinson or Gerri Lee to get your ticket. Commitment Sunday is November 19th.



We appreciate everyone's cooperation and help with supplies for the Blessing Box. We want to be a blessing to those who are truly hungry and in need. The following items are very helpful in fulfilling that goal.

- Individually wrapped items for immediate consumption
 - Pop-top soups, wrapped crackers, small cans of tuna, puddings, fruit or applesauce.
- "Shelf Milk" and individual boxes of cereal
- **Small** jars of jelly and peanut butter
- Individual packs of Lance cookies or crackers
- Any food items packed for individual consumption
- In addition, plastic utensils are helpful. Some have donated fast-food wrapped plastic utensils-This is a GREAT way to clean out your storage drawer used for those items!

If you bring the items to church please mark them for the "Blessing Box". The best place to put them is near the Food Pantry on the first floor. Contact Adelle or Ernie Aloï with any questions.