

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Lord Jesus Christ, My life, My Light* ~ Königsberg/Grabner

Welcome and Announcements

Quilt of Valor Presentation

Time of Prayer

***Call to Worship** Based on Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Opening Hymn** *Here I Am to Worship* FBC Praise Team

Giving of Tithes and offerings

Offertory *From the Depths of My Heart* ~ J.S. Bach

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Special Music *Safe* Winans/Gray/Brown/Torre
Iris Caban – Vocal Soloist

Kid's Korner

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

Sermon Fit for the Kingdom
Luke 9:37-62
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.**

***Closing Hymn** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* vv1&3 #102

***Benediction**

Postlude *In Him We Live* ~ N. Lester

***Please stand as you are able**

Visit Our Welcome Center!

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.

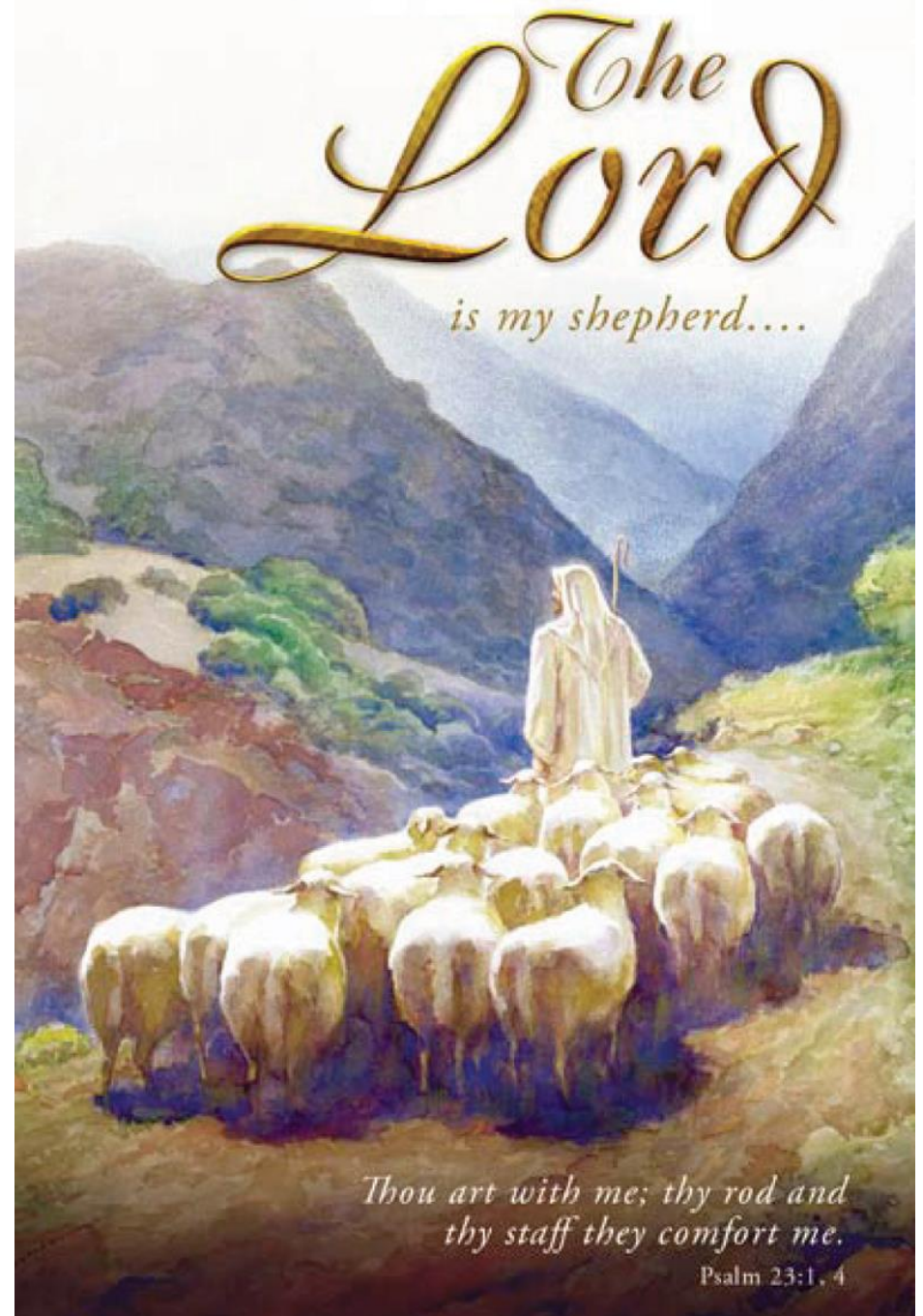
PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

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 We are also on our Facebook Page – First Baptist Church of Dover, Delaware.

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



This Week

TODAY – 3/17:

9:30am Sunday School Classes
 9:30am Baptism & Communion
 Fellowship Hall
 10:30am Fellowship Time
 11:00am Worship

MONDAY – 3/18:

1:00pm Prayer Shawl-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY – 3/19:

10:00am Egg Making

WEDNESDAY – 3/20:

2:30pm Christian Ed Mtg - Library
 7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
 Conference Call
 978-990-5083
 Access code 676527#

THURSDAY – 3/21:

10:00am Egg Making
 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

SATURDAY – 3/23:

10:00am Egg Making

SUNDAY – 3/24:

9:30am Sunday School Classes
 9:30am Evangelism & Discipleship
 Fellowship Hall
 10:30am Fellowship Time
 11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

Worship Attendance: 120
 Offering: \$ 3940
 America for Christ: \$ 393



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones with the Lord- Tse-Shan Chang and Gloria Chang (Clement's parents), Catherine Chang (Clement's sister), Nicky Shao and Mary Shao (Bethel's parents)

Sanctuary Flower Order Forms:
 If you would like to order flowers for the sanctuary, the order forms may be picked up at the Welcome Table.

Blessings Box
 Thank you to everyone who donated single serve items in the past for the Blessings Box. The month of March we are asking for 8 oz shelf milk. In addition, we need individual servings of applesauce, fruit cocktail, peaches and pears. Your help is appreciated! There is a box in the Narthex, or you may leave items near the Food Pantry door.

Looking Ahead
 March 31 – Baptism Sunday

Food Pantry Item of the Month Needs
 24 oz. Jars of Applesauce



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:	<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> <i>Matthew King</i>
Trustee of the Day:	<i>Danny Macklin</i>



~2024~
**Sanctuary
 Easter
 Flowers**



If you would like to place flowers in the church for Easter Sunday, please complete the information below and place the form in the designated box at the Welcome Center or mail to the church office. **The last day to order is Sunday, March 17th.**

Cost: \$15.00 for each plant. Make checks payable to "First Baptist Church", noting on the check "**for Easter Flowers**".

For further information, please contact Margaret Steinhoff at 302-228-9301 or the church office at 302-674-1980.

Total No. of Plants: _____ **Lilies:** _____
Tulips: _____ [5 bulbs]

Given in memory/honor of _____

Plant(s) are to be picked up by the donor after the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

Given by: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

**FIRST BAPTIST
 EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
 10:00AM-NOON
 301 WALKER ROAD, DOVER DE**

EGG HUNT

**SIGN UP TODAY
 CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED**

BRING A FRIEND!

Join Us!

**LENTEN
 SOUP SUPPER &
 BIBLE STUDY**

**WEDNESDAY
 MARCH 27TH
 5:30-7:30PM
 FELLOWSHIP HALL**

SIGN UP TODAY!

Schedule for Holy Week



March 24 - Palm Sunday

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service



March 27 – Lenten Bible Study
and Soup Supper

5:30pm – in the Fellowship Hall



March 28 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 – Communion/Tenebrae Service

In the Sanctuary



March 29 - Good Friday

7:00pm – Community Service at

Faith Community Church

2240 S Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901



March 30 – Kids Event

10am – Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt, Games, Easter Story

March 31 - Easter

8:00am – Sunrise Service

in the Fellowship Hall

Followed by a Continental Breakfast

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Easter Worship Service



Make A Difference Day Project

For many years First Baptist has served our community with a “Make a Difference Day” project. In the past we have built wheelchair ramps for those in need, but this year the Board of Missions has decided the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing (DIMH) will be the recipient of our efforts. DIMH is in the process of opening a **Shelter for Homeless Women and Children on Walker Road, Dover**. It is located across the street from Walt Bagley Hall, the men’s shelter where we provide the evening meal on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

The plan is for the Women’s Shelter to open in April. The Board will provide funds to DIMH to purchase highchairs. However, they are in need of additional things and here’s where you can help. They need:

Kitchen items, such as real dishes (not paper)

Baby/toddler dishes and utensils

Blankets (new) for single beds

Could you donate one or more of these new items? If so, please place them in the designated box in the narthex by **April 7**. THANK YOU for helping us to reach out to our neighbors down the street who are in need!