FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude *Cantabile* ~ N. J. Lemmens

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Prayer

*Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 135

Praise the LORD!
Praise the name of the LORD;
Praise Him, servants of the LORD!
You who stand in the house of the LORD,
In the courts of our God.

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

For I know that the LORD is great,
And our Lord is above all gods.
The name the of LORD endures forever,
The fame of the LORD throughout all generations.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, **Praise the Lord!**

*Opening Hymn Because He Lives #256

Giving of Tithes and offerings

Offertory Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above ~ Telemann

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

*Offertory Prayer

Special Music The Gift of Love Arr. H. H. Hopson Sanctuary Choir

Kid's Korner

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

Sermon Fellowship with God and Others - Part Two 1 John 1:1-10 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 Have Thine Own Way Lord vv1&4 #480

*Benediction

Postlude Chorus of Praise ~ R. Johnston

*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.

<u>STATEMENT</u>: 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.

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TODAY - 4/14:

9:30am Sunday School Classes 9:30am Discipleship Class-Salvation Fellowship Hall 10:30am Fellowship Time

11:00am Worship

MONDAY 4/15:

Newsletter articles due

<u>WEDNESDAY - 4/17:</u>

3:00pm Christian Ed-Library 4:00pm Deacons 7:30pm Devotion & Prayer Conference Call 978-990-5083 Access code 676527#

THURSDAY - 4/18:

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

SUNDAY - 4/21:

9:30am Sunday School Classes 9:30am Discipleship Class-Baptism and Communion Fellowship Hall 10:30am Fellowship Time

11:00am Worship

12:15pm Quarterly Business Meeting

SUNDAY, April 7, 2024

Worship Attendance: 105 Offering: \$ 13,991



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in memory of the Anniversary of Richard & Ruth Anthony by Harry & Diane Anthony.

The following dates are open on the calendar for Sanctuary flowers. The cost for two vases is \$50.00. The forms are available at the Welcome Table. There is also a box to place your completed form. You will be contacted if the date you request is already taken. Your gift of flowers is a contribution to the church and greatly needed and appreciated. Some flowers are more expensive (i.e. Roses).

April 21, May 5, June 9, June 30, October 6, October 20, November 3, November 24, December 8, December 29

THANK YOU to all who participated in the America For Christ offering which benefits American Baptist Home Mission projects in the United States and Puerto Rico. The final amount received from FBC totaled \$2,821.00.----Board of Missions

Looking Ahead: Next Sunday-Quarterly Business Meeting at 12:15pm following the morning worship service. Minutes and Treasurers Report available on the table across from the Welcome Center.



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, 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.



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) (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: Worship Leader Sound Technician:

Projection: Aaron King
Charity King
Streaming: Mark Moore

Bethel Chang Matthew King

Gene Moore

Phil Steinhoff

Chris Cottrell

Trustee of the Day:

Danny Macklin

BLESSINGS BOX MINISTRY

Because **YOU** are so charitable
And community members, too
We can consistently minister.
To those less fortunate than I and you
For fruit or milk and cereal we've often seen
them reach

For crackers, chips, and applesauce or an occasional treat

Thank you FBC family for your generosity. Without you, this outreach would be an impossibility!

We are featuring again for the Month of April:

8oz cartons of Shelf Milk (Available at Walmart aisle A-26) Any single-serve food items are welcome.

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 28**. THANK YOU for helping us to reach out to our neighbors down the street who are in need!

The collection has been extended through April 28 and we especially need blankets, twin size.