

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Prelude** *Deal With Me, Lord, According to Your Love* ~ Gesius/Walther

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Time of Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship:** Based upon Psalm 113

Praise the LORD!

**Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
Praise the name of the LORD!**

Blessed be the name of the LORD  
From this time forth and forevermore!

**From the rising of the sun to its going down  
The LORD's name *is* to be praised.**

The LORD *is* high above all nations,  
His glory above the heavens.

**Who *is* like the LORD our God,  
Who dwells on high**

**Praise the LORD!**

**\*Opening Hymn**      *I Can Only Imagine*      Bart Millard  
   FBC Praise Team

**Giving of Tithes and offerings**

**Offertory**      *Psalm Thirty-one*      ~      Thompson

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Special Music** *Jesus Wants Me For A Sunbeam* KIDZ Choir  
Edwin Othello Excell | Judith E. Partin | Nellie Talbot

**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 Three  
   1 John 1:1-10 NKJV  
   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**      *My Jesus, I Love Thee* vv1 & 4      #134

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**      *In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust* ~ J. C. Bach

*\*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.

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# This Week

## **TODAY – 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

## **MONDAY -4/22:**

10:00am ABWM Board Meeting Conf.  
 Room

## **WEDNESDAY – 4/24:**

7:30pm Devotion & Prayer  
 Conference Call  
 978-990-5083  
 Access code 676527#

## **THURSDAY – 4/25:**

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

## **SUNDAY – 4/28:**

9:30am Sunday School Classes  
 9:30am Discipleship Class-Evangelism  
 and Discipleship  
 Fellowship Hall  
 10:30am Fellowship Time  
 11:00am Worship  
 12:30pm Boards Luncheon/Meeting  
 Fellowship Hall

## **SUNDAY, April 14, 2024**

Worship Attendance: 126  
 Offering: \$ 11,747



**FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the  
 Glory of God.

**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).

May 5, June 9, June 30,  
 October 6, October 20,  
 November 3, December 29

## **Men's Shelter Meal-May 8<sup>th</sup> –**

Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter in April 2024! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, May 8, 2024. The meal contribution sign-up sheet will be located at the Welcome Center at the end of April. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!

*Jesus loves You!*



**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](http://abcusa.org)). If you want to know more about us, check the website [www.fbcdover.org](http://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](mailto: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>Chris Cottrell</i>

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**