

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

June 23, 2024

Prelude *Andante Religioso* ~ F. Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Prayer

*Call to Worship Based on Psalm 18

For who is God, but the Lord?

And who is a rock, except our God?

**The God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.**

He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.

**For this I will praise You, O Lord,
Among the nations, and sing to Your name.**

*Opening Hymn *O Worship the King* #64

Giving of Tithes and offerings

Offertory *Andante* ~ A. Guillman

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

*Offertory Prayer

Special Music - Sanctuary Choir - *God Is There* by J. Althouse

Kid's Korner

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

Sermon **A Greater Purpose Part I**
1 Samuel 16:13-23, I Samuel 17:12-15 NKJV
Reverend William A. Guy

An Invitation
**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 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* #544
vv. 1 & 4

*Benediction

Postlude *Postlude on a French Theme* ~ Sr. M. Florentine

**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.

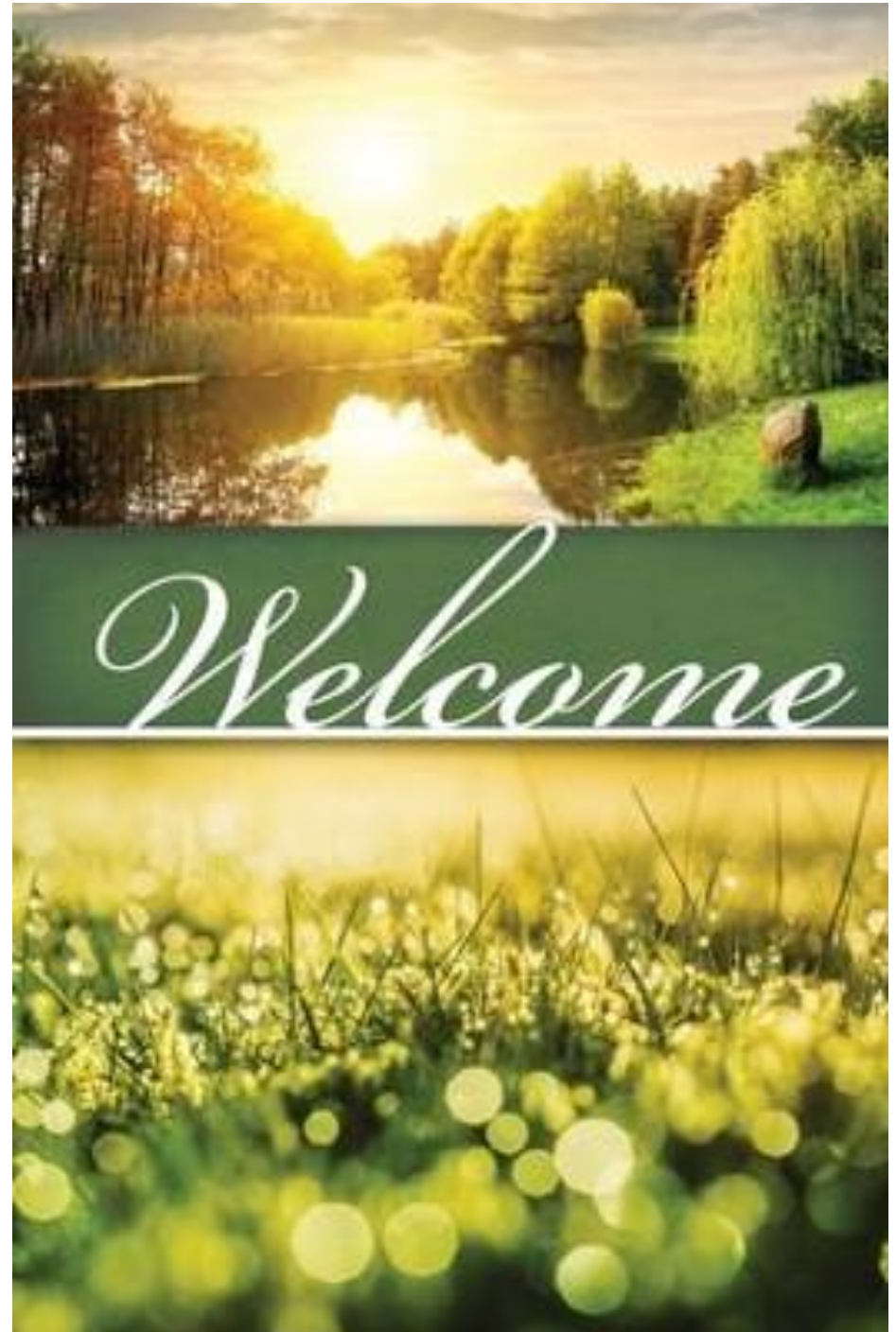
PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

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 – 6/23:

9:30am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

WEDNESDAY – 6/26:

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

SUNDAY – 6/30:

9:30am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, June 16, 2024

Worship Attendance: 124
Offering: \$ 5,753
One Great Hour of Sharing \$ 398

Please help Blessings Box-

Donations needed. Any single serving food item, especially applesauce and fruit cups. Deposit in Blessings Box in the Narthex or place near the Food Pantry marked Blessings Box.

Additional Food Pantry volunteers are needed. See Milda Limson if you are interested in serving. **A huge thank you** to all who have donated food to the Food Pantry.



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 7th Wedding Anniversary. God has been very good to us! By Bobby & Denise Engelsen.

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).

October 6, November 3

Men's Shelter Meal-July 10th –

Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter in June 2024! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, July 10, 2024. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. July's menu includes: Sloppy Joes with hamburger rolls, potato salad, and fruit cocktail. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!



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.



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*
Lay Leader: *Victoria Macklin*
Worship Leader: *Phil Steinhoff*
Sound Technician: *Chris Cottrell*
Aaron King
Charity King
Projection: *Mark Moore*
Streaming: *Bethel Chang*
Danny Macklin
Trustee of the Day: *Danny Macklin*

Seach Committee News

At one point recently, we had four applicants. We eliminated two who did not send any references nor videos of sermons. They also did not respond to emails or phone calls. Another one could only be a part-time minister so withdrew the application. The fourth decided we were not a good fit and withdrew. Rev. Guy will continue as our Intentional Interim Minister until we find someone who can fill our position.

For those who are newer to FBC and not familiar with our process in finding a full-time pastor, the first step was to find an interim pastor who fills in until a regular full-time pastor is found. That person should not be considered for the permanent position as they have an advantage over any other perspective prospect. Then we go to ABCOPAD and post the position. We went through all the resumes of 35 pastors. After narrowing them down to our church's profile, we chose the top 7. We watched their sermons on YouTube and their church service. We then contacted the top three and called them to see if they might be interested. All three were content to stay where they were. We then contacted ABCOPAD again and got a few more names to evaluate. Again, we contacted some of them. One of them had just found a new church and was settling in there. The others were not interested anymore. We decided to post the position on various seminary sites. The two applicants from those postings never responded through email or telephone.

No new applicants have applied from our local ABCOPAD and no one else has contacted us from the seminaries at which we advertised our open position. Therefore, we are asking you, the congregation, to help in two ways. First, if you know of any possible pastor who might be interested in our church position, please contact one of your search team members and give them the name and phone number to make contact. Second, pray, pray, pray daily for the search team to find that person God has in mind for us.

STUFF THE PANTRY @ FIRST BAPTIST

Today pick up your grocery bag as you exit the Sanctuary following worship. The label on the bag suggests grocery items needed to stock the FBC Food Pantry. Return the bag next Sunday with some of the items and place it under the FOOD PANTRY sign in the Narthex. This is a mission outreach for our needy residents in the community.

Items needed for the Food Pantry:

Applesauce
Beef Stew
Canned fruit
Canned soup
Canned vegetables
Cereal
Fruit Cocktail
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Jelly
Peanut Butter
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Rice
Spam
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Tuna Fish

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