

Practice Edition 2025/26

How To
**BE
FAITHFUL**

A
Reference
for the
Rest of
Us!

Well done
good and
faithful
servant...

FBC BEVERLY

Welcome to Worship at First Baptist Church in Beverly!

We welcome you to worship this morning. We are so pleased to gather with you! Please feel free to fill out one of our Here We Gather cards in the pew rack, or speak with Julie Flowers or Daniel Johnson following worship.

There are Prayer Request cards in the pew rack in front of you. If you would like to take a moment to fill one out with a prayer concern you would like shared or like the ministers to know, please do so, and then place it in the offering plate when they are passed. Prayer concerns that should be kept for ministers only should have that designation written on them.

The chancel flowers this morning are given in honor of Jack Alves by the Women Who Have Gone on the Women's Retreat at Grotonwood.

Prayground news for children! We encourage children in Grade 1 and above to make use of the Prayground space at the front of the Sanctuary to worship. The Prayground is a child-friendly place for the quiet enjoyment of worship. A care and learning experience for preschool and Kindergarten-age children is provided throughout our service in the Littlest Learners room on the main level, located through the double doors at the front of the sanctuary. Care for infants and toddlers (all children 2 and under) is provided throughout worship in our Infant/Toddler Room across from the rear sanctuary doors. All adults who work with our children have been CORI-checked. We always encourage families and caregivers to do what is best for their child and their family during the worship time.

Youth Pew and Class! We encourage our youth in Middle School and High School to enjoy worship together with peers in our youth pew at the front of the sanctuary. Our Youth Sunday School Class meets twice a month immediately following worship. They will next meet again in the fall for their new program year.

Devices to assist with hearing are available for those who have a need. A Deacon will be happy to assist you and provide one.

*Indicates Congregation Standing As They Are Able

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Celebrating 225 Years of The First Baptist Church in Beverly

May 31, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Tolling of the Hour

Upon hearing the bells, all are invited to a time
of quiet preparation for worship.

**Reading of the Original Articles of Incorporation
with the Commonwealth (1821), abridged**

John Thomson

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Julie Flowers

(If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn off your cell phone, please do so now)

A Moment of Preparation

G. Donzieti

Gloria!

Call to Worship,

**inclusive of the 1924 Document for a Change of Name
with the Commonwealth**

Rev. Julie Flowers


***Opening Hymn (insert)**

*The Quasquibicentennial Hymn of The First Baptist Church in Beverly
(A hymn for the 225th anniversary of the church adapted from the church's
original Bicentennial Hymn of 2001)*

***Invocation, Lord's Prayer (debts),
and Glory Be to God (pg. 37)**

Rev. Beth Loughhead

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

 *Glory be to God and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Stepsitters

Rev. Julie Flowers

Anthem

M.Hayes

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory to all, his marvelous deeds to all peoples. For great is the Lord, most worthy of praise; we worship the Lord above all. Ascribe to the Lord, all you fam'lies of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name! Bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Bow before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice. Let the sea and all that is in it resound. Let the plains be glad and sing for joy. Let all the trees of the woods rejoice, before the Lord who comes to govern the earth with justice, and the peoples with faithfulness. Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory to all. His marvelous deeds to all peoples, for great is the Lord, most worthy of praise; we worship the Lord above all.

Readings

Deb Blanchard

From a Scriptural Epistle

Ephesians 1:15-23

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 148

From a Contemporary Epistle at the Time of the Church Fire (1975)

Morning Prayer,

Rev. Julie Flowers

**in which we give thanks for the journey of the church, inclusive of the
social justice actions of the 1960s—1990s**

*Hymn 472

EBENEZER

We Are Living, We Are Dwelling

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Johnson

“Still Faithful After All These Years”

Morning Offering

Call to Giving


Rev. Julie Flowers

Offertory

D. Düsing

Simple Gifts

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free, ‘tis the gift to come down where we ought to be. And when we find ourselves in the place just right, ‘twill be in the valley of love and delight. ‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free, ‘tis the gift to come down where we ought to be. And when we find ourselves in the place just right, ‘twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we will not be ashamed. To turn, will be our delight, and by turning we come ‘round right. ‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free, ‘tis the gift to come down where we ought to be. And when we find ourselves in the place just right, ‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.

 **Doxology (48) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.*

Preparing for Going Out,

Rev. Daniel Johnson

including a Communal Reading of the Church Covenant of the First Baptist Church in Beverly.

*Hymn 463

ALL IS WELL

Renew Your Church

*Benediction (Reading of the Church Vision Statement)

Rev. Daniel Johnson

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

Worship Ensemble - Today at 11:30 a.m.

Party in Honor of Pat Haight - Today at 11:30 a.m.

Middle School Fellowship - Today at 4:00 p.m.

Sr. High Fellowship - Today at 6:00 p.m.

Lay Visitation - Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Pickleball - Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Harborlight Nursery Board - Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Theology on Tap - Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Coffee Hour - Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir - Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

For more information on these and other programs of the church check the QR Code on the pew card in front of you or www.fbcbeverly.org!



Text Message Reminders from First Baptist Church!

Scan this QR code or text **FBCTEXTSNOW** to 724-361-6388 if you would like to opt in to receive text message updates, reminders, and alerts from First Baptist directly to your phone.



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