



Practice Edition 2025/26

How To
**BE
FAITHFUL**

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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 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 celebration of the marriage of Abby Johnstone and Samuel Johnson!

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

June 7, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Tolling of the Hour

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

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

R. Schulz-Widmar

*Spring Carol
(Fairest Lord Jesus)*

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: From the peak of the mountain, we see the vastness of God's
promises.

People: Even when we look from afar, we know the Lord is always with us.

Leader: We come to worship the God who leads us, the God who has been
our dwelling place in all generations.

People: We come to worship the God of our journey.

Leader: Lifting our voices together in the singing of our opening hymn #24,
"The God of Abraham Praise," come, and let us worship.

*Hymn 24

LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise

***Unison Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (310, sung)**

All: Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us to open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us all to pray together using these words, which we now sing...

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.

Stepsitters

Rev. Julie Flowers

Anthem

J. Paige

In the Palm of His Hand

Rest still, my soul, without a care, when the weight of sorrow's hard to bear; for the Lord is pleased to meet your need as He holds you in the palm of His hand, as he holds you in the palm of His hand. Rest well, my soul, without a fear, though the clouds are made with bitter tears; for the Lord will shelter and provide. He will hold you in the palm of His hand. My hope rests sure upon the Lord, on His unchanging grace. In the stormy gale, His love prevails; everlasting, ever sure; never failing, all secure in the palm of His hand. In His hand rest safe, my friend; live ever true. Lean on His Word in all you do. Make amazing grace your hiding place, in the shadow of the palm of His hand. He will hold you in His hand.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-8

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 149

Meditation

Rev. Wayne Lavender

“Seeing the Promised Land”

Morning Offering

Call to Giving

Offertory

Rev. Julie Flowers

J. Nelson

Purify My Heart
Worship Ensemble

**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.*

The Lord's Supper

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Sharing the Bread

Sharing the Cup

*Hymn

S. Dyer and J. Horness

J.W. Hayford

Everything I Am / Majesty
Worship Ensemble

*Benediction

Rev. Wayne Lavender

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Wayne Lavender, Ph.D., to our pulpit this morning. Wayne is a United Methodist pastor currently serving as the executive director of the Foundation 4 Orphans and as a faculty member in the political science departments at Quinnipiac University and the University of Connecticut. A graduate of the doctoral program at George Mason's School of Public Policy in 2010, he earned his BA. from Drew University, and an MA. and M.Div. from the Pacific School of Religion. He is the author of nine books, including *Pure Religion*, and *Imperial Christianity* will be available in August. Wayne lives close to nature with his wife Maureen at the conference and retreat center for the Foundation 4 Orphans in Hamden, Connecticut.

The Foundation 4 Orphans (F4O) is an IRS approved 501 c 3 non-profit whose mission is to end the orphan pandemic in Mozambique. F4O partners with Zoe Empowers using an empowerment model designed by an African orphaned youth that is inexpensive (\$100 per year per orphaned youth, 3 years, total \$300) and ten times more effective than an orphanage model. For more information, find F4O at www.f4o.org.

The Fellowship Offering is received each Communion Sunday. The money that is received is distributed by the Deacons and pastoral staff to benefit members and neighbors in need. Envelopes are in the pew racks in front of you, if you would like to give, and may be placed in the offering plate during our service.

Upcoming Events:

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

Q & A about the Foundation 4 Orphans - Today at 11:30 a.m., in the Lounge

NSPO Children's Concert - Today at 3 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Sr. High Fellowship - Today at 1:00 p.m.

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

Wit & Wisdom Book Group - Monday at 11:30 a.m.

Pickleball - Monday at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Parents' Night Out - Friday at 6:00 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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Director of Music: Esther Chang

Business and Operations Manager: Paul Zampitella

Communications Associate: Sherri Kohley

Kitchen Coordinator: Terri McFadden

Sexton: Mo Ducharme

Early Childhood Christian Education Coordinator: Abby Johnstone

Elementary Age Christian Educators: Lauren Costa and Sarah Mascioli

Infant and Toddler Room Coordinator: Emily Feldman

Worship Production Coordinator: Jack Hadley

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