FBC Beverly

THANKSGIVING & PLEDGE SUNDAY



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 that you would like to share, please do so, and then place it in the offering plate when they are passed. Prayer concerns that should be kept confidential should have that designation written on them.

The chancel flowers this morning are given by Marty Lincoln, in loving memory of Jean Richards.

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 before their class time. 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 and will next meet on Sunday, December 6, immediately following morning worship.

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
Thanksgiving and Pledge Sunday

November 22, 2026 **10:00 a.m.**

Tolling of the Hour

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

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Daniel Johnson

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

A Moment of Preparation D. Wagner

Morning Songs
Celebration Ringers

Call to Worship Rev. Julie Flowers

***Hymn 718** ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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

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 P. Martin and A.L. Page

We Come Rejoicing!

We sing of joys our blessings declare; we sing of gifts that God's children share: love in our hearts, joy in our living, peace in our minds and hope neverending. We come rejoicing! We come with praise. With true thanksgiving, one voice we raise. We come rejoicing! We come with song, our harvest bringing, our praise to God alone! Bringing our gifts, we honor God's Son. We show our thanks for what He has done: love for the world, joy for each sorrow, peace for each child and hope for tomorrow. We come rejoicing! We come with praise. With true thanksgiving, one voice we raise. We come rejoicing! We come with song, our harvest bringing, our praise to God alone! Come, ye thankful people, come. Raise the song of harvest home! All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home. We come rejoicing! We come with praise. With true thanksgiving, one voice we raise. We come with song, our praise to God alone!

Scripture Reading Rev. Daniel Johnson

Luke 6:35-38 Pew Bible N.T. pg. 49

Read from the First Egalitarian Translation

Morning Prayer Rev. Julie Flowers

***Hymn 717** ASH GROVE

Let All Things Now Living

Shared Sermon Amy Puff
Molly Waltz
Brian Gregory
Rachel Schneider

"Givers"

Morning Offering

Call to Giving and Commitment Rev. Daniel Johnson

(During the offertory, all are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary, to place their Pledge Cards in the model of the church, and to place Here We Gather cards, prayer request cards, and regular offerings in the offering plates.)

Offertory J.H. Maunder

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, praise thy God, O Zion, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise thy God, O Zion, praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, praise thy God, O Zion, praise thy God, O Zion. For He hath made fast the bars of thy gates, and hath blessed thy children within thee. He hath made fast the bars of thy gates, and hath blessed thy children within thee. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, praise thy God, O Zion, praise thy God, O Zion. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great goodness. The Lord is good, is good to all, and His tender mercies, His tender mercies are over all, are over all His works. All thy works praise Thee, praise Thee, O Lord, all thy works praise Thee, praise Thee, O Lord, and thy saints give thanks, give thanks unto Thee, and thy works praise Thee, all thy works. The valleys stand so thick with corn, that they laugh and sing. The valleys stand so thick with corn, that they laugh and sing, they sing. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, praise thy God, O Zion, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise thy God, O Zion, praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, praise thy God, O Zion, praise thy God, O Zion, praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Amen.

♫ *Doxology (46) *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.*

***Hymn 715** NUN DANKET

Now Thank We All Our God

***Benediction** Rev. Julie Flowers
Rev. Daniel Johnson

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Thankgiving Sunday, and this season of gratitude also brings with it our annual Pledge Sunday at First Baptist Church. As we consider the many gifts we have been given by a God of matchless love, we are also invited to faithfully consider the gifts we will pledge to give – financial gifts, as well as the gifts of our time, our talents, and our prayers – to our church in the coming year. Your pledges can be written on a pledge card (available in the pew racks) and then placed in the model of the church during the morning offering, as together we worship the Giver with the our commitments for the year to come!

Upcoming events this week:

Holiday Mini-Fair – Today immediately following morning worship
Word Searchers – Today at 11:30 a.m.
The Baptones – Today at 11:30 a.m.
Sr. High School Fellowship – Today at 6:00 p.m.

Church Home meeting – Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Pickleball – Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Deacons meeting – Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving – the Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday

Save the dates:

Beverly Holiday Parade Watch Party – Sunday, November 29, 1:00 p.m.
Hanging of the Greens – Friday, December 4, 5:00 p.m.
Advent Study of The Anticipated Christ, *by Brian Zahnd – Monday, December 7 and 14, at the home of Priscilla Deck and Sean Kelly*
FBC Community $1 Elf Movie Night – Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m., at The Cabot

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.



When Jesus was asked by some of the leaders of his time, "What is the greatest commandment of them all?" they were doing so hoping to trap him and to undermine his authority. Their tactic is unsuccessful, however, as Jesus turns to them and responds, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On those two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

But who were these prophets to whom Jesus refers in his comments?

The prophets whose voices echo through the ages, crying out to us through scripture, were the same prophets who Jesus knew well. Theirs were the words and dreams by which he was shaped. Words and dreams for a world that might yet be – a world of God's desiring, filled with justice, peace, kindness, mercy, and equity for all people. Their words, their visions, their call to us to help to bring that world into being, their dreams all resonate with us still, today, and can help to shape us, too, if only we let them.

Our First Baptist Beverly Annual Theme for 2026-2027, What Dreams May Come, will find us exploring the Prophetic Books of the Bible, getting reacquainted with the unique and distinctive voices of the prophets, and perhaps meeting some of them for the first time. As we explore the words of the prophets themselves and the dreams they had of a path forward toward a world that might more closely mirror God's heaven here on earth, we will be invited to consider what our dreams for the same look like and feel like; the shape they take, the path they call us to, and the collective work we must undertake to help build that better world.

The voices of the prophets remain as relevant to our dreaming today as in their own time. These Biblical prophets often found themselves immersed in cultural breakdown, grappling with the loss of faith identity, subject to unpredictable and unreliable leadership from the top down, and beset by a pervading sense of division, frustration, and sometimes even floundering, at all levels of society. And yet, in the face of it all, they still dared to dream – to dream of a better world and a better way, to open themselves to God's leading call, and to proclaim those dreams aloud. Over the course of this program year, we will be invited to consider not only the courageous dreaming of the prophets, but what courageous dreams for the kind of world God hopes for us might be swirling inside of us, too.



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