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# Worship With Us!

Sunday, January 9th at First Baptist Church

10:00 am: Join us on our YouTube channel or in-person for worship.

To view all the upcoming events we have planned for January, you can click <u>HERE</u> to view our latest printable monthly calendar.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The **Church Council Business Meeting** has been rescheduled & made hybrid for all who would like to attend. The meeting has been moved from its original date of Tuesday, January 11th **to Sunday, January 16, 11:30 am-1:30 pm.** 

This video will also be available on our church website, <u>www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons</u>. (You will also find a link to the service on our <u>Facebook page</u>.)

Sunday, January 9th, 2022 10:00 a.m.

"Baptizing the Beloved"

Scriptures: Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:21-22

**Preacher:** Rev. Cindy Maybeck

Sunday, January 9, 2022

"Baptizing the Beloved" Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:21-22

First Baptist Church in Beverly Rev. Cindy Maybeck, Preacher



virtually if you can! Questions? Please contact Rev. Julie Flowers, Rev. Cindy Maybeck, Rev. Jaimie Crumley, or Dr. Daniel Johnson! www.fbcbeverly.org

Stay home if you have cold or flu symptoms. Worship with us

Reminder: Please wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth whenever you are in the church building. Please ask a Deacon to provide a mask for you if you forget to bring yours.



https://safestop.io/hKh8KW for updates



## **Together Again! Zoom Coffee**



## **Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Time**

Come and gather around the virtual table on Thursday at 10:00 am for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us!

> **Zoom Coffee Time** Thursday, January 6th, 10:00 AM ET

Join Zoom Meeting https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87406244804

Meeting ID: 874 0624 4804



#### Open Gym Night featuring Pickleball Thursdays 5:00-7:00 PM

If you are looking to have some fun and get some post-holiday exercise in a safe environment, then you should poke your head (and body) into the FBC gymnasium this **Thursday**, **January 6**, **between 5:00** & **7:00** pm!

Our new fresh air ventilation system will be up and running, our new Pickleball court will be all set up, and new Pickleballers and old-timers alike will be free to grab a paddle and jump into the game. So come on out to the gym and get moving!

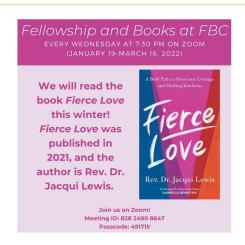
#### Word Searchers

Our Word Searchers adult Bible study will resume after worship this Sunday, January 9, at 11:30 am in the Conference Room.

This week we will continue our study of Isaiah by looking into chapters 40 through 48, in which God's people in exile receive some harsh, somewhat surprising, but ultimately hopeful messages. Whether you are able to read in advance or not, please join us as we consider what those ancient words might mean for us today.



### The Return of Fellowship & Books at FBC (on Zoom!)



On Wednesday, January 19th, join us on Zoom to discuss the Introduction and Chapter 1! Feel free to join us even if you haven't completed the reading.

Join Rev. Jaimie Crumley on Wednesdays, starting on January 19, for a time of fellowship and book study on Zoom. This winter (January 19-March 16, 2022), we will read and discuss the 2021 book Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World. Please pick up a copy of the book for yourself from the church office. Those who have Audible accounts might also want to check out the audiobook version.

Fierce Love is by Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, the senior minister of New York City's Middle Collegiate Church. Lewis is the first African American person and the first woman to serve as a senior minister in the history of the collegiate church (founded in New York City in 1628). She has dedicated her ministry to building a multiracial and multicultural faith community. Fierce Love is a series of nine essays about the daily practices we can do to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world! Lewis has described the book as "a manifesto for all generations, a universalist's vision for mending our broken hearts and a fractured world."

#### Zoom

**Meeting ID:** 828 2490 8647 **Passcode:** 491715

#### A message from Rev. Cindy Maybeck...

I love to tell the story, for the Bible tells me so. I come to First Baptist Church in Beverly bearing the gift of storytelling. Over these next few months, you will hear me tell scripture by heart in a way that embodies, enlivens and embraces the story of God's great love for God's people. I'm sure you enjoyed hearing the Christmas story in our beautiful Christmas Eve worship services.

Attached <u>here</u>, you will find a video of my telling of the story of the infant Jesus when he was just a baby; Mary and Joseph bring him to the Temple where prophets rejoice and praise God to see the Messiah, God's



Luke 2:21-40

son, in the most holy of places. On Sunday, you will hear the story of Jesus' baptism, which marks the beginning of his ministry on earth. Our story weaves throughout God's story of love, grace and divine presence. I look forward to hearing your stories as we share together the wonder of God's stories.

#### The Gift of Heat

It is the last call for Gifts of Heat this week! Please return your donations by January 9, 2022.

Cash or checks are accepted. Please make your check out to the **First Baptist Church** with a memo to *Gift of Heat* and return it to the church office at 221 Cabot Street, drop it in the offering plate or deposit it in the basket in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday. We will gather the donations and forward one total amount to Beverly Bootstraps.



Thank you as your donation will warm others as it hopefully warms your heart!

#### **Pickleball Open House SUCCESS!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first-ever Pickleball Open House at FBC! Stay tuned for many more pickleball events this winter in the gym so don't put that paddle away!





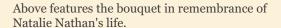


# **Moments From Last Week's Worship:**



Pictured above are Rev. Julie and Dr. Daniel Johnson serving Communion on Sunday, January 9th.





Pictured to the right showcases Rev. Julie Flowers receiving a gift and well-wishes from Gloria Stoneham on behalf of everyone at FBC Beverly as she prepares to go embark on her short-term, three month sabbatical.

It's a season of New Adventures, and we enthusiastically welcome our Interim Minister Rev. Cindy Maybeck as she joins our staff to continue furthering the important work of FBC into 2022! Welcome Cindy!





#### In the Family...



It is with heavy hearts that we share that Natalie Nathan died unexpectedly of a heart attack over the New Year's weekend. Natalie was a wonderful and faithful member of the church family, an avid and enthusiastic student of scripture and had been a long-time member of the Adult Bible Study class, and, most recently, was a proud and dedicated member of the Board of Deacons. We hold Natalie and all those whose lives she touched in our hearts and in our prayers at this sad time. At this time, we have not received more information about a service for Natalie, but we will keep the church family informed as things unfold.

Thank you to Gail Anderson for sharing this special photo.

Also to note...

Church member and beloved friend Nancy Winter is hoping to be able to come back up to the North Shore for an extended visit of about a month during the summer of 2022. She is currently looking for a place to rent for that time, and so we are putting out word to the church family about her search!

If you have a home/apartment that might be free for a month this coming summer (2022), please let Nancy know by reaching out to her cell phone at 978-790-2293.

# **Coming Up at FBC**



Thursday, January 6th 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee Hour 5:00-7:00 pm: Open Gym Night featuring Pickleball

Saturday, January 8th 12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Sunday, January 9th 10:00 am: Hybrid Worship on YouTube or In Person 11:30 am: Word Searchers Adult Bible Study 4:00-6:00 pm: Middle School Fellowship 6:00-9:00 pm: Senior High Fellowship

Monday, January 10th 6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Tuesday, January 11th 9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Note: To see the current events planned for January, Click <u>HERE</u> to view our January Calendar!

Sunday, January 2, 2022

"Doing New Things; Telling new Stories"

Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19 Luke 2:25-40

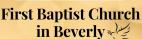
Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers

# Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

"Doing New Things: Telling New Stories" Rev. Julie Flowers Isaiah 43:18-19

Luke 2:25-40







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