



MY HEART BE BRAVE:
FEARLESS HOPE IN
UNCERTAIN TIMES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN
BEVERLY 2024-2025

**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 to 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 one of the offering plates 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 loving memory of Will Stanton by Andrea Stackpole and Family.

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 will meet this Sunday following 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

Save these Dates!

- ◆ The next Senior Group Lunch will be held on Monday, February 24, 11:30 –1:30 in the Church Lounge. Seniors are also welcome to stop by weekly on Mondays from 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. with their lunch or a snack to connect in small groups for community, conversation, or games.
- ◆ FBC Men’s Fellowship Trivia Night. Join the men of FBC for a time of fellowship, fun, and friends at Backbeat Brewing Company on Wednesday, February 26. More details will be coming.

Upcoming Events This Week:

Worship Ensemble - Today immediately following worship

Youth Class - Today at 11:30 a.m.

Word Searchers - Today at 11:30 a.m.

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

Middle School Advisors meeting - Today at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Theology on Tap - Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at Kitchen Table on Cabot Street

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

Celebration Ringers - Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

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

Lectio Divina - Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Parents’ Night Out - Friday at 6:00 p.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 2, 2025

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

Dr. Daniel Johnson

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

A Moment of Preparation

Call to Worship

Jenny Lane

*Hymn 66

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (debts) (sung)

Lauren Costa

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Rev. Julie Flowers
Pew Bible pg. O.T. 192

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Pew Bible pg. O.T. 430

Psalms 103:1-5

Stepsitters

Dr. Daniel Johnson

Anthem

W. Runyan

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Summer and winter, springtime endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Meditation

Rev. Julie Flowers

“A Samuel Story: Clearing the Air”

Morning Offering


Call to Giving

Kelsey Belis

Offertory

D. Sneed

Talk about a child that do love Jesus, here's one. Talk about a child that's been converted, here's one. Ever since I learned the gospel story I've been walking up the path to glory, talk about a child that's been converted, here's one. Talk about a child that do love Jesus, here's one.

 **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 619

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

My Life Flows On

*Benediction

Rev. Julie Flowers

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Soup-R-Bowl 2025 is next week! The Missions and Social Concerns Committee (MiSC) together with service trip participants will be selling homemade soups by the pint (\$6) and quart (\$12) to-go on Sunday, February 9 immediately after worship. This fundraiser is to benefit the service trip to Marion, VA this summer.

As we move into 2025, we are seeking to strengthen our Hospitality Team (the other arm of our Communal Life group, with the Fun Squad being under that umbrella, too!). Currently, Lucy Keller works with a small and dedicated crew to help ensure wonderful weekly coffee hours after worship are ready to welcome us, as well as to help provide support and sustenance for other FBC events – but she could use more helping hands to help make light work for everyone and to help the Hospitality Team grow in its scope and mission and ability to serve! If you are interested in helping to grow this team and in working with others to help First Baptist continue to be a warm and welcoming place of hospitality, kindness, and, of course, great coffee hours and more, please contact Julie Flowers to express your interest or to learn more. A new year can be just the time to consider if a call into a new way to serve and provide ministry and care could be right for you – we're excited to see our Hospitality Team grow in 2025!