

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*February 19, 2023*



**First Baptist Church of West Point** is seeking to be a caring community of faith under the leadership of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***Celebrating*** the presence and love of God in Worship,

***Nourishing*** persons in faith and discipleship, and

***Reaching Out*** to the community with Christ's unconditional Love.

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## *Welcome*

We welcome you to worship at First Baptist this morning. Please help us be more faithful in our ministry to you, and get to know you better, by taking the time to put your name on the attendance pad found on your pew.

Visitors, please feel free to leave as little or as much of the information requested on the pad. We promise to only contact you if you ask us to, and to only send information as you request.

Members, if you have had a change to your mailing address, email, or telephone number please let us know by supplying that information on the pad.

## *Please Especially Note for Today....*

**Lenten Scripture reading books** have arrived. If you ordered one, please pay Jane your \$12 and pick up a copy down front. There is still time to sign up for a copy if you have not done so already.

**Lenten Prayer Books** for the first week of Lent are also available on the front pew.

**The deacons and finance committee** will meet today after Sunday School.

**Youth Prayer Time** is this Monday at 7:30 PM via Google Meet.

**We will observe Ash Wednesday** this week with the Presbyterian Church with a service here at 6:00 PM. Supper will follow in the Gold Room.

**The Little Pantry** located on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Sweet Georgia Brown is our responsibility and is always in need of replenishing. Please contribute non-perishable grocery items and take them directly to the Little Pantry, or you may bring them to church and someone will take them for you.

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery/PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Jane Abercrombie & Catherine  
Curry

February 26: Debra Downs & Jerri  
Bolton

### *Adult Sunday School Leaders*

Today: Linda Combs  
February 26: Linda Combs

### *Youth Sunday School Leaders*

Today: Joe Downs  
February 26: Joe Downs

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>*

9:09—Choir Practice  
9:30—Lord's Day Worship  
11:00—Sunday School  
11:45—Deacons and finance  
committee meeting

### *Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>*

11:00—Meals on Wheels  
(Janice Dallas)  
7:30—Youth Prayer Time

### *Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>*

11:00—Meals on Wheels  
(Linda Combs)  
6:00—Ash Wednesday Service

### *Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>*

11:00—Meals on Wheels  
(Linda Combs)

### *Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>*

9:09—Choir Practice  
9:30—Lord's Day Worship  
11:00—Sunday School

*The saying is trustworthy, for:  
If we have died with him, we will also live  
with him; if we endure, we will also reign  
with him; if we deny him, he also will deny  
us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful  
— for he cannot deny himself.*

*— 2 Timothy 2:11–13*

# *Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship*

February 19, 2023

9:30 AM

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## PRELUDE

RANDALL SMITH

*For your meditation:*

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

—Hebrews 12:7

## ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**My foot stands on level ground;**

**in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

—Psalms 149:1 & 26:12

### HYMN OF PRAISE (#636)

KREMSER

*“We Gather Together”*

### INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

### GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

To all those *gathered in this place* who are loved by God and called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 1:7

### HYMN (#43)

TERRA PATRIS

*“This Is My Father’s World”*

### PSALM

ANN KERR

*Psalm 94*

- 1 O LORD, God of vengeance,  
O God of vengeance, shine forth!
- 2 Rise up, O judge of the earth;  
repay to the proud what they deserve!
- 3 O LORD, how long shall the wicked,  
how long shall the wicked exult?
- 4 They pour out their arrogant words;

all the evildoers boast.

5 They crush your people, O LORD,  
and afflict your heritage.

6 They kill the widow and the sojourner,  
and murder the fatherless;

7 and they say, “The LORD does not see;  
the God of Jacob does not perceive.”

8 Understand, O dumbest of the people!  
Fools, when will you be wise?

9 He who planted the ear, does he not hear?  
He who formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke?  
He who teaches man knowledge—

11 the LORD—knows the thoughts of man,  
that they are but a breath.

12 Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD,  
and whom you teach out of your law,

13 to give him rest from days of trouble,  
until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not forsake his people;  
he will not abandon his heritage;

15 for justice will return to the righteous,  
and all the upright in heart will follow it.

16 Who rises up for me against the wicked?  
Who stands up for me against evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not been my help,  
my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.

18 When I thought, “My foot slips,”  
your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.

19 When the cares of my heart are many,  
your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can wicked rulers be allied with you,  
those who frame injustice by statute?

21 They band together against the life of the righteous  
and condemn the innocent to death.

- 22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,  
and my God the rock of my refuge.
- 23 He will bring back on them their iniquity  
and wipe them out for their wickedness;  
the LORD our God will wipe them out.

HYMN (#334)

ASSURANCE

*“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

—Matthew 6:14–15

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TOM TUCKER

To all who did receive *Christ Jesus*, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God..

—John 1:12–13

GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

—Matthew 5:3–12



HYMN (#601)

DIADEMATA

*“Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray”*

**GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TOM TUCKER

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

DEBRA DOWNS

*Proverbs 3:1–12*

- 1 My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments,
- 2 for length of days and years of life  
and peace they will add to you.
- 3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 So you will find favor and good success  
in the sight of God and man.
- 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.
- 7 Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
- 8 It will be healing to your flesh  
and refreshment to your bones.
- 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
- 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
- 11 My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline  
or be weary of his reproof,
- 12 for the LORD reproves him whom he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights.

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOE DOWNS

*Matthew 10:24–33*

<sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

## THE EPISTLE LESSON

TOM TUCKER

*Romans 8:14–25*

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope

that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“Life in the Family of God”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONGREGATION

**I believe in God the Father Almighty;  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

—*The Apostles’ Creed*

HYMN OF RESPONSE(#386)

FAMILY OF GOD

*“The Family of God”*

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP & REACHING OUT

- The deacons and finance committee will meet after Sunday School today.
- Youth Prayer Time is this Monday at 7:30 PM via Google Meet.
- Ash Wednesday service is Wednesday at 6:00 PM.
- *Unfolding Grace*, a book of Scripture readings for Lent is now available.
- Lenten prayer books for week 1 are available down front.

PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

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, for ever. Amen.

THE EXHORTATION

TOM TUCKER

“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

—Matthew 12:50

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

—2 Corinthians 13:14

POSTLUDE

RANDALL SMITH





## *The Bulletin Board*

### *Remember in Prayer*

- **The family of Mary Clark**
- **Janice Dallas**
- **Pat Cantrell**
- **Ann Adams & family**
- **Jane Hales & family**
- **Randall Smith**
- **Dot Allen**
- **George & Dianne Hester**
- **Margaret Bartlett**
- **Richard Kemp**
- **Howard & Suzanne Bryan**
- **Justin Graben**
- **Vi Hudmon**
- **Billy & Althea Head**
- **Jana Lanham**
- **Johnnie & Deborah Johnson**
- **Pal Reeves**
- **Marsha Fitzgerald**
- **Amy Hayes**

### *General Fund Summary of Operations thru January 2023*

Tithes and Offerings Received	\$10,297.00
Received from Other Sources	\$4,867.26
Disbursed	\$17,865.15

### *Special Missions Giving thru January*

Lynn Smith	\$205.94
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