

The First Baptist Evangel

February 12, 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....

A called church business session will be held today to discuss and vote on proposed changes to our shared worship services with West Point Presbyterian Church.

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.

The Garden Committee will be this afternoon at 5:00 in the library.

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

Youth Bible Study is Wednesday at 5:30 PM.

The Little Pantry located on 4th 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: Linda Combs & Janice Dallas
February 19: Jane Abercrombie &
Catherine Curry
February 26: Debra Downs & Jerri
Bolton

Adult Sunday School Leaders

Today: Jerri Bolton
February 19: Linda Combs
February 26: Linda Combs

Youth Sunday School Leaders

Today: Joe Downs
February 19: Joe Downs
February 26: Joe Downs

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, February 12th

9:30—Lord's Day Worship
10:45—Church business session
11:00—Sunday School
5:00—Garden Committee meeting

Monday, February 13th

11:00—Meals on Wheels
(Debra Downs)
7:30—Youth Prayer Time

Wednesday, February 15th

11:00—Meals on Wheels
(Debbie Von Hollen)
5:30—Youth Bible Study

Friday, February 17th

11:00—Meals on Wheels
(Jane Abercrombie)

Sunday, February 19th

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

*And I will put my Spirit within
you, and you shall live...*

— Ezekiel 37:14

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

February 12, 2023

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

RANDALL SMITH

For your meditation:

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

—Ezekiel 36:26–27

ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PHOEBE GRABEN

You are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s. You are God’s temple and God’s Spirit dwells in you....God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

The LORD is in his holy temple.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

and give thanks to his holy name.

—*adapted from* 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, 23; Psalms 11:4 & 30:4

HYMN OF PRAISE (#14)

LOBE DEN HERREN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

INVOCATION

JOE DOWNS

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

To those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 1:2–3

HYMN (#241)

TRENTHAM

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

PSALM

PHOEBE GRABEN

Psalm 25

OF DAVID.

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

- let not my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
- 6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 11 For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
- 12 Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
- 13 His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.
- 14 The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.
- 15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
- 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.
- 18 Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

- 19 Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.
- 20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
- 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for you.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God,
out of all his troubles.

HYMN (#329)

MOODY

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

CALL TO CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

—Psalm 66:16, 18-20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TOM TUCKER

Righteousness will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

—Romans 4:24–25

GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn

you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

—Galatians 5:16–24

HYMN

HOLY SPIRIT

“Holy Spirit”

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TOM TUCKER

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are

indeed cut off.’¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JERRI BOLTON

John 14:15–21

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

THE EPISTLE LESSON

TOM TUCKER

Romans 8:1–17

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not

belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ 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!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ 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.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Life in the Spirit, Part 2”

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(#336)

EVERLASTING LOVE

“I Am His, and He Is Mine”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP & REACHING OUT

- The Garden Committee will meet today at 5:00 PM.
- Youth Prayer Time is this Monday at 7:30 PM via Google Meet.
- Youth Bible Study is Wednesday at 5:30 PM.
- *Unfolding Grace*, a book of Scripture readings for Lent is now available.
- A called church business session will be held today.

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

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

—1 John 4:13

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

CHURCH BUSINESS SESSION

In Memory of the Reverend Dr. Hugh C. Peacock Jr.

December 29, 1932 - February 7, 2023

Pastor of First Baptist Church of West Point

November 1974 - February 1998

Condolences, remembrances, words of gratitude and encouragement may be sent to:

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The Bulletin Board

Remember in Prayer

- **The family of Mary Clark**
- **Janice Dallas**
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- **Ann Adams & family**
- **Jane Hales & family**
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- **George & Dianne Hester**
- **Margaret Bartlett**
- **Richard Kemp**
- **Howard & Suzanne Bryan**
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- **Amy Hayes**

For your consideration

On January 29 the deacons met with the elders of West Point Presbyterian Church and discussed changes to our joint worship services. The proposal we will consider and vote on today involves worshiping together on the first Sunday of every month rather than occasionally on the fifth Sundays. Please seek the Lord's guidance and prayerfully consider your response to this proposed change.

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