



Relief above the entrance of Tabitha Church (Tabeakirche) in Berlin, Germany, quoting "Tabitha, arise." Acts 9:40

Sunday, May 8, 2022
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to worship with the First Baptist Church of Christ.

Whatever road has brought you here and wherever you should go once we depart, know that you are welcome in this space fully and completely, and that the image of God we all bear together this hour is more complete because you are here as a part of it.

Things to Know

Masks are now optional on the church campus. We understand there are those within the congregation who will need or want to continue to wear masks, and we will continue to keep masks around the church for those who may want to use them.

Restrooms can be found through the double doors on the side near the elevator, one flight of stairs up or one flight down.

For Those With Children

Thank you for bringing a child to worship! Take a deep breath and know they are welcome here. Parents with infants are more than welcome to remain in the sanctuary, or ushers can direct you down the back stairs to a comfortable room with sound from the sanctuary so all can still hear the service. A nursery is provided for children younger than 3. Preschoolers (age 3-Kindergarten) are invited to leave after “Let the Children Come” for our W.O.W. (Working on Worship) experience.

For Those with Special Needs

Thank you for joining us for worship! We love our historic buildings, but know they can be a challenge for those with mobility needs. Know that we are committed to doing all we can to make this space welcoming to everyone. Reserved seating for those in wheel chairs and those sitting with them is found near the elevator, and is marked with signs on the walls and on the back of the pews. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher for assistance. If you have special hearing needs, please ask one of the ushers to bring you a hearing assistance device from the sound booth in the back, or feel free to go back there and get one. An accessible restroom is located up one floor across from the office. If you, or someone with you, requires special assistance for any reason, please find a minister or an usher.

THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Sounding of the Hour Anne Armstrong
Maddie Meyer, acolyte

The Prelude Gilbert Martin
"A Festive Trumpet Tune"
Anne Armstrong, organ

The Coral Call to Worship Lynn Shaw Bailey
"Let All Creation Praise"
Music Makers & Young Musicians
Rachel Green, director
Ruth Rowell, accompanist

*The Hymn of Praise 339 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name CORONATION

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.**

*The Invocation JD Granade

*The Gloria Patri 705 GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.**

The Welcome Stanley L. Roberts

“Let the Children Come”

Kelsey Stillwell

Children in 3K-K are invited to W.O.W., a preschool worship experience! We will meet with the W.O.W. Shepherds at the end of “Let the Children Come.” Parents, please come pick up your children immediately after worship. The W.O.W. shepherds this week are Doug and Danielle Barnes.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 54 Like a Mother with Her Children UNENDING PRAISE

**Like a mother with her children you will comfort us each day,
Giving guidance on our journey, as we seek to find our way.
When we walk through fiery trials, You will help us take a stand;
Pass through troubled waters, You hold on Your tender hand.
In Your image You have made us, calling each of us by name,
Giving strength for every challenge, as our gifts we fully claim.
We can hear You gently saying, "Do not worry, do not fear;
for I'll always go beside you: every moment I am near.
With Your vision You inspire us, giving each a holy call;
We will open doors of freedom by Your power in us all.
Life abundant spreads before us as with eagle's wings we soar;
Joining in Your new creation, we rejoice forevermore.**

The Offertory Prayer

Jody Long
Deacon of the Week

The Offertory Anthem

"A Jubilant Song"
Youth Choir

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*The Offertory Response 341 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint

Mission Moment

Dan Riley

THE OFFERING OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

Rachel Huston

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Kelsey Stillwell

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

The Choral Anthem

“I Look to the Top of the Mountain”
Music Makers & Young Musicians
Rebecca Rowell Cooke, Clarinet

Terre Johnson

The Second Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

JD Granade

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the Good News of God,

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“A Resurrection Community”

JD Granade

THE OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of Commitment 255

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

**We are God's people the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God's love ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God out poured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.**

**We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall His work on earth be done.**

**We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;
Yet joined in one, the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.**

*The Benediction

JD Granade

*The Congregational Response "May the Road Rise to Meet You"

Lee Turner

**May the road rise to meet you
May the wind blow at your back
May the sun shine warmly on your face
May the rain fall soft upon your field
And until we meet again, (until we meet again)
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen**

Postlude

"Jubilation"
Anne Armstrong, organ

Douglas Wagner



Our Life Together

Sunday, May 8

9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship

May 14

Evie Wallace

Finn Wallace

May 15

Gail Mann

Wednesday, May 11

9:30 am	Language Ministry
3:00 pm	Open Time in youth room and children's center
4:45 pm	Children Worship Arts Workshops
5:30 pm	Youth Choir
5:30 pm	Family Dinner
6:00 pm	Children's Choir
6:15 pm	Youth "Unplugged"
6:30 pm	Language Ministry
6:30 pm	Choir Practice
6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
6:45 pm	Flex time for children

Save the Date:

May 22: Church Cookout in High St. Park

June 20-24: VBS

Condolences

We grieve with Kent Bruner and his family in the death of his father **Philip Bruner**.

We grieve with the family of **Mildred Chapman** in her death on April 27.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm
Fellowship hall

Note: New meal pricing is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$24 max per family.

May 11: Meatball marinara/veggie Alfredo sauces with spaghetti, green salad, garlic Texas toast, double chocolate kiss cookies or fresh fruit

Women's Book Club

Our next meeting will be on June 26, 2022, at 6 pm at the home of Kerri Thompson, 5377 White House Plantation, Macon 31210. We have selected "The Secret of Magic" by Deborah Johnson. Kathy McCollum will facilitate our discussion.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

June 20-24 from 9:00-12:15

We're excited to once again offer Vacation Bible School to the children of our church

Sunday, May 15

Graduate Recognition Sunday

9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
12:00 pm	Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

Deacons of the Week

May 5	Jody Long
May 12	Marina Spears

Birthdays

May 8	Lorelai Wall
May 9	Barbara Newton
May 11	David McCollum
May 12	Kay Gatins
May 13	Jameson Graham Amy Wiles

and community! We'll be using Compassion Camp from Illustrated Ministry as our theme as children learn from Scripture how to show compassion not just to others but to themselves. It takes a village to pull off VBS, so anyone who is willing to help is welcome! There are roles during the week as well as before and after, and some that don't require working directly with children. If you'd like to help or want more information, please fill out the form in the Highlites or contact JD.

Celebrating Stanley's Thirty Years of Service

May 22 at 5:00 pm
High Street Park

It's a Grand Ole Opry for a grand music minister! Bring your favorite salad and a lawn chair, put on your contry duds, and join us for BBQ, live music, and a grand ole time.

FBCX Night Out with Macon Bacon **Saturday, June 4 at 7:00 pm**

Tickets are \$15 and include admission, all you can eat buffet, a hat, and a portion will go toward FBCX youth trips! Order tickets with the link in the Highlites and pay for tickets online. Deadline to get tickets is May 20th! Pick up tickets outside the gate before the game.

MISSIONS

Food Insecurity Efforts: Community Fridge
Drop off at Centenary Church or Steward Chapel AME

Donation Guidelines

Yes, please: Fresh fruit and veggies, breads and pastries wrapped individually, sealed prepared meals with date made and ingredients, unopened dairy products, cooked meat and lunch meat, personal hygiene items and menstrual products, portable protein and snacks, individually wrapped utensils, diapers and baby food.

No, thank you: raw uncooked meat, alcoholic beverages, medicine, expired food, clothing, anything you wouldn't eat, meals not separated for individuals

YOUTH

Set up for Graduate Sunday Lunch

May 14th at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Youth and adults meet in the fellowship hall to set up and prepare for the fundraiser lunch.

Celebration for Phoebe

May 14th at 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
638 Millrun Ct

Phoebe is graduating! We will celebrate Phoebe with a party hosted by the Longs.

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 15 at 11:00 am
FBCX sanctuary

Youth Fundraiser Lunch

Sunday, May 15 at 12:00 pm
FBCX Fellowship Hall

Donations collected at this event will help offset the cost of the youth mission trip and

Passport camp. Check the youth newsletter for details and to sign up for a shift to help set up, serve, or clean up.

Pickleball Clinic with Paul Midkiff

Thursday, May 26th at 6:00 pm
Tattnall Square Park

Macon Bacon Baseball Game

Saturday, June 4th at 7:00 pm
Luther Williams Field

The youth are selling tickets to the Macon Bacon game. \$15 ticket includes a hat and food. \$5 of each ticket goes to FBCX youth. Ticket sales end and final numbers are due Friday, May 20th.

lead a training in the "Community Resiliency Model." Together we will discuss creating a space where all children can flourish! This is an excellent opportunity with limited space, so please contact JD if you're interested in attending.

Save the Dates:

June 6: Summer Kickoff event
June 20-24: Compassion Camp VBS
July 2: Children's ministry pool party
July 30: Summer Wrap-up event

CHILDREN

Worship Arts

Creative Writing
May 11

From the words found in ancient scripture to the tales shared around the dinner table, we are story people. The beauty of our faith is best captured in the story of God and God's people, and our role in it. For our final Worship Arts unit Kelly Whiddon will share her gifts as an English professor and mother as she helps the children explore the joy writing can bring!

Children's Ministry Workshop

Resiliency and Inclusion
May 14 at 10:00 am

FBCX and Resilient Middle Georgia are partnering to bring The Center for Inter-relational Science and Pediatrics to

A yellow background with a white dotted pattern. At the top, there are six black graduation caps with gold tassels. Below them, the text reads: **Graduate Recognition &** in a dark green, serif font, followed by *Endless Pasta-bilities Lunch Celebration* in a cursive, orange font. Below this, it says: **Join us for worship and a spaghetti lunch on Sunday, May 15 to celebrate our graduates and support our youth!** in a dark green, sans-serif font. Then, it lists: **11:00am Graduates will be recognized in worship** and **12:00pm Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser hosted by the FBCX Youth in the Fellowship Hall.** The rest of the text is in a dark green, sans-serif font: **Everyone is invited to lunch as we celebrate with our graduates and our families. Donations from this event will be used to offset the cost of the youth mission trip and Passport camp this summer.** In the bottom right corner, there is a line drawing of a bowl of spaghetti with a fork lifting some strands.

Graduate Sunday

Please contact the church office if you or a family member are graduating from high school, college, or other programs. We want to ensure that all our graduates are recognized and celebrated. We also ask that you provide an email address so we can reach out to you concerning plans for Graduate Sunday.

Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

The Youth will be hosting a Spaghetti fundraiser directly following the Graduate Sunday service on May 15th. Make plans now to stay after the service to celebrate our graduates, support our youth, and enjoy a delicious meal with your church family. To go plates will be available for a donation as well.

Signs of the Season

The paraments on the pulpit and communion table along with the ministers' stoles are visual reminders of the current season of the church year. The season of Easter marks the fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. Eastertide is traditionally a time of reflection on the significance of the resurrection of Christ for our life and faith. The color white symbolizes the hope of the resurrection.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and to our mothers, Kay Whittle Holland and Anne Whipple Alderman Murphey, by Jonathan and Amy Alderman.

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