

## Welcome to First Baptist Church!

Welcome to First Baptist Church, where we celebrate God's love and Christ's salvation, engage in ministry near and far, and empower each person to be the good news of Jesus Christ in Vero Beach. Please see an usher for any concerns, and fill out a Connection Card for the offering plate.

We welcome children in our worship services: The presence of children is a gift, and we celebrate their wiggles, cries, and play as we teach them how to "play" and be the church! We hope that you feel the warm embrace of the First Baptist family and grow deeper in the Lord. Nursery is provided for infants and preschool children in both services.

### This Week's Opportunities

#### Sunday, November 3, 2024

7:45 AM Worship Team Warmup  
8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:15 AM The Gathering (FLC)  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Warmup (Choir Room)  
10:30 AM Worship Service

**Deacon of the Week**  
Barbara Wight

#### Monday, November 4, 2024

4:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ  
6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting  
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal  
NO Trustees Committee Meeting

**Fellowship Dinner:**  
Quiche (broccoli, ham & cheese), salad & dessert  
Dinners: \$8.00 each

#### Tuesday, November 5, 2024

7:30 AM Men's Prayer  
10:00 AM Election Day Communion  
2:00 PM G.R.O.W. Meets  
4:00 PM Election Day Communion  
6:30 PM Ladies Devotions



#### Wednesday, November 6, 2024

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens  
5:00 PM Wednesday Friends  
5:00 PM Fellowship dinner  
5:45 PM Prayer/Bible Study  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, November 7, 2024

4:30 PM Samaritan Soup Bowl  
7:00 PM Youth Group

#### Birthdays Wishes - November Nonagenarians (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian members:  
Harry Hurst - November 3 (91), Donald Hinz - November 12 (94),  
Nola McCrillis - November 21 (90) and Ron Hutchison - November 27 (92)



**"Love Thy Neighbor"**

**First Baptist**  
Vero Beach

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## News and Notes

#### All Saints' Sunday \* Sunday November 3, 2024

Services on this special day will recognize our members who have gone on to be with the Lord in the past year. These saints will be recognized in both worship services.

#### Election Day Communion \* Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Find safe harbor here at First Baptist on election day in the Prayer Chapel. There will be two opportunities to join us for a brief time of fellowship, prayer, an encouraging word, and communion. Enter the Prayer Chapel through the sanctuary pass-through (near the sanctuary restrooms). All are welcome!

#### G.R.O.W. Team Meeting \* Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 2:00 PM

G.R.O.W. meets for about an hour in the Family Life Center (Building C). We reach out to others with a card, letter or phone call. We have cards and stationary for you to use. If you have questions, please contact the church office. ([office@fbcvero.org](mailto:office@fbcvero.org))

#### Ladies Devotions \* Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM

All ladies are invited to come for fellowship. Bring a friend, a snack and a devotion to share. We will be focusing on prayer. We will have prayer items available for you to take. Ladies devotions will take place in the Large Social Hall in the Family Life Center.

#### Samaritan Soup Bowl \* Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Join us in the Family Life Center 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM for the 32nd Annual Soup Bowl Event benefiting Catholic Charities' Samaritan Center. We will be serving soup, fresh bread, iced tea, water and dessert. Suggested Donation: Eat-In or To-Go Soup: \$5.00 -Bowl & \$15:00-Quart. Pottery Bowls (\$20 each) will be sold at the Heritage Center 2140 14th Ave on Thursday, November 7, 2024 - 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

#### Church Workday/Youth Car Wash \* Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 8:00 AM

We will meet in the FLC. Help beautify the church and grounds for the Advent Season. Our youth group will host a car wash that will start at 8:30 AM that same day. So come out and get your car washed too! **"Many hands make light work!"**

#### Advent Poinsettias Order Forms Available\* Deadline is November 11, 2024

Order a poinsettia for the Advent Season to honor or to memorialize a loved one. Bring your message to the church office or drop it in the offering plate with a check or cash for \$20. Poinsettias request forms are available around the campus.

#### Communion/Lunch/Church Conference/2025 Budget Discussion at 11:45 AM

#### Sunday November 17, 2024

We will be celebrating communion at our one worship service. Church Conference will feature the 2025 Budget Discussion. The Nominating Committee will be announcing new members for next year's committees for approval. Please plan to attend this important Church Conference. Lunch will be served. The budget vote will take place on Sunday, November 24, 2024 immediately following both services.

#### "Fluffing of the Greens" \* Monday, November 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

After being compressed into cartons for storage all year, the miles of greenery (not really miles, but a few feet) that we have for the Advent Season will need to be fluffed. It won't take long with many willing hands. Join us as we prepare God's house for Advent.

#### Church Office Closed

Veterans Day - Monday, November 11, 2024

Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday, November 28, 2024 & Friday, November 29, 2024

#### Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Next rehearsal for Handel's Messiah!



## The Worship of God

### All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

*During Children's Moment  
one bright, sunny Sunday morning,  
the minister asked the children,  
"What is a saint?"  
Looking up at the tall figures  
in the stained glass windows,  
one child responded,  
"A saint is someone  
that the light shines through."*

## 8:30 AM Worship Service

**Opening Praise** - *Forever*

**Prayer & Welcome** - John 11:1-8 (NT p. 80) - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

**Worship Songs** - *Blessed Be Your Name / Trading My Sorrows*

**Remembering the Saints / Silence** - Rev. Dr. Michael Carter

**A Response** - *No More Night* - Rev. Dr. Michael Carter

**Pastoral Prayer** - Rev. Dr. Joe and Kristina LaGuardia

**Scripture Lesson** - John 11:17-37 (NT p. 80) - Barbara Wight  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. / **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - "The Reality of Eternal Life"

**Time of Response** - *We Fall Down*

**Offertory Prayer** - Barbara Wight / **Offertory** - Adult Handbell Choir

**Ministry Opportunities / Benediction** - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

**Closing Song** - *I'll Fly Away*

First Baptist Church follows the Christian Year Calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today is All Saints Sunday in the Christian Year. It is a time to celebrate and give thanks for the community of faith and the individuals who comprise it. We give thanks for the generations of faithful folks who have prepared the way for us. We pray that we may also be faithful as we share God's love with this and future generations: all to the glory of God! The color for All Saints Sunday is white. Thanks to Judy Carter for playing the piano today!



### Pastoral Ministry Team:

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia, Rev. Dr. Michael Carter,  
Dr. Ray Adams and Kristina LaGuardia

### Ministry Assistants:

Aaron Marckel, Millie Portante,  
Pat Smith and Roy Strickland

### Worship Team:

Dr. Ray Adams, Judy Carter, Lance Luncford, Richie Mola,  
Hunter Scoville, and Billy Smith

### Technical Support Team:

Jim Aldendorf, Roger Butler, Hayden LaGuardia,  
Philip Smith, and Stephen Smith

### First Baptist Church Preschool

René LaRosa and Leeanne Parrish

### Nursery Workers

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, and Shyanna Nowell

## 10:30 AM Worship Service

Gathering Music *Come, Thou Fount* (Adams) Dr. Ray Adams, organ  
*Carillon for a Joyous Day* (Wagner) Adult Handbell Choir

Call to Worship (singing # 204, stanza 2; # 514, stanzas 1,2)

*Great Redeemer, Lord and Master, Light of all eternal days;  
Let the saints of ev'ry nation sing Thy just and endless praise!  
Glorious, glorious, glorious is Thy name, O Lord!  
Glorious, glorious, glorious is Thy name, O Lord!*

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace:  
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.  
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!*

*While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will over-spread the sky;  
But when trav'ling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh.  
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!*

Invocation and Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia  
John 11:1-8 (NT p. 80)

Worship Sentences

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**People: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,**

Leader: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

**People: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God.**

Leader: Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

**People: Alleluia!**

\*Hymn of Praise (# 355, stanzas 1,2,5) *SINE NOMINE*  
*For All the Saints*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe and Kristina LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation *Untitled Hymn* (Chris Rice/Robert Sterling)

\*Hymn of Affirmation (# 522) *BY AND BY*  
*When the Morning Comes*

Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful, Generous People

\*Offertory Prayer Barbara Wight  
Offertory Adult Handbell Choir  
*A Merry Heart* (Dobrinski)  
\*Doxology (# 253) *OLD 100TH*

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

Remembering the Saints Since Last All Saints Sunday  
Tommy and Anita Aulick Bob Jackson Carlton Smith  
Jean Bass Katie Moffett Col. Veal Jo Smith  
Bob Dees Edwina Morris George Suplee  
Angelita Gonzalez Tage Nielsen Betty Thomas  
Rev. Dr. Jim Graves Jim & Carolyn Richardson  
Rosa Mae Hedrick Jay Sharp, Jr.  
(Following each name, please respond: "Thanks be to God!")

Giving Thanks for Other Saints in God's Nearer Presence / Silent Prayer

Vocal Affirmation *No More Night* Rev. Dr. Michael Carter

Scripture Lesson: John 11:17-37 (NT p. 80) Barbara Wight  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia  
*"The Reality of Eternal Life"*

\*Hymn of Invitation (# 524) *MARCHING TO ZION*  
*We're Marching to Zion*

Ministry Opportunities and Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

\*Closing Affirmation *I'LL FLY AWAY*  
*Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away, (fly away);  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away, (fly away).  
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away, (in the morning);  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away, (fly away).*

\*Music upon Departure Dr. Ray Adams, organ  
*Lead On, O King Eternal* (arr. Adams)

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### Sympathy

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Carolyn Richardson. Carolyn passed away last Friday, October 25, 2024.  
Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Rev. Dr. Jim Graves. Jim passed away on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 in Tennessee.

### Our Mission

To worship God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and action with our local community and around the world.