

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, March 9, 2025

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
4:00 PM Treasure Coast Chorale Concert

Deacons of the Week

Bob Hiller

Monday, March 10, 2025

4:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (choir room)
6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal

Wednesday Night Supper

Corned beef, cabbage,
potatoes, carrots,
roll/butter & dessert
Dinners are \$8 each

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting (FLC)
7:15 PM Deacons Meeting (FLC)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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, March 13, 2025

7:00 PM Youth Group

Birthday Wishes - March Nonagenarian (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian member:
Charlotte Selph- March 14 (95)

Easter Lilies

Order a lily for Easter Sunday 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 \$15 each. Lily request forms are available all around the campus. Place your order by **Sunday, March 30, 2024**.



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News and Notes

TCC Concert * Today at 4:00 PM

The Treasure Coast Chorale will present **Singing with the Greats: Sinatra & the Rat Pack** accompanied by brass & rhythm section. Come and hear your favorites, such as "New York, New York", "My Way", and "That's Amore" (to name a few). Admission is free. An offering will be received.

Scholarship Applications

Applications and criteria are available for the 2025 year on our website www.fbcvero.org Grow tab. Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 14, 2025.

"Be the Light" Missions Sunday, Lunch, Missions Fair *

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Join us for ONE Service at 10:30 AM on March 30th for Missions Sunday. Worship includes communion and special guest, Rev. Dr. John Keith of the TCBA (SBC). Lunch and missions fair to follow. The theme is "Be the Light!"



Church Workdays/Youth Car Washes Scheduled for 2025

- Saturday, April 5, 2025
- Saturday, July 12, 2025
- Saturday, October 11, 2025

Lunch will be provided on each workday. Mark these dates on your calendar! We will have something for everyone to do - both inside and outside. Our history room will also be open each workday for those who wish to help organize our church historical documents. **"Many hands make light work!"**

FBC Preschool Spaghetti Supper & Art Show * Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Continue to support us in updating our playgrounds. Join us for a night of fundraising and family fellowship! Student Art Show * Silent Auction * Spaghetti Dinner. Sponsorship opportunities are available - contact Leeanne Parrish at 772.562.3037 or email at preschool@fbcvero.org. Purchase tickets in advance - go to fbcv.betterworld.org/events/supper. \$15 Adults & \$10 Children. This event takes place in the Family Life Center, Building C.



Sunday Prayer Ministry * Prayer Chapel after Worship, 11:30 AM

We welcome anyone who needs prayer to join our prayer team in the Prayer Chapel every Sunday after worship service. This is a time to find healing, hope, encouragement, care, and a deeper commitment to discipleship as the Holy Spirit leads you! We offer listening ears and open hearts. Please see Deacons Chris and Carla Rumas for more information.

March Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting (FLC)
7:15 PM Deacons Meeting (FLC)

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting (Conference Room 107)

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Executive Library)



First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Lead us not into temptation...

**Temptation meets us at every turn,
But God is greater than our weakness.
In times of trial, turn to the Lord in prayer.
God will tend to us in our time of need.**

Worship Service at 8:30 AM

Opening Praise - *That's Why We Praise Him*

Invocation and Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Song - *Jesus Draw Me Close / Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Musical Response - *You Are My All in All*

Scripture Lesson - Luke 4:1-13 (NT p. 46-47) - Bob Hiller

This is the Word of God for the people of God./**Thanks be to God!**

Message - "The Subtly of Temptation" - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - *Sanctuary*

Offertory Prayer - Bob Hiller / **Offertory** - Dr. Ray Adams

Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Closing Song - *May the Peace of God / Doxology*

Today, in the Christian Year, is Transfiguration Sunday (the last Sunday of the Epiphany season and the final Sunday before Lent begins) when we remember that Jesus went to the mountain top. He took with him Peter, James, and John and was transfigured before them so he glowed with a brilliant radiance. Moses and Elijah appeared, and God spoke, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." The atmosphere of today's service suggests a reflection of Christ's glory. The color for Transfiguration is white, symbolizing purity. Cover art is by Chris Brazelton.



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 Lunceford, Richie Mola,
Hunter Scoville, and Billy Smith

Technical Support Team:

Jim Aldendorf, Roger Butler, Abigail Gast,
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

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Music Upon Gathering Dr. Ray Adams

Opening Prayer Sentences All in unison

Righteous God, we need your presence in our lives if we are to resist temptation. Send your Spirit to minister to us when the tempter comes to call. Put not our hearts to the test, but shelter us in your protective love. For you are our God and we are your people.

(Choir)

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heav'n. Give us today our daily.*

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,
save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.*

Invocation & Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Call to Worship

Leader: Temptation surrounds us every day.

People: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

Leader: Opportunities to stray litter our path.

People: Happy are those whose sin is covered.

Leader: Though we stumble and fall, God's mercy picks us up.

People: God's grace brushes us off.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,

People: God's love meets us here.

*Hymn of Worship (# 185) HYFRYDOL

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners (1,2,5)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (R.J. Powell)

*Hymn of Affirmation EBENEZER

1) *Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread: "Use your pow'r," the tempter tells him; "Turn these barren rocks to bread!" "Not alone by bread," he answers, can the human heart be filled. Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!"*

2) *When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread. Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread. By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall - your trust betray. Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.*

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Bob Hiller

Offertory Dr. Ray Adams

*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

Musical Prayer Mitzi Zimmerle & Rev. Dr. Michael Carter
You are My All in All

A Prayer of Confession—(Prayed in unison)

**God of wilderness wanderings, many things tempt us;
many forces cause our feet to stray.
Save us from the time of trial,
for we easily succumb to temptation;
we often heed voices that cause us to stray.
Return us to the garden of your abiding love,
for we yearn to walk with you with faithful hearts and upright
spirits.**

A Time for Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

An Affirmation

Choir:

*Forgiven, I've been forgiven; God has looked beyond my sin,
saved me from what I might have been, gave me a new life
within, I am forgiven by His grace.*

People: (Singing # 329, refrain)

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse
within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than
all our sin.*

Scripture Lesson: Luke 4:1-13 (NT p. 46-47) Bob Hiller

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

"The Subtly of Temptation"

*Hymn of Invitation (# 450) NEED

I Need Thee Every Hour

Opportunities for Service & Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 462) MALOTTE

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name...

*Music upon Departure Dr. Ray Adams, organ

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*All who are able, please stand.

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