

AS WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

*True spiritual worship will cause God Almighty to come and sit with you,
for He is enthroned in the midst of your praises. — Joseph L. Garlington
Join us as we sit, with God in our midst, and worship Him.*

June 11, 2023

Announcements

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Praise
Holy and Anointed One

The Psalm
Psalm 119:65-72

Children's Moments

The Epistle
Romans 4:13-25

Hymn of Offering
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
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Gathering of Tithes and Offerings
Music for Reflection

Anthem
Go Down to the River
Sanctuary Choir

Gospel
Matthew 9:9-13

Morning Message
Rev. Paul Spradley

Hymn of Invitation
Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior
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The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

AS WE DEPART TO SERVE
*As you go, share His love. Be the voice of the savior. Offer hope, speak His peace, let the Gospel be
seen in you. For Christ has enabled you and the Spirit shall lead you.*

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

- * Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the entrances to the sanctuary.
- * Our sanctuary is equipped with assisted hearing devices for the hearing impaired. If you wish to use one, please see an usher.
- *Nursery service is available. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery area.



Divine Dance

Using the fancy word *perichoresis* (from Greek for "around" and "contain") may win you admiring — or strange! — looks. But since the 7th century, people have used it as a beautiful image of the Persons of the Holy Trinity containing and permeating one another. A more familiar word, *choreography*, has led to recent understandings of perichoresis as the divine and eternal dance of love.

Picture three dancers' synchronized yet independent movements. Weaving gracefully in and out, each seems to know what the others will do next. They may touch lightly but don't constrain or impede one another. Though distinct individuals, they move so fluidly together that they are, in a sense, one entity.

Even more profound: Jesus invites us into the dance! "If you love me," he says, "you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth. ... I will come to you. ... I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you" (John 14:15-20, ESV). As the actions of Jesus, the Father and the Spirit interweave in Scripture and in the world, may our lives too be drawn into the loving dance.

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**Nursery Staff
June**

- 4 Kathryn Keeter
- 11 Kathryn Keeter
- 18 Rachel Holliday
- 25 Rachel Holliday

Spiritual Maturity
Is not reached by
the passing of years,
But by obedience
To the will of God.



Deacons of the Month

June July

James Thompson	Tom Mitchell
Jimmy Shields	Ben Winslow
Polly Staton	Susan Holliday

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Mr. Jimmy Shields, Deacon Chairman

Mrs. Jean Elhoffer, Office Manager

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Welcome to Worship at First Baptist Church



This is the house of the Lord.

All are welcome to enter and worship our loving Creator.

May God's love fill you with kindness, mercy and joy.