

DEACONS MINISTRY

PLEASE NOTE: The Deacons Meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to illness and the temporary delay of the Deacon elections.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, February 25 — 10:00 AM
Meet in the Bridal Suite

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR THE



WORSHIP SERVICE

March 5
6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FBC KIDS EVENT March 9



Children will gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately after Sunday School for lunch. Following lunch, we'll take a trip to the Candy Shop—don't forget to bring money for a sweet treat! From there, we'll head to the Clemson Little Theater for an exciting performance.

Please sign up for this event by February 26, so we can secure tickets. To register, call the church office or send an email to sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Offertory Prayer: Sonny Reed
Visitor Outreach: Dale Ellenburg
Children's Worship:
Leslie Walker and Sammy Gilmer
Security:
Jimmy Cooley and Thomas Roach

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

I am deeply grateful for each of you who has taken the time to send a card or visit. Your kindness and prayers have been such a source of comfort and joy to me. It means more than words can express to know that I am in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your love and support—it truly lifts my spirit.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Haskell Bolt

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

Chili for Charity Cook-Off!

Sunday, February 23, 4-6pm

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

Sponsored by local businesses and donations -
all proceeds go to support local charities in Anderson

- 15 unique homemade chili entries to taste!
- 15 local charities to meet!
- Vote for your favorite chili
- Browse our wonderful bake sale
- Learn about volunteer opportunities in your Anderson community!

Everyone is invited!

Bring your friends, family, neighbors, or total strangers to join in the food and fun.

Chili and fixin's are free, a donation is requested for bake sale items.
100% of donations and sponsorships benefit local charities and missions in Anderson

PLUS Cornbread, fixings, and a bake sale!

All Possible Thanks To These Sponsors:

Robert & Lou Rainey
Stop A Minit
Kathleen Hodges, Attorney at Law
Keller Sullivan
Bigger Brains
St John's Chancel Choir



Special Guests: Grace Episcopal, First Baptist, and Homeland Park Elementary

To sign up as a Chili contestant, Baker, or Sponsor, contact Chip Reaves (chip@bigger-brains.com or 404-449-5021), or the church office (864-224-6563)

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, February 19

- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
- 5:45 PM Children's Music & Missions (Rock Room)
- Youth Group (Gym)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

Thursday, February 20

The Beacon Published
12:00PM Third Thursday (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 23

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner



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We covenant as Christ followers, through humility and love, to share in God's ongoing work of redemption and to serve our world by creating a safe space for healing and wholeness, growth and transformation, awe and wonder.

Welcome

February 16, 2025

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:
Chad Walker

Visitor Outreach:
Ginger Smith

Children's Worship:
Elana Roach and Matt Wilson

Security:
Charlie Ballentine and Chad Walker

We are delighted to have you with us this morning. For 200 years, this congregation has come together in worship, responding to God's presence among us. Worship is central to who we are as a church—it unites us, defines us, and allows us to experience the joy of God's love together.

If this is your first time here, we extend a special welcome to you! We invite you to complete the visitor card located on the back of the pew. This card is a great way to join our mailing list, share prayer requests, or connect with our church staff.

If you are exploring your faith, our Staff is here to answer any questions you may have about Christianity, our church, or how to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

We're so glad you're here! May you encounter God's love and grace this morning."

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager
Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager
Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence
Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager
Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

Welcome Dale Ellenburg

Prelude *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Lyndell Leatherman
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship Dale Ellenburg

Leader: Come, all who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: Come, for the table of grace is set before us.

Leader: This is the feast of the Lord, where all are welcome,

People: We come with open hearts to receive the bread of life.

Leader: Let us remember Christ's body, broken for us,

People: And His blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: As we partake, may we be renewed in spirit,

People: And go forth to share His love with the world.

*Hymn No. 377 *Jesus, at Your Holy Table* BEACH SPRING

Song of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Remembrance (The Communion Song) - Maher

Offertory Prayer Chad Walker

Offertory Music *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Nigel Williams

Praising God For His Gifts To Us OLD 100th

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](https://www.facebook.com/andersonfbc) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Morning Prayer Liz Marvin

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

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 have trespassed 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. Amen.

Scripture **Romans 8:31-39**
(Pew Bible Page 1119)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Gripped By God"** Jim Wooten

Anthem *As We Gather at Your Table* Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Choir

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through that holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast,
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Serving of the Bread

I Look to the Shepherd - Keil

Serving of the Cup

Trio on "O Dearest Jesus" - David Lasky

Benediction Hymn No. 387 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

Postlude *With Praises All Unite!* Jan P. Sweelinck
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. Our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer's baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.