

EVENTS FOR "CHURCH AND COMMUNITY" – Please send to the church office at fbithaca@gmail.com

HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and BIBLES are available from the ushers. For people with mobility issues, there is an accessible restroom, as well as a wheelchair and walker in the cloakroom. Please share your comments with us on their usefulness to you.

FBC BOTTLE RETURNS

We encourage members to support FBC recycling efforts and help the environment by returning deposit cans/bottles to Wegmans or another convenient location and donating the funds to First Baptist to be used for the Guatemala mission trip.

THE NURSERY is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers during the entire service with care provided by Carol Fleming or Sarah Zipfel.

SUPERVISED CHILDREN'S TABLE is available for younger children during the service. Parents are asked to use their judgment as to their child's ability to engage in quiet activities. Parents with children at the table are encouraged to sit in the section closest to it to allow children to check in with them as needed. Thank you.

DROP OFF BILLS ARE IN THE COAT AREA for

- * Kitchen Cupboard staple foods
- * Gently used or new Books for the Family Reading Partnership
- * Winter clothing/school supplies for Enfield Elementary School
- * Dental recycling – used toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes

This week at First Baptist

Sunday, April 14 th	11:30 a.m.	Children, and Youth Education
Monday, April 15 th	9:00 a.m.	Tweens Home School Group
	5:00 p.m.	Service and Social Justice Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Ceasefire Now Ithaca meeting
Tuesday, April 16 th	9:00 a.m.	Tweens Home School Group
	7:00 p.m.	Transpose: Ithaca Queer Singers Alliance Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 17 th	5:30 p.m.	Worship, Music & Spiritual Life Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Rock Voices Ithaca Rehearsal
Thursday, April 18 th	8:30 a.m.	Meditation
	10:00 a.m.	Friendship Center Lunch Making
	6:30 p.m.	FBC Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, April 21 st	10:00 a.m.	Worship

First Baptist Church, DeWitt Park – 309 North Cayuga Street

Office Hours Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

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Visit our website at www.firstbaptistithaca.org.

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Ministers—All Members of the Church ~ Rev. Debbie Bennett Reynolds, Pastor

Christopher Morgan Loy, Organist/Pianist ~ Belinda Adams, Choir Director

Janice Nigro, Office Manager ~ David Hopkins, Custodian

Laura Ward, Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator

Carol Fleming, Nursery Care Giver ~ Sarah Zipfel, Sunday School Aide

Alice Damp, Minister of Music Emerita



First Baptist Church in Ithaca

Order of Worship

April 14, 2024

What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Invitation to Connect and Center in God's Presence

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Core Values

First Baptist Church in Ithaca is a nurturing and inclusive community. Guided by Jesus' teachings, we strive for social and ecological justice; and embrace the Baptist Tradition of Bible, Soul, Church, and Religious freedoms.

***Hymn** "Let the Whole Creation Cry" #21

Call to Worship

One: Amazing God, maker of things seen and unseen, we praise you!

Many: You are our breath, our life, and we thank you.

One: Risen Christ, you who come to us, we open our hearts to you.

Many: May your heartbeat drum within us, that we may live with your joy, with your beauty, and with your love. Alleluia! Come and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

~ adapted from "Unfolding Light"

Chant My heart is open to you. My heart is open to you, God.
Come dwell in my heart. Come dwell in my heart.

Silent Meditation

Prayer for the Earth

God of all, let us trust in a resurrection of will to restore your creation. And grant us your vision of creation transformed. Lead us to let go of those behaviors that would keep us from imagining such a renewal. Give us the desire to work with others who understand that faith in you demands working for healing for your creation. Amen

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers and Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Creator 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Anthem "When My Lord Rose" Arr. Nygard

Young People's Time

Offertory

Two Chinese Short Pieces for Piano
"Yellow Daisy" "Passing Cloud"

Chow Shu San

***Presenting Our Gifts** "Doxology" #47

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture

Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

Message

"The Meaning of Worship"
a Play Reading by Rich Barron and Beth Wolfer
Written by William H. Willimon

***Hymn** "Now the Green Blade Rises" #230

Benediction

Postlude

***Please stand if you are able.**

BRIEFLY AT FBC

Please join us for coffee, refreshments, and time for visiting in the community room.