

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 7 th	11:30 a.m.	Adult, Children, and Youth Education
Monday, April 8 th	9:00 a.m.	Tweens Home School Group
	6:00 p.m.	FBC Council
	6:30 p.m.	Ithaca Jewish Voices for Peace meeting
Tuesday, April 9 th	9:00 a.m.	Tweens Home School Group
	4:30 p.m.	Ecological Justice Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Transpose: Ithaca Queer Singers Alliance Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 10 th	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Gathering
	7:00 p.m.	Rock Voices Ithaca Rehearsal
Thursday, April 11 th	8:30 a.m.	Meditation
	6:30 p.m.	FBC Choir Rehearsal
Saturday April 13 th	9:00 a.m.	Uffords' downsizing sale to benefit FBC till 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 14 th	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

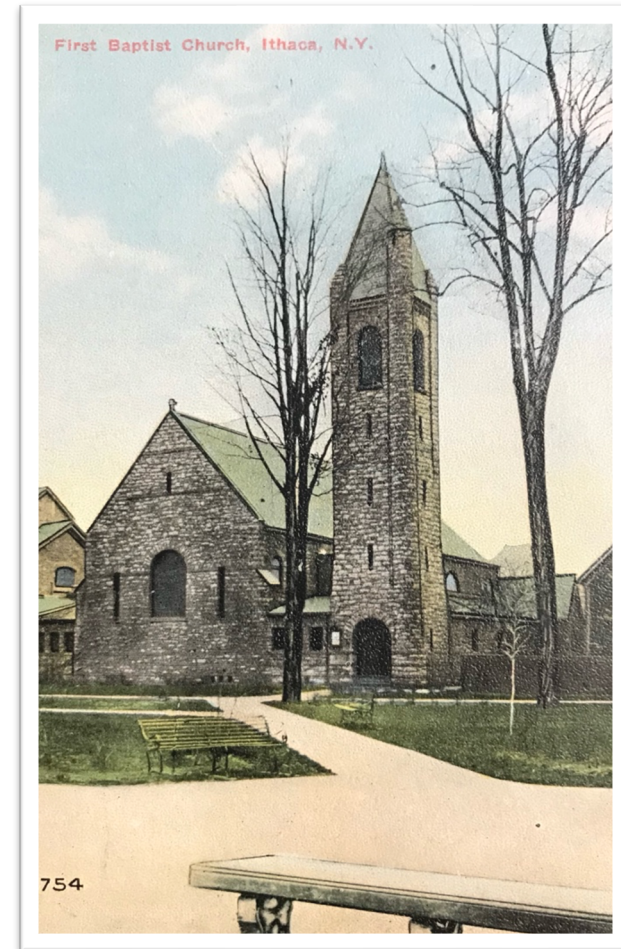
Christopher Morgan Loy, Organist/Pianist ~ Belinda Adams, Choir Director

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

Worship & Communion

April 7, 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** "Christ Arose!" #224

Call to Worship

One: God of power, God of people, You are the life of all that lives, energy that fills the earth, vitality that brings to birth, the impetus toward making whole whatever is bruised or broken.

Many: **In You we grow to know the truth that sets all creation free. You are the song the whole earth sings, the promise liberation brings, now and forever.**

~ Miriam Therese Winter

Chant "Alleluia" #106

Silent Meditation

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.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers and Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem "The Sabbath Day Was By" Carlson

Young People's Time

Offertory "Allegretto in c minor D. 915" Schubert

***Presenting Our Gifts** "The Day of Resurrection!" (verse 1 and 3) #228

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Message

"Breathe!"
The Reverend Debbie Bennett Reynolds

***Communion Hymn** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #422

Invitation to Communion and Prayer of Consecration

Receiving Communion**

Please come forward to receive the bread and juice. You may use an individual cup and place it back on the plate provided or dip the bread into the common cup. After partaking of the elements, please join in forming a circle around the sanctuary.

Circle of Love "Dona Nobis Pacem" #297

Benediction

Postlude

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

****Communion bread is gluten free**

BRIEFLY AT FBC

Adult Education Today – First Presbyterian Church members will join us today.

Jose Soto Rivera, our regional representative from Bread for the World will be here in-person and will give us tips on "relational advocacy"—building relationships with elected officials in two-way conversations about the needs of hungry people.

When Jesus walked incognito with his disciples to Emmaus, he started by engaging them in conversation. Can we learn from his example? His teaching can help us whenever our faith calls us to convince legislators to consider what can be done to care for "the least of these."

Our congregation is a long-time member of Bread for the World, an organization of churches and other Christian groups which educates and equips us to advocate for policies and programs that will help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

Gathering to say Farewell to the Fir Tree:

A brief time of farewell is scheduled for Tuesday April 9 at 5:30 p.m. outside. Tree removal is scheduled for April 10. In the event of rain, both events will be postponed and we will notify you by email Tuesday morning.

Register now for the Meditative Retreat at The Abby of the Genesee. April 12 – 14th. 3:00 p.m. Friday – 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Registration forms are at the table.

