

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 mission projects.

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 BINS ARE IN THE COAT AREA for

- * Kitchen Cupboard staple foods
- * Gently used or new Books for the Family Reading Partnership
- * Dental recycling – used toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes

This week at First Baptist

Sunday, August 11 th	11:45 p.m.	Newcomers' gathering
Monday, August 12 th	6:00 p.m.	FBC Council
	6:30 p.m.	Ceasefire Now Ithaca
Wednesday, August 14 th	6:00 p.m.	Auditions for Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers
Thursday, August 15 th	8:30 a.m.	Meditation
	10:00 a.m.	Friendship Center Lunch Making
	5:15 p.m.	Team FBC Ithaca Sanctuary Alliance Meeting
Sunday, August 18 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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Ministers—All Members of the Church ~ Rev. Debbie Bennett Reynolds, Pastor

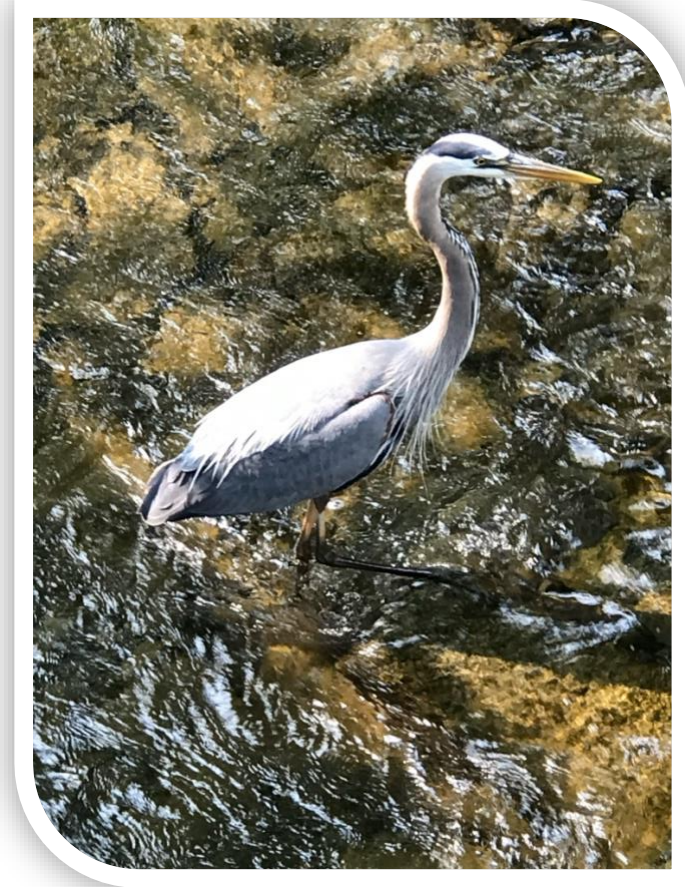
Christopher Morgan Loy, Organist/Pianist ~ Belinda Adams, Choir Director

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

August 11, 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** "For the Beauty of the Earth" #56

Call to Worship

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the sky proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Many: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

~Psalm 19: 1-4

Chant "Streams of love" Paulette Meier

The streams of my Father's love run daily through me.
The streams of my Mother's love run daily through me.
From the holy fountain of life to the seed throughout the whole creation.

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.

Prayer for the Earth

God, we pray for your children who endure extreme heat. Watch over and protect them. Guide individuals, corporations, and governments to take immediate steps to care for people and creation as it swelters. Grant individuals, corporations, and governments wisdom to act in ways that mitigate our impact on the climate. Help us learn answers and when we do, help us implement them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. Mark Koenig (Presbyterians for Earth Care)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers and Pastoral Prayer

Special Music "Let it Be" John Lennon & Paul McCartney
Dave Caughey & Bill Fry

Young People's Time

Offertory Selection by Shumann

***Presenting Our Gifts** "Touch the Earth Lightly (verses 1 and 4)" #693

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since God is the one who gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor God made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and God allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about and find God—though indeed God is not far from each one of us. For 'In God we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are God's offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, because God has fixed a day on which God will have the world judged in righteousness by the one whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Message "Knowing the God of All"
The Reverend Debbie Bennett Reynolds

***Hymn** "God of the Fertile Fields" #695

Benediction

Postlude

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

BRIEFLY AT FBC

Newcomers Gatherings: Today and August 25, 11:45 am- 12:30 in the library. If you are new to First Baptist, we are so glad you have been attending! At the gatherings, we will share information and answer questions about who we are and how you can get involved. Please plan to join us!

Our End of Summer Church Picnic at Taughannock will be September 1. Please plan to come!