

**Sunday Morning  
Worship**

**October 22, 2017  
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"* arr. Mark Hayes  
Phil Thornbery, organist

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn: *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* 108

\*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer:

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

\*Response: *"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"* Words on Screen

\*Ministry of Music: *"In Joyful Song"* Joel Raney  
Sanctuary Choir; Nancy Gross, pianist

Children's Message: Kadie Henry

Registration of Attendance

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory: *"My Tribute"* arr. Dino Kartsonakis  
Nancy Gross, pianist

Prayer of Dedication

Reading of the Word: 1 Timothy 6:18-19 page 966

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation: *"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"*  
Words on Screen

Sermon: "Living Generously is to TRUST" Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen

\*Hymn of Invitation: *"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"* 568  
Words on Screen

Benediction

Postlude: *"Recessional March"* George F. Handel  
\*Congregation stands, as able.

**Budget Receipts** thru October 15, 2017 - \$241,707.96  
Needed each week to meet 2017 Budget goal: \$5,680.00  
Received 10/1 - \$4,459.00 10/1Worship Attendance: 124

**Betty Creech Memorial Scholarship** given to date - \$4,305.00  
**One Great Hour of Sharing** total to date - \$2,467.00  
(\$1,125 for Hurricane Harvey/Irma relief)

**World Mission Offering** total to date: \$835.00

**Exciting News!** The PSC committee, in concert with our pastoral candidate, is planning events for the weekend of November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Please read the insert that outlines these events. Last week, the insert introduced the candidate and his call to ministry. This week, he shares his vision for the future. Continue to be a part of this vital process in prayer and participation.

**Notice.** There will be a special business meeting to following the worship service on November 5, 2017 with the purpose of the membership vote to extend a call to the candidate presented.

**Check your calendars** and clear a time to volunteer for SHALOM. We host this program that serves the homeless in our community, December 10 - 17. There are volunteer spots for driving for pick-up in the evening and drop-off in the morning, hosting in the evening or overnight, and meals. There will also be opportunity to supply snacks and other necessary items. Sign-up in the narthex following the service. (Thanks to those that have already volunteered.) **This is your chance to put our faith to work!**

**Thank You from the Health Ministry Team** to members of FBC and community who attended the Home Safety/Falls Prevention luncheon. It is our intention to provide worthwhile information regarding your health and well being. Please inform us of any other programs that might be beneficial to you.

**This Week at First**

**Today, October 22**

8:45 a.m. Prayer  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
4:00 p.m. GriefShare

**Monday, October 23**

6 p.m. Day Care Comm.  
7 p.m. Yoga  
6:45 p.m. FB Ringers  
8 p.m. Basketball

**Tuesday, October 24**

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics  
6:30 p.m. Boards meet  
7 p.m. Scouts

**Wednesday, October 25**

10 a.m. Yoga  
6:30 p.m. Wed. Nite for Kids  
7 p.m. ABY  
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, October 26**

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics  
10:15 a.m. Tai Chi  
7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

**Saturday, October 28**

9 a.m. Small Group Study  
"When God's People Pray"

## Serving Among Us Today

Interim Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen
Director of Music/Organist:	Christine Baird
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brian Shepard
Children's Church Teacher:	Kadie Henry
Greeters:	Charles and Vickie Selby
Deacons Greeting:	Jeannine Taylor, Tina Breitenbach
Audio Technician:	Ron Cobb, Mike Hauck
Visual Technicians:	Mark Dunaway, Annie Cobb
Head Ushers:	Ken Standafer, Dave Adams

**Coats for Christ** - The Mission Board will be collecting used coats in October and November for Hope House and Center of Hope. As the days grow colder, please remember those who are less fortunate and in need of a warm coat. Place used coats that are in good condition in the marked container in the narthex.

**Keep Middletown Beautiful is a participant in the "CLEAN SWEEP OF THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER WATERSHED"** on October 28, 2017. We are asking churches, schools, and other groups to help us bring in volunteers for this great project. If you have questions, please call: Jeff Michel, 425- 7750 (office) or 465-2675 (cell) or Sally Williamson 423-7832 (home) or 465-7832 (cell). Last Year's results: Middletown to the Ohio River: Volunteers: 443. Tons: 9.77 tons of garbage, which included 262 tires. TVs apparently were the thing to dispose of illegally in 2016. We found several including some huge ones.

**Notice!** A complete tuning of the pipe organ is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 30 – Wed., Nov. 1. Tuning requires careful listening! Extraneous noises such as talking, vacuum cleaners or construction & repair work make it difficult for the service people to do a quality tuning. **PLEASE – the Sanctuary must be kept free of any use** during this time from morning through the evening. The service people need absolute silence so that they can give the pipe organ the best possible tuning. Thank you!

**POP** into a Group this fall. Study the Bible, discuss ideas, and experience fellowship. Find a group on Sunday mornings or during the week. See the bulletin board and/or pick up a list in the Welcome Center.

## Coming Soon

**October 29**  
Prayer – 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School  
Worship  
GriefShare

**October 30**  
Yoga  
FB Ringers  
Basketball

**October 31**  
Rev It Up aerobics  
Scouts

**November 1**  
Yoga  
Wed. Nite for Kids  
ABY  
Sanctuary Choir

**November 2**  
Rev It Up aerobics  
Tai Chi  
AA mtg.

**November 3**  
Pastoral Candidate meets  
with church boards

**November 4**  
Small Study Group  
Pastoral Candidate meets  
church staff  
All church dinner to meet  
Pastoral candidate

Dear First Baptist Family,

With grateful hearts, the Pastoral Search Committee shared last week that plans are in progress to introduce a pastoral candidate to the congregation. The PSC and this candidate feel that God has led us to this point.

Please make plans to be part of the events outlined below. We want to give everyone the opportunity to meet and become acquainted with this pastor and his family.

While we are respectfully keeping specifics (name and current congregation) confidential for a little longer, we continue to share information so you will know more about this pastor. If you did not read last week's biographical information, there are copies available the office. More information will be included in next week's bulletin and November's newsletter.

### **Candidate Weekend**

**Friday, November 3 – Sunday, November 5**

**Friday evening:** 7 p.m. The pastor and his wife will meet with church leadership. Light refreshments.

**Saturday:** 10 a.m. The pastor will meet with church staff.

6 p.m. All-church dinner with opportunity for Q & A in the evening. Sign-up with slip in collection plate or in narthex after service.

**Sunday:** Sunday School hour: the pastor with youth, pastor's wife with ABW (all women invited). The pastor will preach for the worship service and serve communion. Directly following the service the congregation will vote to extending a call.

The Pastoral Search Committee first "meets" a candidate through the personnel profile provided by ABC. The following vision statement written by our candidate spoke to us as we looked to the future of FBC.

"My vision for the church is that first and foremost we would keep and or rekindle our Evangelical spirit, that the goal of any local church would be that we invite everyone we possibly can into a life transforming relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, that we could set them on a course of life-long discipleship. My hope is that we would have churches that are both multi-cultural and multi-generational. That every church would look as diverse as we are as an American Baptist family."

Additional information: Included in our interaction with this pastor, we have had telephone interviews, he and his family have visited FBC and the Middletown area and the PSC has been able to hear him preach in person.