

**Sunday Morning  
Worship**

**April 8, 2018  
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Variations on “*Lift High the Cross*” arr. Janet Linker

Call to Worship

\*Songs of Praise: “*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*” Words on Screen  
“*We Fall Down*”  
“*He Is Lord*”

\*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.*

Ministry of Music: “*People Need the Lord*” arr. Mona Coulter  
Sally Welch and Christine Baird, pianists

Children’s Message: Beth Daly

Giving of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory: “*Lift High the Cross*” arr. Lani Smith  
Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Reading of the Word: Acts 5: 12 - 16

\*Hymn of Preparation: “*I Serve a Risen Savior*” Words on Screen

Sermon: Rev. Sarah Strosahl-Kagi,  
Director, Emerging Leaders and Scholarships,  
American Baptist Home Mission Society

\*Hymn of Communion: “*Draw Me Nearer*” Words on Screen

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table  
Breaking of the Bread  
Sharing the Cup

\*Hymn: “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*” Words on Screen

Benediction

Postlude: “*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*” M. McDonald  
\*Congregation stands, as able.

**Budget Receipts** thru April 1, 2018 - \$ 72,245.00

Needed each week to meet 2018 Budget goal: \$ 6,076.54

Received 4/1 - \$ 7,668.00 4/1 Worship Attendance: 168

**America for Christ** Offering to date: \$ 1,265.00

**Betty Creech Scholarship** given this year: \$575.00

**Organ Fund** donations this year: \$ 5,015.00

**Thailand Mission Team:** The team will share their Thailand experience on April 15 after worship. Lunch will be provided. Please **RSVP by marking the attendance pad** or by calling the church office.

**Plan now to attend** the organ benefit concert “**Repair, Renew, Rejoice!**” at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, to benefit the organ maintenance fund at First Baptist Church. Several organists and other musicians from FBC and the community will perform a variety of music, ranging from classical to sacred to secular, with a few “fun” tunes mixed in. A freewill offering will be received at the concert. Visit [fbcmiddletown.org/ministries/music](http://fbcmiddletown.org/ministries/music) to learn more about the concert and why our pipe organ needs your support. If you’re unable to join us April 22, you can still show your support by making a donation to the Organ Maintenance Fund. Your tax-deductible gift means a continued investment in this phenomenal instrument!

**We love to share our First Baptist family story** with others and so you’ll see a lot of photos and videos being taken and shared in many ways. If you don’t want your image to be used in our storytelling, please contact the church office at 513-423-5721 or [secretary@fbcmiddletown.org](mailto:secretary@fbcmiddletown.org). Parents, for a photo of your child to be used, we need your permission. Please download the form at [fbcmiddletown.org](http://fbcmiddletown.org) or contact the church office.

**It is Spring and the Grass Cutting Season** is about to start for the 2018 Season. The Grass Cutting Committee is in need of 2 or 3 additional volunteers. Please contact Chuck Scheibert at 513-604-5251 if you are interested.

**Pastor Scotty** needs 2 male counselors for Junior Missions Camp at Kirkwood this summer, June 25-29. If interested, please let him know ASAP.

**This Week at First**

**Today, April 8**

9 a.m. Prayer .

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Bible Study

**Monday, April 9**

6 p.m. Day Care Staff training

In Board Room (TTCC)

6:45 p.m. Praise Singers

7 p.m. Yoga

7:30 p.m. F B Ringers

8 p.m. Basketball

**Tuesday, April 10**

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

7 p.m. Special Trustees meeting

7 p.m. Scouts

**Wednesday, April 11**

10 a.m. Yoga

6:30 p.m. WNK

7 p.m. ABY

8 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, April 12**

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Memorial Comm.

7 p.m. RAK

7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

**Saturday, April 14**

10:30 a.m. E. Naudin Circle

3 p.m. Horton Family  
Gathering

## Serving Among Us Today

Senior Pastor:	Rev. K. Scott Robertson
Director of Music/Organist:	Christine Baird
Sanctuary Choir Director:	Brian Shepard
Children's Church Teacher:	Danita Scoggins
Greeters:	Bob and Betty Allen
Deacons Greeting:	Barb Brown, Jean Back
Audio Technician:	Ron Cobb
Visual Technician:	Joni Janney, Mark Dunaway
Head Usher:	Dave Adams, Bob Welch

**MOPS is coming to FBC** We are so excited to offer this group to our church and community!! We are a Moms group and our aim is to build a circle of moms who love each other like family, where we can grow together spiritually and lift one another up and have tons of Fun together all the while. Our first meeting will be **Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m.** and we are currently looking for a Volunteer to watch the kiddos. Please email me if you are interested or know someone who would be @ [vpledger@gmail.com](mailto:vpledger@gmail.com).

**2018 Camp Kirkwood Registration** forms and coupons are available at the Welcome Center in the narthex or at [www.CampKirkwood.net](http://www.CampKirkwood.net)

**A Special Congregational meeting** has been set for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be for the church to approve a study group to look at potential changes in the current church governance model (i.e. our board and committee structure). This study group will have NO authority to make any changes. We will only do the study and bring to the congregation at a later date any changes that we feel might be necessary, at that point the congregation will vote to make the changes, or not. If approved by the church the proposed study group will consist of: Pastor Scotty, Jeannine Taylor, Board of Deacons; Mike Taylor, Board of Trustees; Cheryl Basil, C.E. Board; Mary Loesche, Mission Board, and Rosy Burchett from the congregation at large.

**The Mission Board** is adopting Wildwood School for the year. A bin is in at the welcome center to collect the following items through the year. NEW socks, underwear, leggings, sweatpants and sweatshirts in sizes 6-16 (children). Household cleaning supplies are also needed.

**Another opportunity** to roll bandages for the mission field is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 27. Plan to join us in the Mary and Martha classroom. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch and dessert will be provided.

## **Coming Soon**

### **April 15**

Prayer  
Sunday School  
Worship  
Thailand Mission Team  
    luncheon and presentation  
No Bible Study

### **April 16**

Board Chairs meet  
Praise Singers  
Yoga  
FB Ringers  
Basketball

### **April 17**

Rev It Up aerobics  
Scouts

### **April 18**

Yoga  
Wednesday Night for Kids  
ABY  
Sanctuary Choir

### **April 19**

Rev It Up aerobics  
Tai Chi  
MOPS  
AA mtg.