

**Sunday Morning
Worship**

**February 24, 2019
10:30 a.m.**

Gathering

Welcome / Announcements / Sharing

Prelude: Variations on “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Jon Spong

*Worship Song: “*Celebrate Jesus*” Words on Screen

Offerings

Ministry of Music: “*To God Be the Glory*” arr. Sandra Eithun
First Baptist Ringers; Phil Thornbery, pianist

Pastoral Prayer 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

Offertory: “*Here I Am, Lord*” arr. Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir; Kristin Mauk, flutist

Sharing God’s Word

Children’s Message: Cheryl Basil

*Hymn: “*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*” Words on Screen

Scripture: Revelation 2: 18-28 (p. 996) Kadie Henry

Sermon: The State of the American Church:
“*We Are Finding Our Joy in the Pleasures of the World*”
Rev. K. Scott Robertson

Departing to Serve

*Song of Invitation: “*How Great Is Our God*” Words on Screen

Benediction: “*God of This City*” (Chorus) Words on Screen

Postlude: “*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*” Robert Hobby
*Congregation stands as able.

Budgeted monies received: \$41,874.30
Received 2/17 - \$ 2,030.49 2/17 Worship Attendance: 120

Thanks to everyone who “went on” the mission trip in our community this past week! The SHALOM guests were ministered by so many - some doing numerous tasks. Our missionaries drove guests every morning and night, took guests to work, provided meals and snacks, stayed throughout the evening and night, provided essentials such as soap and toothpaste, knitted afghans, and cleaned daily to provide a wonderful environment. All ages were involved in this ministry - our elementary children drew welcome placemats, carried in and set up all the sleeping mats. Our young girls group cooked a breakfast and youth group provided an evening meal. Prayer supported this complex ministry. Many guests expressed gratitude on a daily basis – often multiple times a day. It is a hard, long week – as any mission trip is – but the blessings the Lord gives in energy, insight, friendship and camaraderie surpasses the imagination. We encounter Jesus as we mission.

Notice: Beginning this evening, AB Youth will be meeting on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m.

Come & Sing with Praise Singers - During worship most Sunday mornings, the congregation will sing at least one worship song, led by the Praise Singers. This group rehearses on Wednesday evenings, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. (before Sanctuary Choir). We would love to have a few more voices sing with us, and help lead the singing of praise and worship songs that may or may not be familiar to the congregation. Teens through adults of all ages and musical abilities are welcome to come any Wednesday night to rehearse songs to lead God’s people in worship. No auditions! Simply a love to sing and worship God is all that you need. –Chris Baird

Bible Study is on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. with Jim Orem leading a study on First, Second and Third John. Please park in the back parking lot and enter through the back door of the Celebration Center.

This Week at First

Today, February 24

9 a.m. Prayer
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
7 p.m. ABY

Monday, February 25

6 p.m. Cub Scouts
7 p.m. Yoga
7:30 p.m. FB Ringers
8 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, February 26

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

**Wednesday, February 27
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10 a.m. Yoga
4:30 p.m. J-Lab After School
6 p.m. Bible Study
6:15 p.m. Praise Singers
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 28

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

Friday, March 1

5 p.m. Young Life

Serving Among Us Today

Senior Pastor:	Rev. K. Scott Robertson
Director of Music/Organist:	Christine Baird
Interim Sanctuary Choir Director:	Nina Markle
Children's Church Teacher:	Beth Daly
Greeters:	Ingrid and Ken Standafer
Deacons Greeting:	Cami Scheibert, Celeste Scheibert
Video Technicians:	Wyatt Krause, Mark Dunaway
Audio Technicians:	Ron Cobb, Ryan Krause
Head Usher:	Dave Adams

ABC/Ohio is presenting a Church Leadership Conference on March 15-16 at Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus, for Pastors, church staff, church leadership and other church members. The theme for the conference is "Looking at the Next Generation Through Missional Eyes". Dr. David Sanders, Tenured Professor of Christian Ministries at Judson University in Elgin, IL, will be the guest speaker, teaching church leaders and leading us in a conversation about reaching the next generations with the Gospel. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Scotty know before Mar. 1.

Cards by Sandi haven't been around for awhile, but they are back! These handmade cards are made for two purposes. Donations are given to different projects around the church. Also they can brighten someone's day. Donations now will aid our church's own mission trip to Puerto Rico! Watch for them!

Governance Structure Update Announcement

*The Committee and the Board Chairs will be doing an educational presentation on the new proposed structure for the current members of our four boards on Wednesday evening March 6 at 6 p.m.

*There will be a "test" vote for the current board members to have a say before the Board meetings on Tuesday, March 26.

*The educational presentations for the congregation will be on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 7 at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, May 30 at 6 p.m.

*A Special Business Meeting for the congregation to vote will be on Sunday, June 2 after worship.

*If the proposed structure is adopted it will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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Coming Soon

March 3

Prayer
Sunday School
Worship
AB Youth

March 4

Health Ministry
Day Care Committee
Cub Scouts
Yoga
FB Ringers
Basketball

March 5

Rev It Up aerobics
Cub & Boy Scouts

March 6

Ash Wednesday

Yoga
J-Lab After School
Bible Study
Governance Structure
Education for Boards,
& Staff
Praise Singers
Sanctuary Choir

March 7

Rev It Up aerobics
Tai Chi
Friendship Circle
AA mtg.

March 8

Young Life

March 9

E. Naudin Circle