

*HOW TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ---Please write your announcements on a note card and give to the ushers. The announcements will be read during our Church and Community time.

*HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and BIBLES* are available from the ushers. There is a wheel chair on the South side of the sanctuary for those who may need it and a commode in the ladies bathroom. Please share your comments with us on their usefulness to you.

*THE NURSERY* is available for infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers during the entire service. (Carol Fleming, care provider).

*ACTIVITY BAGS* are available in the Sanctuary for children. Please help yourself to them and return them at the end of the service. Thank you.

*A SUPERVISED CHILDREN'S TABLE* is available for younger children during the second half of the service (located adjacent to the organ). Parents are requested to use their judgment as to a child's ability to engage in quiet activities. \*\*Parents with children using the children's table during worship are encouraged to sit in the section closest to it to allow children to check in with them as needed. Thank you.

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**CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK September 14<sup>th</sup> – September 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Brunch and Board Meetings</b>
Wed	September 17	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer
Thurs	September 18	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri	September 19	8:15am	Morning Meditation
<b>Sun</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Church School Begins!</b>
		2:00pm	Sacred Harp Singers

Daily: IACC Day Care & \*Pathways Interfaith Counseling Service

\*\*\*Church School Begins Next Week!!!!\*\*

**Adult Education- Next Week- Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**

Patty Tvaroha, of the Advocacy Center, will discuss some basic definitions of domestic violence, how to respond to people who disclose abuse, and what faith communities can do to create an environment where domestic violence is not tolerated.

Office Hours are generally Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Rev. Rose is generally in the office Mon. 1:00-5:00, Tues-Thurs 9:30-Noon, but is not in on Friday. If you need to meet with someone in the office, please call first to be sure someone is available. Rev. Rose is available at other times by appointment.

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*Monday evening Bible Study*- Please join us for our Monday evening Bible study as we consider the book of Revelation. We will meet in the church library until further notice. Please see Pastor Rich if you have any questions or need further information.

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## First Baptist Church

DeWitt Park

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

We welcome Alice Damp, Minister of Music Emerita, as our organist this morning.

Prelude *Jesus and the Children* Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome

Prayer for the Presence of God

Call to worship - **in unison**

**We stretch out our hands, side to side, O God, connecting with our sisters and brothers in praise. We stretch out our hands above us, O God, hoping in praise to touch something beyond us. We stretch out our hands to the ground, O God, hoping in praise to approach the steady foundation of your love.**

Passing of the Peace of Christ

+Hymn *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* 73

Responsive Reading:

One: When we participate in ways that hurt others even while we strive for freedom, restore us.

**Many: May we trust in your power more than in ourselves.**

One: When we ignore voices that don't agree with us even as we seek to hear calls for justice and hope, give us courage.

**Many: May we trust in your power more than in ourselves.**

One: When we quietly or not so quietly rejoice in violence or in the ruin of enemies or the hurt of the one who hurts, return us to mercy.

**Many: May we trust in your power more than in ourselves.**

One: When we cannot find within us the capacity to forgive others while we hope for forgiveness for ourselves, abide with us in our struggle.

**All: May we trust in your power more than in ourselves.**

Special Music *In Christ There is No East or West* Charles Callahan  
Alice Damp, organist

Children's Time

+Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* 589

Church and Community

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Raymond H. Haan

Prayer of Dedication

Epistle Reading Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-22

Sermon "Letting Go" Reverend Richard Rose

+Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other* 487

Benediction

Postlude

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### Welcome to First Baptist Church!

First Baptist Church, a member of Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists, is a community centered in Christ, bound by grace, and called to model God's vision of inclusive love. Our ministry begins here as we move beyond all barriers of race, gender, sexual orientation, backgrounds and creeds to a place of faithful worship. God's ministry continues through the lives of each person who carries his or her faith back into the world. Peace to all who enter here.

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### Concerning Worship

We recognize the theological importance of ways language is used in worship. We do not attempt to change every historical reading, anthem and hymn in each service; we do try, over time, to balance cultural and gender references to include all persons in the worship of God. Please feel free to use inclusive language during worship. Our children bring in the light as the congregation joins for worship, symbolizing the presence of God among us. At the close of the service, they carry the light out of the sanctuary and into the world, reminding worshipers of our role as bearers of the light.

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Ministers: All members of the Church~ Rev. Richard Rose, Pastor  
Kristin Scott, Program Associate ~ Beth McGee, Secretary~ Rebecca Cynoske, Custodian  
Jennifer Lawrence Birnbaum, Choir Director ~Christopher Morgan Loy, Organist/Pianist  
Rev. David Evans, Pastor Emeritus ~ Alice Damp, Minister of Music Emerita

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