Welcome to worship this morning!
Thanks for turning off, or silencing, your cell phones.
Please, no food or beverages in the sanctuary during the service –
and it is a gift to others if you wait until later to enjoy them.

You may use a Connections Card to communicate something to Pastor Cory or for office attention; look for a card in the pocket on the back of a chair in front of you. You may put your card in an offering box or leave it on the desk in the church office.

TODAY

10:10 am **Coffee Time** in the fellowship hall
10:30 am **Sunday School** for kids through Grade 5 (downstairs)
Adult Bible Study: Hebrews (with Peter Meacham)

Offerings for October 25 include…
~ **General Fund** (our "core ministries") **–** $7,687
(Need per week through 4/30/27 to meet budget: $7,555)
~ **Extra for Missions** – $150 – Operation Christmas Child
~ **Special Ministries** – $156 (Wednesday Suppers)
~ **Wish List** – $10
~ **Helping Hand** – $50

THE BIBLE.
SERIOUSLY.

November's newsletter is available in the rack in the upper lobby area.
If you would like to be added to the e-newsletter list, please let us know.
(The best way is to send us an e-mail with that request.)

In order to become the people of Christ our Lord intends
and to meet the challenges of future ministry,
we covenant together to pray,
to teach and preach the Word,
and to trust in the sovereignty of God.

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FIRST BAPTIST

November 1, 2026
Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Preparation for Worship Ellen Muench, piano

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Cory Dahl

Scripture **from Psalm 73** (see insert)

Hymn **Children of the Heavenly Father** #44

Children of the heav'nly Father, safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven, such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth and their sorrows all He knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender, every foeman must surrender.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely, to preserve them pure and holy.

Hymn **Day by Day** #56

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best –
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r;
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Your promises, O Lord;
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Your holy Word.

Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting
E'er to take, as from a Father's hand,
One by one, the day, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here…

Scripture **1 Peter 1:3-9** (see insert)

A Prayer for the Church in the World (see insert)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

Moment for Prayer and Reflection
(Children age 3 through Grade 1 will be dismissed for Children's Church)

Sermon **Rock Solid**
1 Corinthians 10:1-6 ~ worship Bible, p.1217

The Lord's Supper

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Benediction **Helping Hand Offering**

On "communion Sundays" we have a special opportunity *to extend a helping hand to others – in our church and our community and around the world – by contributing to the* ***Helping Hand Fund****.*

~ FBC's Deacon Committee administers the fund and uses the money to help meet real needs. ***If you know someone who could use a helping hand****, please talk with Pastor Cory or one of our deacons.*

~ A deacon will be at the sanctuary doors after the service with an offering plate to receive contributions for the Helping Hand Fund.

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We don't "pass the plate" during the service.
There are lots of ways to give…
You may put your **offering in a box** anytime,
give **online through CCB** or **PushPay**,
send a check, **drop off your offering** for the safe,
use the **First Baptist app**!
Many ways to "worship through giving"…

FIGHTER VERSE for Nov 2-8
Proverbs 19:11
Good sense makes one slow to anger
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.



Nursery	11/01	Ruth Nicholson and Dawn Bowen
	11/08	Noreen Buczek and Dawn Bowen
Children's Church	11/01	Judi & Jon Sowl
	11/08	Darlene Hohlfelder and Gail Haag
Coffee Table	11/01	Jack & Gail Haag
	11/08	Dale Fuller and Joshua Ruben
Safety Team	11/01	Matthew Phillips | Joel & Sue Heckman
	11/08	Dale Fuller and Mando Casas
Greeters		Peter & Jessica Meacham

PRAYER REMINDERS

Church Family John Poh
John & Faylene Quinn
Bill & Laurie Rehman and Agnes Lemmens

Ministry Partners Desiring God

Missionary Friends Gong in Southern Thailand hopes to come for VBS next June. His visa application was denied this week. Pray for reconsideration and that a visa will be granted.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK –

11/7 (Sat) Matt VanBoesschoten
11/8 (Next Sun) Skylah Courter



Have we missed you? Let us know, *please.*
And if you think we might not have your birthday info, please let us know.

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Resources

Learn much more about the persecution of Christians at these websites:

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
www.idop.org

International Christian Concern
www.persecution.org

Voice of the Martyrs
www.persecution.com

Open Doors
www.opendoorsus.org

Someone asked recently about "good organizations" that aim to alleviate suffering in the world and are responsible with donor dollars. There are many, but here are a few for your consideration:

Samaritan's Purse https://www.samaritanspurse.org/

World Vision https://www.worldvision.org/

Food for the Hungry https://www.fh.org/

Bread for the World https://www.bread.org/



Remember those who are in prison,
as though in prison with them,
and those who are mistreated,
since you also are in the body.
Hebrews 13:3 ~ ESV

If one member suffers, all suffer together;
if one member is honored, all rejoice together.
1 Corinthians 12:26 ~ ESV

And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.
Luke 6:31 ~ ESV

Scripture Readings and Prayer
Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Scripture Reading #1 ~ from Psalm 73 (ESV)
(**Read aloud, in unison**)

Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Scripture Reading #2 ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)
(Leader reads regular type; ***all read bold, italic type***)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded
through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary,
you have been grieved by various trials,

so that the tested genuineness of your faith
– more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire –
may be found to result in praise and glory and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Though you have not seen him, you love him.
Though you do not now see him, you believe in him
and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A Prayer for the Church in the World (adapted from www.idop.org)

Eternal, Almighty God, our Father,
Because you are sovereign in all history – past, present and future –
and supreme over all creation – visible and invisible –
and compassionate toward all you have made
– especially your children –
we come to you with our prayers for the Church in the world.

We pray especially for that part of the Body that is presently suffering, bleeding, grieving, and in some places, clinging desperately to life.

We consider Jesus Christ our Savior Redeemer, who as 'Emmanuel' – God with us – was a 'cross-bearer'.
He suffered unjustly to redeem his Church, which now suffers unjustly to spread the blessings and Good News of redemption to the world.

We approach the throne of grace emboldened by the knowledge that because he suffered and was tempted, Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, does sympathize with those who suffer and are tempted. So we humbly, gratefully, and boldly request your promised grace and mercy be poured out upon our brothers and sisters who are in great need this day.

For those who have, through systematic discrimination,
been forced into crippling poverty:
Lord, in your mercy, comfort them
and provide them with their daily needs.

For those who are abused and intimidated by hostile state authorities,
or religious militants or zealots:
Lord in your mercy,
protect, comfort and encourage them.

For those who live as refugees or as people displaced by terrorism,
war and/or persecution:
Lord, in your mercy, grant them comfort, security and peace,
and provide all their daily needs.

For those who walk daily in the valley of the shadow of death:
Lord, in your mercy, grant them courage
and assurance of your presence and faithfulness.

For those who are suffering violent persecution:
Lord, in your mercy –
– free the enslaved and return them to their homes;
– release the imprisoned and restore them
to their families and churches;
– heal the emotional, spiritual and physical wounds of the
traumatized, grieving, disillusioned, doubting,
tortured and brutalized;
– restore the soul of the faint-hearted.

We thank you for your Holy Spirit who never leaves us and is present with our suffering brothers and sisters, even in the darkest, most secret places. May your Spirit comfort, counsel, and restore our persecuted brethren, including those who suffer outside our field of vision and beyond our reach to aid.

We pray for the leaders of nations and for all those with authority and influence on this earth:

Lord, in your grace and mercy –
– convict them of guilt regarding sin,
righteousness and judgment;
– turn their hearts toward righteousness,
justice and religious liberty;

– and, for the sake of the world,
remove those who defiantly resist your Spirit,
and replace them with leaders raised up
to be your instruments for good.

You are the God who breathes life into the dead.
You are the God who redeems and sanctifies.

You are the eternal, supreme, and sovereign God who raises up
and tears down powers on the earth and in the heavens.

You are the God who is building your Church
and filling the whole earth with your glory.

Revive your Church throughout the whole world,
and by your Holy Spirit working in and through her,
do immeasurably more than we could ever dare ask or even hope,
not because we deserve it,
but because you are merciful and faithful to all your promises
for your own name's sake…
…and to God be all the glory, now and forever.
Amen.