

WORSHIP CARE & CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Worship Care is available for children aged 3 and under. Our greeters can assist you with more information and getting to the nursery.

Children's Worship is available for children aged 3 through 4th grade. Following the "Story for All People," one of our volunteers will walk with the children to the downstairs classrooms. Children will have the opportunity to explore topics related to the sermon and fellowship with their friends.

All children can be picked up in the nursery area following worship.



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Blessing of the Backpacks



"LET YOUR SALT SHINE"
MATTHEW 5:13-16

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
August 10, 2025 10:55 AM

Prelude Alison Moore
Bringing in the Light of Christ Erin Tompkins
Trinity Campbell
Call to Worship John Miller
The Singing Congregation
*Hymn 368 “We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord” CLONMEL
Blessing of the Backpacks

Litany

Leader: Loving God, these backpacks remind us that a new school year is beginning. We pray your blessing upon their owners and upon all students, young and old, as they begin a new year.

Congregation: Make these backpacks strong for their job of helping students learn. May the bodies that bear them be strong, and growing, and blessed forever by your love.

Leader: Bless all teachers, librarians, custodians, office staff, principals, and others who work in our schools every day. May these educational leaders be a means of grace and learning to students in their care.

Congregation: May this year be full of promise for students and teachers alike. A promise of new beginnings for some and fresh starts for others.

Leader: A promise of friendships with classmates and colleagues that refresh the spirit and honor God. A promise of safety for each classroom and mutual respect for each student and teacher.

Congregation: We are called to be salt and light in the world. You have given each one of us gifts and strengths for use in your work.

Leader: Remind them that whatever their gifts, they are living a life that is pleasing to you when they are kind and caring to others and when they respect others and themselves.

Congregation: Bless the parents, caregivers, and guardians who support children. Give them pride in what they do, reminding them that even the most ordinary task becomes extraordinary when done in God’s name.

Leader: We pray all these things in the name of the great teacher whose teaching we are all students. Amen.

The Singing Congregation
*Hymn 597 “He Keeps Me Singing” SWEETEST NAME
Elementary Bible Presentation Donna Sand
Jane Simpson
Rebekah Archer, Trinity Campbell, Elsie Creswell,
Ella Godfrey, Patia Mode, Erin Tompkins

Old Testament Reading Psalm 121 Ayden Bullion
The Singing Congregation
*Hymn 641 “Higher Ground” HIGHER GROUND
Special Music “Sanctuary”
Gayle Youngblood and Joey Revis, duet
Alison Moore, Piano
The Spoken Word “Let Your Salt Shine” Aimee Hobbs
Matthew 5:13-16
Offertory
Offertory Moment Sheila Cuthbertson
Offertory Meditation
“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness,
and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.”
2 Corinthians 8:7
Offertory Music Alison Moore
*Doxology 706 OLD 100TH, alt
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.
Offertory Prayer Dale Heffner
Invitation to Discipleship Aimee Hobbs
The Confessing Congregation
*Hymn 473 “Will You Come and Follow Me” KELVINGROVE
*Benediction Aimee Hobbs
*Departing Song
*Hymn 473 “Will You Come and Follow Me” KELVINGROVE
Last Stanza CCLI#1858884
*Postlude Alison Moore
*Congregation Standing
Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices

WELCOME VISITORS!

We hope that you will find comfort, joy, a sense of home, and the leading of the Holy Spirit as you worship with us this morning. We would love to have a record of your attendance with us today. If you are visiting for the first time or have never filled out a visitor card, we invite you to take one from the pew rack and fill it out. Please place it on the pew as you leave.