



MY HEART BE BRAVE:  
FEARLESS HOPE IN  
UNCERTAIN TIMES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN  
BEVERLY 2024-2025

## Welcome to Worship at First Baptist Church in Beverly!

We welcome you to worship this morning. We are so pleased to gather with you! Please feel free to fill out one of our Here We Gather or prayer cards in the pew rack, or speak with Rev. Julie Flowers or Dr. Daniel Johnson following worship.

There are Prayer Request cards in the pew rack in front of you. If you would like to take a moment to fill one out with a prayer concern you would like shared or like the ministers to know, please do so, and then place it in the offering plate when they are passed. Prayer concerns that should be kept for ministers only should have that designation written on them.

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of my father, William Johnson by Susan & Daniel Johnson.

Playground news for children! We encourage children in Grade 1 and above to make use of the Playground space at the front of the Sanctuary to worship before their class time. The Playground is a child-friendly place for the quiet enjoyment of worship. A care and learning experience for preschool and Kindergarten-age children is provided throughout our service in the Littlest Learners room on the main level, located through the double doors at the front of the sanctuary. Care for infants and toddlers (all children 2 and under) is provided throughout worship in our Infant/Toddler Room across from the rear sanctuary doors. All adults who work with our children have been CORI-checked. We always encourage families and caregivers to do what is best for their child and their family during the worship time.

Youth Pew and Class! We encourage our youth in Middle School and High School to enjoy worship together with peers in our youth pew at the front of the sanctuary. Our Youth Sunday School Class meets monthly following worship, and will next meet on Sunday, November 3.

Devices to assist with hearing are available for those who have a need. A Deacon will be happy to assist you and provide one.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 13, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Tolling of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Daniel Johnson

Presentation of Bibles to Our Young People

Moment of Preparation

*(If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn off your cell phone, please do so now)*

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: God's call goes out for all to come, to be received and embraced.

*People: And God's call goes out for all to go, to share the love received.*

Leader: The disciples argued about their own importance to Jesus.

*People: Who would be first in his sight, they wanted to know?*

Leader: And Jesus took a small child and placed the child in their midst.  
"Whoever receives this child in my name, receives me," he said.

*People: And they looked at the child and wondered.*

Leader: Remind us again, Lord, that in loving and serving us, you call us, too, to ministries of love and service.

*People: Make us instruments of your work in the world, not counting the costs or rewards.*

Leader: May our worship this day, from the opening chorus of praise to the closing benediction, move us to become more like you.

*People: Come, people of God, and let us worship.*

\*Hymn


D. ZSCHECH

*Shout to the Lord*  
Worship Ensemble

\*Invocation, Lord's Prayer, (debts),  
and Glory Be to God (pg. 37)

Rev. Julie Flowers

*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.*

 *Glory be to God and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Stepsitters

Rev. Julie Flowers and  
Rev. Wayne Lavender

Anthem

L. Glarum

*Sing Praises*  
*Sing praises unto our King o'er all the earth, sing*

Morning Prayer

Dr. Daniel Johnson

**Scripture Reading**

Dan Cott  
Pew Bible pg. N.T. 35

*Mark 9:30-37*

**\*Hymn 452**

HERE I AM, LORD

*Here I Am, Lord*

**Sermon**

Rev. Wayne Lavender

*“Yoked to the Cross”*

**Morning Offering**


Call to Giving

Dr. Daniel Johnson

Offertory

*Purify My Heart/Seek Ye First*  
Worship Ensemble

The congregation is invited to join in singing with our Worship Ensemble

 *\*Doxology (48) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*Hymn 655**

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*Community of Christ*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Wayne Lavender

**\*Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Wayne Lavender, Ph.D., to our pulpit this morning. Wayne is a United Methodist pastor currently serving as the executive director of the Foundation 4 Orphans and faculty member in the political science department at Quinnipiac University. A graduate of George Mason's School of Public Policy in 2010, he earned his B.A. from Drew University and an M.A. and M.Div. from the Pacific School of Religion. The winner of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award in 2004 for his ministry at the New Milford UMC in New Milford, CT, Wayne has worked and taught at universities in Iraq, Mozambique, and the United States. He is the author of eight books, including Pure Religion, and is currently working with Oxford University Press on the book Imperial Christianity, scheduled to be published later this year. Wayne lives close to nature with his wife Maureen at the conference and retreat center for the Foundation 4 Orphans in Hamden, Connecticut.*

*The Foundation 4 Orphans is an IRS approved 501 c 3 non-profit whose mission is to end the orphan pandemic. F4O partners with Zoe Empowers to implement an empowerment model designed by an African orphaned youth that is inexpensive (\$100 per year per orphaned youth, 3 years, total \$300) and ten times more effective than an orphanage model. More information on F4O is available at [www.f4o.org](http://www.f4o.org).*

## *Upcoming Events This Week:*

*Worship Ensemble - Today at 11:30 a.m.*

*Luncheon Forum with Rev. Wayne Lavender - Today at 11:30 p.m.*

*Middle School Fellowship - Today at 4:00 p.m.*

*Sr. High Fellowship - Today at 6:00 p.m.*

*Indigenous Peoples' Day - Church Closed*

*Men's T3 Fellowship Breakfast - Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. at Stephy's*

*Trustees of Endowment - Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.*

*Zoom Coffee Hour - Thursday at 10:00 a.m.*

*Celebration Ringers - Thursday at 6:00 p.m.*

*Living Room Conversations at Beverly Public Library (Part II) - Thursday at 6:30 p.m.*

*Sanctuary Choir – Thursday at 7:30 p.m.*

*Lectio Divina - Friday at 5:00 p.m.*

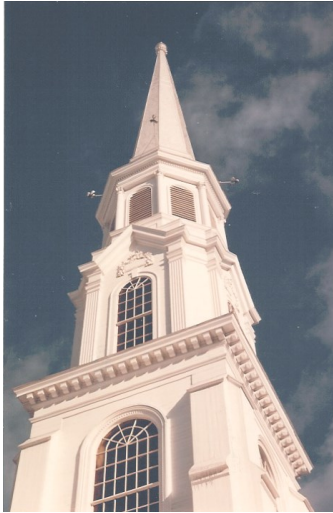
*Fun Squad Intergenerational Game Night - Friday at 6:30 p.m.*

*For more information* on these and other programs of the church check the QR Code on the pew card in front of you or [www.fbcbeverly.org](http://www.fbcbeverly.org)!



### ***Text Message Reminders from First Baptist Church!***

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