



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 Julie Flowers 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 Mother and Father by Ron & Leslie Brennan.

Prayground news for children! We encourage children in Grade 1 and above to make use of the Prayground space at the front of the Sanctuary to worship before their class time. The Prayground 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 twice a month following worship, and will next meet on Sunday, March 2.

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

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!



Text Message Reminders from First Baptist Church!

Scan this QR code or text FBCTEXTSNOW to 724-361-6388 if you would like to opt in to receive text message updates, reminders, and alerts from First Baptist directly to your phone.

Be sure to Save the Following Dates:

FBC Men's Fellowship Trivia Night on Wednesday, February 26 at Backbeat Brewing Company at 6:30 p.m.

FBC Women's Retreat Friday, May 30 - Sunday June 1 at Grotonwood .

Upcoming Events This Week:

Worship - Today at 10:00 a.m.

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

Soup-R-Bowl Sale - Today at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

President's Day on Monday - Church Closed

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

Board of 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.

Sanctuary Choir - Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Tolling of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Julie Flowers

Moment of Preparation

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

Call to Worship

Jenny Lane


*Hymn 4

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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

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

Anthem

G. Walker

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

It's me O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not my sister or my brother, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. It's not the bug in the rug, but it's me O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not the fly in the pie, but it's me O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not the goose on the loose, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not the horse, of course, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. I'm a sinner, a beginner, standin' in the need of prayer. I'm a seeker, once a weeker, standin' in the need. Not my father or my mother, or my sister or my brother, or the preacher or the teacher, or the scholar with the collar, or the bug in the rug, or the fly in the pie, or the goose on the loose, or the horse, of course! Standin' in the need of prayer.

Scripture Reading

Dr. Esther Chang
Pew Bible pg. O.T. 349

*Esther 4:1-17***Morning Prayer**

Rev. Julie Flowers

***Hymn 88**

NEANDER

*All My Hope on God is Founded***Sermon**

Rev. Julie Flowers

*"An Esther Story: When the Time is Now"***Morning Offering**


Call to Giving

Rev. Julie Flowers

Offertory

M.Hayes

Sing to the Lord a New Song

 **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 434**

GOD BE WITH YOU

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again****Benediction**

Rev. Julie Flowers

Postlude*ANNOUNCEMENTS**

More on Music Reparations at FBC: *we recently shared with the church family about the commitment that the worship leadership team at FBC (Julie, Daniel, and Esther) has made to have the church pay royalties each time we use music that was originally created by unknown, uncredited Black Americans or other members of the African diaspora. We intend for these reparations payments to repair, even if only in a small way, the historical injustice that those who originally produced this music were never paid for the use that others made of their works, the way that any other writer of songs, hymns and anthems would be.*

The Missions and Social Concerns Committee (MiSC) *together with Summer Service Trip participants will be selling homemade soup immediately following worship this morning. The soup is available by the pint (\$6) or by the quart (\$12). The sale is to benefit the service trip to Marion, VA, this summer. Cash payments are welcomed and appreciated but card payments will be accepted as well.*

Get outdoors and Ski for Service! *Support our 2025 service trip to Marion, VA and purchase lift tickets for Wachusett Mountain. Purchase the tickets on line and add out code DON-FBCBEV, into the coupon box. Once your cart is updated, a portion of each ticket will go to our service trippers. The code is good for the entire season. Please feel free to share with ski and snowboard friends as well!*

The Seniors Group will meet in the Lounge *each Monday from 11:30 to 2:30 for all those interested in dropping in. The group will not meet this Monday since it is a holiday and the church is closed.*