



# The Trumpeter

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*“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*  
(1 Peter 2:9, NIV)

When people ask me my religion, I tell them I am “a Christian first, a Baptist second, and an American Baptist third.” I have good reason to answer the question in that way and in that order, and I would challenge everyone to think about how they would answer the same question.

Recently, we held a “Church 101” course for a group of new members who are joining First Baptist Church. As a pastor, one of the best parts of my job is to talk with new people about their faith journey and welcome them into our church family.

Part of Church 101 involves sharing with new members our Church Constitution and Bylaws. When we hand them those documents, I always joke with them, saying that it is “light bedtime reading.” When people think of interesting things to read, Church Constitutions and Bylaws usually do NOT come to mind!

However, as it turns out, they are incredibly important! They spell out the basic beliefs of a church, provide a framework for their specific mission, and set forth the sort of polity that will guide church leadership in carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus in their unique context.

One of the most important features of FBC’s constitution is the section that outlines our 7 core principles. This quarter, we will be taking time as a congregation to acquaint or perhaps reacquaint ourselves with those core values, which are important not only for us, but have been important for Baptists historically, for hundreds of years. They include historic Baptist distinctives and themes, such as: Regenerate church membership, the priesthood of all believers, believer’s baptism by immersion, biblical authority, spiritual democracy, separation of Church and State, and the Christian’s responsibility in the world. We don’t often think about it today, but these are vital, biblical concepts for which our Baptist forbears risked their own lives and for which some even paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Have you ever wondered why FBC operates the way we do? Have you ever wondered what we have believed historically? Have you ever wondered what being Baptist is all about? Have you ever wondered what being an American Baptist is all about? Then I invite you to come and learn more as we explore what it means to “become a person of principles” this fall!

Blessings,

—*Pastor Matt Toupin*

## In Memorium

Our Christian sympathies go to the family of Mrs. Saphoeun Prom, who went to her home in heaven on July 24, 2023. A memorial service took place on July 29. Condolences can be sent through Pastor Peter Im.

### Service CD's are available

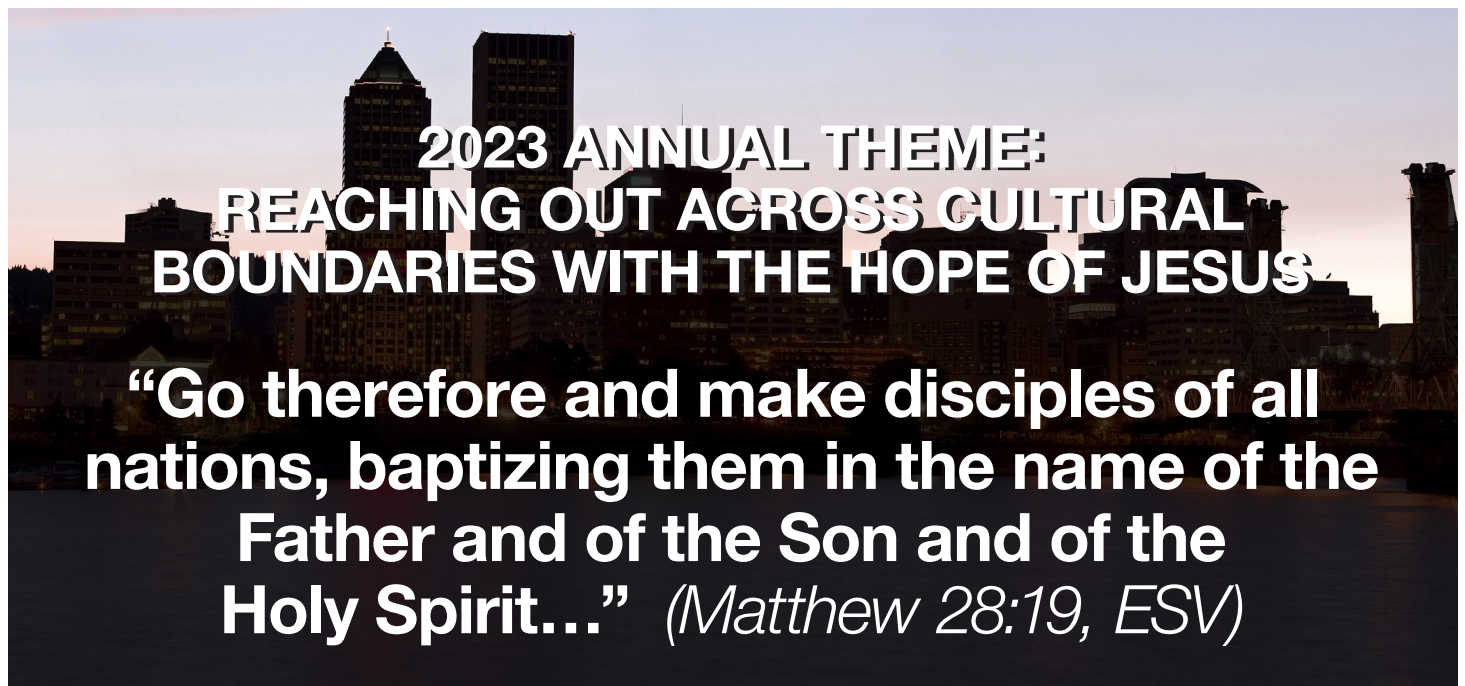
If you would like a copy of a recent service, please contact Jason Chastain at [jchastain@fbc-portland.org](mailto:jchastain@fbc-portland.org) or 503-228-7465 to request a copy! We have CD players available, too.

## Congratulations!

We were blessed to celebrate three baptisms on September 17, 2023: Lori Dobbs, Heidi Van Scyoc and Melissa Shankman. Congratulations and welcome to the FBC family!

Many congratulations to Grant Shearer and Elizabeth Logan who were married by Pastor Matt Toupin on September 10, 2023. May the Lord richly bless you with joy and love!

We also celebrate with Christian Barrow and Katie Boden, who were wed on September 9, 2023. Here's to many, many years of joy in the Lord!



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The next Trumpeter deadline is **December 11, 2023**. Please send submissions to [jchastain@fbc-portland.org](mailto:jchastain@fbc-portland.org)

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Sam Raj, *Executive Pastor*

Peter Im, *Pastor of Cambodian Ministries*

Trudi Bils, *Pastor of Worship Ministries*

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Jason Chastain, *Communications Administrator*

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Hannah Raj, *Tech Associate*

Cory Gonzales, *Tech Associate*

Jack Brophy, *Drop-In Director*

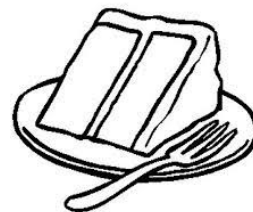
Kathy Welty, *Resource Center Associate*

Michael Fraizer, *Drop-In Food Pantry Associate*

Corey Johnson, *Drop-In Associate*

# Member Birthdays

Bruce Anderson.....	10/2	Palmary Phoeurn.....	11/13
Claire Shearer.....	10/3	Oscar Toupin .....	11/13
Luke Shearer .....	10/3	John Oliver.....	11/16
Angelina Prom Beatty .....	10/4	Phally Prom .....	11/17
Sameth Nget.....	10/4	Barbara Day .....	11/18
Johnny Rinson .....	10/5	Penny Curtiss.....	11/20
Jeffrey Cox .....	10/5	Aria Im Grace .....	11/20
Pat Still .....	10/5	Zach Emmingham .....	11/22
Mohammad Sobhani.....	10/6	Lily Johnson.....	11/26
Oy Liv.....	10/6	Trudi Bils .....	11/27
Cooper Rutter.....	10/10	Wayne Bridges.....	11/27
Vanny Handsaker.....	10/10	Heidi Van Scyoc.....	11/29
Joanna Loucky-Ramsey.....	10/13	Eliana Aurora Lofland.....	11/29
Sarah Grace.....	10/14	Terry Arima.....	11/30
Heehun Shin.....	10/15	Dale Maslen .....	11/30
Marillyn Bennett.....	10/16	Karen Brophy .....	11/30
Kathy Walthinsen .....	10/16	Juliet Rinson .....	11/30
Katie Barker .....	10/19	Ratanak Jenkins .....	12/1
Mary Olson.....	10/19	Florin Ionescu .....	12/1
Bruce Bridgess.....	10/19	Sally Lee.....	12/2
Lynette Velasquez.....	10/19	Singbory Nem.....	12/2
Brayden Sopheap Kong .....	10/19	Loida Pat.....	12/2
Theavy Prom .....	10/19	Dan Beard.....	12/5
Della Brown.....	10/20	Peggy Terry .....	12/6
Maddie Benfield.....	10/21	Ernest Cooper .....	12/7
Frank Williams .....	10/24	David Wheeler .....	12/8
Peter Suon.....	10/27	Tom Muller .....	12/11
Beverly Hodgin .....	10/28	Walter Ratzlaf.....	12/14
Pat Forrester .....	10/29	Charles King.....	12/16
Robert Boughner.....	10/29	Melissa Shankman .....	12/16
Jonas Beard .....	10/30	Pauline Pagulayan .....	12/18
Daniel Suon .....	10/30	Andrew Im.....	12/18
Carolyn Guppy .....	10/31	Wayne Cody.....	12/20
Jack Brophy.....	10/31	Kakrona Khem.....	12/21
Iris Forrester.....	11/1	Nora Russell.....	12/23
Pros Seng .....	11/1	Vila Tan .....	12/28
Sara Mejias.....	11/4	Meghan Casper .....	12/29
Warrene Gill.....	11/4	Bob Hinson.....	12/30
Paul Mitchell.....	11/4		
Delores Price .....	11/5		
Benjamin Mathews .....	11/7		
Narom Manning.....	11/8		
Barbara Bridges.....	11/11		
Sharyn Moriguchi.....	11/12		
Thahnint Visal.....	11/12		



**Join us for our monthly church luncheon after service to celebrate birthdays with a slice of cake! (See calendar section)**

# Join us for “Pastor and Staff Appreciation Sunday” October 29, at 11:00 am

A special day set aside to pray for and express our gratitude to the fantastic team that work tirelessly to share the love of Jesus on our behalf. October is “Pastor Appreciation Month” and we are expanding that to include our entire FBC staff. Join us for this event, but also take time in the month of October to say “thank you” to a member of the FBC staff team who has made a difference in your life.



The service will include a special time of thanksgiving and prayer for our pastors and staff. Afterward, a special dessert will be served and all are welcome.

(To learn more, email [prayer@fbc-portland.org](mailto:prayer@fbc-portland.org) or follow us on Facebook!)

## YOUR HELP WANTED! THE FBC VOLUNTEER CORPS!

As we seek to build our community as a church family, we are excited to promoting the new “FBC Volunteer Corps.” Do you want to get more involved on Sunday mornings at FBC but don’t know where to start? Do you like helping people and making a positive difference? Do you have special know-how, abilities, “muscle,” or gifts to share that could really help someone out? Then FBC Volunteer Corps is for you!

Express your interest in serving by filling out an FBC Volunteer Corps Interest Card next Sunday morning at the Welcome Center. You can then turn it in to the Welcome Center volunteer or the offering plate. You can also express your availability to serve

in a particular role on the FBC Volunteer Corps Sunday Signup Sheet, which you can find it in the middle drawer at the Welcome Center. Please stop by the Welcome Center this Sunday to check out what is available and maybe even sign up to volunteer for an upcoming week in an area of your interest! Our Welcome Center volunteer can help direct you as well.

Thanks everyone for all you do to help FBC reach out with God’s love to the community!

—Pastor Matt, Pastor Sam, Norm Lawson  
(Community Team), and Pat Forrester  
(Servant-Leadership Team)

# J.13 & Other Opportunities for Youth and Young Adults from across the region!

- October 13–15** J.13 Youth Retreat  
at Camp Arrah Wanna
- November 12** Youth Hang-Out  
at FBC Portland, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
- December 3** Youth Christmas Party  
at FBC Portland, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

For more information, please contact Pastor Anthony Young  
at [anthony@fbc-portland.org](mailto:anthony@fbc-portland.org)

## ATTENTIONAL ALL STUDENTS! Join us for the J.13 Youth Retreat October 13–15, 2022

All youth are invited to join Pastor Anthony Young for the upcoming J.13 Youth Retreat at Camp Arrah Wanna! It will be a great time to make friends with students from churches in our area, have fun, and learn what J.13 is all about (hint: check out John chapter 13!). We need to know ASAP (by Wednesday, October 4, latest) if you can join us!

- WHO?** All youth in grades 6-12
- WHAT?** An awesome time of fun, fellowship and discipleship up on the mountain!
- WHERE?** Camp Arrah Wanna
- WHEN?** Friday, October 13 at 8:00 pm through Sunday, October 15 at 10:30 am.  
(Need a ride? Meet at Grace Baptist Church at 6:30 pm on Friday. Families can pick students up at the same location at 10:30 am on Sunday.)
- WHY?** To catch up with old friends, meet new ones, have fun, and learn together!
- COST** \$49. Must register by sending an email to [anthony@fbc-portland.org](mailto:anthony@fbc-portland.org) on or before Wednesday, October 4. Registration forms available from Pastor Anthony.  
Payment can be made online at [fbc-portland.org](http://fbc-portland.org) or mailed to First Baptist Church of Portland, 909 SW 11th Ave. Portland, OR 97205.

# ABC+CPC

2023 Annual Gathering

## NAVIGATING TROUBLED WATERS:

*Leadership in the new reality*

Friday - Sunday, October 20-22  
OAKLAND, CA

*And David shepherded them with integrity of heart;  
with skillful hands he led them. -Psalm 78:72*

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**FRIDAY, OCT. 20 – SUNDAY, OCT. 22**

Registration opens **FRIDAY,**  
October 20, at 3:00 PM

For the weekend schedule and  
registration, visit [abccpc.org](http://abccpc.org)

## 2023 Christmas Offering

The 2023 Christmas Offering, which will be received at the Christmas Eve Service, will once again go to supporting two very worthy causes: The J.13 Youth & Young Adult Mission Trip in 2024 and the Cambodian Children's Ministry. All proceeds will be split evenly between these two. Thank you for your generosity!

## October is World Mission Offering Month



Through the World Mission Offering, we can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing globally to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven." First Baptist Church of Portland will be inviting our congregation to give to the World Mission Offering this October. Our fundraising goal this year is \$5,000. To make your donation today, just mark your gift "WMO." Thank you for your generosity!

—FBC Missions Team

## December is RMMO Month

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING

Our American Baptist pastors are active people. They pray, listen, baptize, marry, mourn, counsel, celebrate, and so much more. It takes great energy to sustain our congregations through the ups and downs of life. We give to remember and thank those who have dedicated their lives in service to Christ, the church, and us. This offering provides us an opportunity to share a small blessing with our retired clergy to help them make ends meet. Our fundraising goal this year is \$2,000. For all they've done, let's do this for them again this year!



Thank You For...

—FBC Missions Team

## Teaching Series for October–December

- October 1: Part II – **Priesthood of All Believers** (*1 Peter 2:1–10*)
- October 8: Part III – **Believer's Baptism by Immersion** (*Romans 6:1–14*)
- October 15: Part IV – **Biblical Authority** (*2 Timothy 3:10–17*)
- October 22: Part V – **Spiritual Democracy** (*Galatians 3:23–29*)
- October 29: Part VI – **Separation Of Church and State** (*Romans 13:1–10*)
  
- November 5: Part VII – **The Christian's Responsibility** (*Matthew 28:18–20*)
- November 12: **You're Welcome, Part I** (*Luke 14:1–14*)
- November 19: **You're Welcome, Part II** (*Luke 14:12–24*)
- November 26: **TBA**
  
- December 3: Part I – **Joseph** (*Matthew 1:18–25*)
- December 10: Part II – **Mary** (*Luke 1:26–38*)
- December 17: Part III – **Jesus** (*John 1:1–18*)
- December 24: Part IV – **The Family of God** (*Luke 2:1–20*)
- December 31: **Cross-Cultural Service & Christmas for the World**

# “The Path” Readings for October, November and December (Choose 1, 2, or 4 Each Day)

10/1: 1 Sm. 24, 1 Co. 5, Ek. 3, Jn. 4	11/2: 1 Ki. 4, 1 Ki. 5, Ep. 2, Ez. 35, Ps. 23, Ps. 24	12/2: 2 Ki. 14, 2 Tm. 4, Ho. 7, Ps. 66, Ps. 67
10/2: 1 Sm. 25, 1 Co. 6, Ek. 4, Jn. 5	11/3: 1 Ki. 6, Ep. 3, Ez. 36, Ps. 25	12/3: 2 Ki. 15, Ti. 1, Ho. 8, Ps. 68
10/3: 1 Sm. 26, 1 Co. 7, Ek. 5, Jn. 6	11/4: 1 Ki. 7, Ep. 4, Ez. 37, Ps. 26, Ps. 27	12/4: 2 Ki. 16, Ti. 2, Ho. 9, Ps. 69
10/4: 1 Sm. 27, 1 Co. 8, Ek. 6, Jn. 7	11/5: 1 Ki. 8, Ep. 5, Ez. 38, Ps. 28, Ps. 29	12/5: 2 Ki. 17, Ti. 3, Ho. 10, Ps. 70, Ps. 71
10/5: 1 Sm. 28, 1 Co. 9, Ek. 7, Jn. 8	11/6: 1 Ki. 9, Ep. 6, Ez. 39, Ps. 30	12/6: 2 Ki. 18, Pl. 1, Ho. 11, Ps. 72
10/6: 1 Sm. 29, 1 Sm. 30, 1 Co. 10, Ek. 8, Jn. 9	11/7: 1 Ki. 10, Ph. 1, Ez. 40, Ps. 31	12/7: 2 Ki. 19, He. 1, Ho. 12, Ps. 73
10/7: 1 Sm. 31, 1 Co. 11, Ek. 9, Jn. 10	11/8: 1 Ki. 11, Ph. 2, Ez. 41, Ps. 32	12/8: 2 Ki. 20, He. 2, Ho. 13, Ps. 74
10/8: 2 Sm. 1, 1 Co. 12, Ek. 10, Jn. 11	11/9: 1 Ki. 12, Ph. 3, Ez. 42, Ps. 33	12/9: 2 Ki. 21, He. 3, Ho. 14, Ps. 75, Ps. 76
10/9: 2 Sm. 2, 1 Co. 13, Ek. 11, Jn. 12	11/10: 1 Ki. 13, Ph. 4, Ez. 43, Ps. 34	12/10: 2 Ki. 22, He. 4, Jl. 1, Ps. 77
10/10: 2 Sm. 3, 1 Co. 14, Ek. 12, Jn. 13	11/11: 1 Ki. 14, Cl. 1, Ez. 44, Ps. 35	12/11: 2 Ki. 23, He. 5, Jl. 2, Ps. 78
10/11: 2 Sm. 4, 2 Sm. 5, 1 Co. 15, Ek. 13, Jn. 14	11/12: 1 Ki. 15, Cl. 2, Ez. 45, Ps. 36	12/12: 2 Ki. 24, He. 6, Jl. 3, Ps. 79
10/12: 2 Sm. 6, 1 Co. 16, Ek. 14, Jn. 15	11/13: 1 Ki. 16, Cl. 3, Ez. 46, Ps. 37	12/13: 2 Ki. 25, He. 7, Am. 1, Ps. 80
10/13: 2 Sm. 7, 2 Co. 1, Ek. 15, Jn. 16	11/14: 1 Ki. 17, Cl. 4, Ez. 47, Ps. 38	12/14: 1 Ch. 1, 1 Ch. 2, He. 8, Am. 2, Ps. 81, Ps. 82
10/14: 2 Sm. 8, 2 Sm. 9, 2 Co. 2, Ek. 16, Jn. 17	11/15: 1 Ki. 18, 1 Th. 1, Ez. 48, Ps. 39	12/15: 1 Ch. 3, 1 Ch. 4, He. 9, Am. 3, Ps. 83, Ps. 84
10/15: 2 Sm. 10, 2 Co. 3, Ek. 17, Jn. 18	11/16: 1 Ki. 19, 1 Th. 2, Dn. 1, Ps. 40, Ps. 41	12/16: 1 Ch. 5, 1 Ch. 6, He. 10, Am. 4, Ps. 85
10/16: 2 Sm. 11, 2 Co. 4, Ek. 18, Jn. 19	11/17: 1 Ki. 20, 1 Th. 3, Dn. 2, Ps. 42, Ps. 43	12/17: 1 Cho. 7, 1 Ch. 8, He. 11, Am. 5, Ps. 86
10/17: 2 Sm. 12, 2 Co. 5, Ek. 19, Jn. 20	11/18: 1 Ki. 21, 1 Th. 4, Dn. 3, Ps. 44	12/18: 1 Ch. 9, 1 Ch. 10, He. 12, Am. 6, Ps. 87, Ps. 88
10/18: 2 Sm. 13, 2 Co. 6, Ek. 20, Jn. 21	11/19: 1 Ki. 22, 1 Th. 5, Dn. 4, Ps. 45	12/19: 1 Ch. 11, 1 Ch. 12, He. 13, Am. 7, Ps. 89
10/19: 2 Sm. 14, 2 Co. 7, Ek. 21, Ps. 1, Ps. 2	11/20: 2 Ki. 1, 2 Th. 1, Dn. 5, Ps. 46, Ps. 47	12/20: 1 Ch. 13, 1 Ch. 14, Js. 1, Am. 8, Ps. 90
10/20: 2 Sm. 15, 2 Co. 8, Ek. 22, Ps. 3, Ps. 4	11/21: 2 Ki. 2, 2 Th. 2, Dn. 6, Ps. 48	12/21: 1 Ch. 15, Js. 2, Am. 9, Ps. 91
10/21: 2 Sm. 16, 2 Co. 9, Ek. 23, Ps. 5, Ps. 6	11/22: 2 Ki. 3, 2 Th. 3, Dn. 7, Ps. 49	12/22: 1 Ch. 16, Js. 3, Ob. 1, Ps. 92, Ps. 93
10/22: 2 Sm. 17, 2 Co. 10, Ek. 24, Ps. 7, Ps. 8	11/23: 2 Ki. 4, 1 Tm. 1, Dn. 8, Ps. 50	12/23: 1 Ch. 17, Js. 4, Jo. 1, Ps. 94
10/23: 2 Sm. 18, 2 Co. 11, Ek. 25, Ps. 9	11/24: 2 Ki. 5, 1 Tm. 2, Dn. 9, Ps. 51	12/24: 1 Ch. 18, Js. 5, Jo. 2, Ps. 95, Ps. 96
10/24: 2 Sm. 19, 2 Co. 12, Ek. 26, Ps. 10	11/25: 2 Ki. 6, 1 Tm. 3, Dn. 10, Ps. 52, Ps. 53, Ps. 54	12/25: 1 Ch. 19, 1 Ch. 20, 1 Pt. 1, Jo. 3, Ps. 97, Ps. 98
10/25: 2 Sm. 20, 2 Co. 13, Ek. 27, Ps. 11, Ps. 12	11/26: 2 Ki. 7, 1 Tm. 4, Dn. 11, Ps. 55	12/26: 1 Ch. 21, 1 Pt. 2, Jo. 4, Ps. 99, Ps. 100, Ps. 101
10/26: 2 Sm. 21, Ga. 1, Ek. 28, Ps. 13, Ps. 14	11/27: 2 Ki. 8, 1 Tm. 5, Dn. 12, Ps. 56, Ps. 57	12/27: 1 Ch. 22, 1 Pt. 3, Mi. 1, Ps. 102
10/27: 2 Sm. 22, Ga. 2, Ek. 29, Ps. 15, Ps. 16	11/28: 2 Ki. 9, 1 Tm. 6, Ho. 1, Ps. 58, Ps. 59	12/28: 1 Ch. 23, 1 Pt. 4, Mi. 2, Ps. 103
10/28: 2 Sm. 23, Ga. 3, Ek. 30, Ps. 17	11/29: 2 Ki. 10, 2 Ki. 11, 2 Tm. 1, Ho. 2, Ps. 60, Ps. 61	12/29: 1 Ch. 24, 1 Ch. 25, 1 Pt. 5, Mi. 3, Ps. 104
10/29: 2 Sm. 24, Ga. 4, Ek. 31, Ps. 18	11/30: 2 Ki. 12, 2 Tm. 2, Ho. 3, Ho. 4, Ps. 62, Ps. 63	12/30: 1 Ch. 26, 1 Ch. 27, 2 Pt. 1, Mi. 4, Ps. 105
10/30: 1 Ki. 1, Ga. 5, Ek. 32, Ps. 19		12/31: 1 Ch. 28, 2 Pt. 2, Mi. 5, Ps. 106
10/31: 1 Ki. 2, Ga. 6, Ek. 33, Ps. 20, Ps. 21		
11/1: 1 Ki. 3, Ep. 1, Ez. 34, Ps. 22	12/1: 2 Ki. 13, 2 Tm. 3, Ho. 5, Ho. 6, Ps. 64, Ps. 65	

# Picnic at the Park!





# Jesus Is Worthy of All our Praise

*I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. (Psalm 34:1)*

*con-tin-u-al, adj. - Recurring regularly or frequently. Not interrupted; steady.*

**EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO GOD.** The most effective way to utilize our words is to exalt and honor the Lord. We can cultivate a habit of focusing on things that are praiseworthy and directing our attention to the One who truly deserves praise—Jesus. There have been instances when I lost sight of my priorities and ended up magnifying and obsessing over my problems. However, King David understood the significance of merely glancing at his difficulties and instead fixing his gaze upon God, recalling His goodness, and continuously blessing Him!

**EXPERIENCE GOD’S GOODNESS.** We can cherish God’s Word, just as Jeremiah proclaimed, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart” (Jeremiah 15:16a). When we take time to internalize God’s Word in our hearts, our priorities and lives align with God’s plan, and we witness His abundant goodness.

May God bless you!

—*Pastor Sam Raj*

**APPRECIATE GOD’S PROVISION.** “Those who seek the Lord will lack no good thing” (Psalm 34:10b). Jesus taught that as we prioritize seeking God’s kingdom and righteousness, all the necessary things will be provided for us—shelter, food, clothing, and the fundamental provisions of life that God cares about and supplies (Matthew 6:33).

## **PRAY THIS PRAYER:**

Jesus, You are the Lord of my life. You are the healer of my body. You are the savior of my soul. You renew my mind. You mend my relationships. You provide for my finances. I place my trust in You, and I will stop complaining. Please help me control my tongue, be attentive to listening, slow to speak, and slow to anger. May my words be pleasing to You. Today, empower me to magnify You in Jesus’ name. Amen.

○ taste and see that the Lord is good (*Psalm 34:8a*).

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## Collective Worship

We use the word WORSHIP a lot! But do we understand the implications it has for our lives in Christ?

I’m stilling learning about WORSHIP, and I’ve been trying to do it for the past 40 years...

Worship (noun) is what God expects from those who believe in Him for Salvation. Worship (verb) is what I do when I pray, read my Bible, encourage other Christians, give my money, time and resources to God’s work, and when I lift my voice in praise to Him.

During the week I worship God mostly privately. But come Sunday, God expects me to participate in community worship or “collective worship”. God loves it when His people come together to worship Him.

However ... Are we worshiping collectively on Sundays, or are we worshiping privately?

Each of us will answer that question differently.

During the next few months, let God challenge you to worship with others during Sunday mornings. Sit somewhere different in the sanctuary... near someone you may not know. Get to know them, and deliberately join them in worship. Reach out to someone new before and/or after the service. Pray with someone. Listen to a new story from a new life. Discover how you might pray for and help someone.

Collective worship IS different. Give collective worship a try on Sunday mornings if you haven't yet done so. See what happens!

—*Pastor Trudi Bils*



*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. (Colossians 4:2)*

The holiday season is coming. This scripture reminds us that we should always devote ourselves to prayer because God is the only source of our spiritual being. For this reason, we will always win the spiritual war, and our attitude should be thankful for his power to sustain us.

I hope you had a blessed summertime! A group of our Cambodian members joyfully joined the annual Khmer Christian Pacific Northwest picnic in **Tumwater Historical Park**. About 150 people joined that fellowship with all kinds of foods, and the message encouraged staying strong together in Christ. We were also grateful for the combined worship service followed by our All Church Picnic at Oaks Park. There was an inspired message by Rev. Bruce and Ann Borquist, and we also enjoyed the foods prepared by our staff and volunteers. Our members who successfully gardened in their backyards brought vegetables to share most Sundays during summertime. We are grateful for their generosity! Shirley and I had the privilege and honor to join the ABC Asian Colloquium

in Orlando, FL, for the first time. The event was led and hosted by Rev. Augie Bau and Dr. Don Ng.

We learned from one another, through collegial presentations, about the challenges and successes among the Asian churches of the ABC from pastors with between 2–39 years of experience in the ministries. Also, there was a representative of MMBB who joined us for a financial presentation as well. Our final guest was Dr. Russel Yeung, a leading sociologist of Asian Americans, race, and religion. He is a professor of Asian American



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Studies at San Francisco State University. He humbly presented the Asian American Moral Injury and the



Gift of Flocking, which gave us new insight into social justice and challenges of church ministries today. It was amazing that a professor with a Chinese background lived among Cambodian refugees in a poor area of Oakland, CA, and dearly loved and helped them establish their new lives in the US. I understood him clearly because I was in that situation with our church in Portland. After the conference, Shirley and I had a week's vacation with our son, Anthony, who lives in Miami. Our trip was interrupted a little bit during the Idalia hurricane. Our God is good to protect us, and we only had one-and-a-half hour delay for our flight back home. Then we went to join and lead our Cambodian annual camping trip at Florence, Oregon, during the Labor Day weekend. Twenty-seven people joined that event. There were inspired

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ព្រះបន្ទូលប្រចាំត្រីមាសនេះគឺ កូលុំស ៤:២ យើងខ្ញុំអរព្រះគុណដល់ព្រះយ៉ាងក្រៃលែងដែលមានពួកជំនុំយើងខ្លះៗ មានឧកាសបានចូលរួមក្នុងកម្មវិធីកីកនឹកក្នុងរដូវក្តៅកន្លងមកនេះដូចជា ពួកជំនុំភាគពាយ័ព្យនៅក្រុង Tumwater ពួកជំនុំព្រះវិហារយើងនៅ Oaks Park ការបោះជំរុំរបស់យើងនៅក្រុង Florence ។ ខ្ញុំនឹងគ្រួសារបានទៅចូលរួមប្រជុំសន្និបាតគ្រូគង្វាលនៅក្រុង Orlando លោកស្រី សាធឿន ព្រំ បានទទួលអនិច្ចកម្ម គឺទៅនៅចំពោះព្រះនៃយើង នៅថ្ងៃទី២៤ ខែ៧ ។ ខ្ញុំសូមអរព្រះគុណដល់ព្រះ និងពួកជំនុំយើងដែលបានចូលរួមការរៀនដឹងមួយឆ្នាំម្តងនៃការគាំទ្រមណ្ឌលកូនក្មេងស្រុកខ្មែរ តាមសំណូមផ្ញើសំបុត្រ យើងវៃបានលើសពីចំនួន៥០០០ដុល្លាដែលយើងគ្រោងចង់បាន ។ សូមអធិស្ឋានសំរាប់ក្រុមបេសកកម្មរបស់យើងដែលនឹងទៅបំពេញការងារនៅទីនោះក្នុងខែ១១នេះ ។ សូមពួកជំនុំយើងចូលរួមបុណ្យគ្រីស្ទម៉ាសរបស់ខ្មែរយើងនៅព្រះវិហាររួមជាមួយ បងប្អូនអាមេរិកាំង នៅថ្ងៃអាទិត្យទី១៧ ខែ១២ ក្រោយពីការថ្វាយបង្គំព្រះរួច ។ ខ្ញុំសូមអរគុណដល់ពួកជំនុំនឹងអ្នកគ្រូ ហ្វីលីស្សា កែវ និងលោកស្រី អេលីសាបិត ខឹម ដែលបានសម្តែងព្រះបន្ទូល និងបង្រៀនព្រះបន្ទូលក្នុងពេលដែលយើងខ្ញុំទៅស្រុកខ្មែរផងដែរ ។ សូមអានភាសាអង់គ្លេសថែមទៀត ដែលមានដំណឹងលើសពីនេះផងដែរ ។ សូមព្រះប្រទានពរដល់ពួកជំនុំក្នុងពេលបុណ្យចុងឆ្នាំនេះ !





# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SW TAYLOR & 12<sup>TH</sup> AVE. PORTLAND

# YOU ARE INVITED!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 10:30 AM:

## VETERAN APPRECIATION SUNDAY

A special day set aside to pray for and express gratitude to all who have served in the military on our behalf. A small gift of appreciation will be given to the first 50 veterans present. Grab a “business card invitation” at church and invite a veteran in your life to join us as we honor all who have served. A special dessert will be served in honor of our veterans after the service.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10:30 AM:

## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Everyone is welcome to enjoy this special opportunity to “count our many blessings!” Whether you are an individual, a couple, or a whole family, there will be a seat for you at the table. Just c’mon down for our Thanksgiving church service at 10:30 am and a special meal served afterward. Be sure to pick up a “business card invitation” at church and invite a family member or friend to join you!

*Recommended donation: \$5 or \$20 for families of 4 and more*

To learn more, email [office@fbc-portland.org](mailto:office@fbc-portland.org) or follow us on Facebook!



by encouraging messages shared and led by Pastor Felicia, Bruce Anderson, and me throughout the weekend.

We enjoyed the tour, provided by Sandland Adventures and walked as a group to a couple of beaches

that most of us had never been to. We gave thanks to Serey and Sreyphich Kong for their leadership and coordination of the event.



Our Cambodian ministry also gladly witnessed the pastoral installation service full of the movement of the Spirit of God upon our new pastors. Our Moderator and

best volunteers served a lavish luncheon right after the service.

We are sad that Mrs. Saphoeun Prom, who was part of the beginning of the Cambodian ministry during the refugee period, went to be with our Lord on June 24, 2023. Pastor Matt graciously supported that family and me in assisting with the funeral and memorial services at the funeral home and church. I am grateful for the Prom and Beatty family for involving us in celebrating Saphoeun's life. She was a mother and grandmother who lifted the name of our Lord and his glory among the Cambodian community. Also, we

celebrated the lives of Ruth Boughner and Charlene Fischer on September, 17 in our church. Charlene loved the Cambodian community and their children and went on a mission trip with our team twice. Both of them prayed for us and gave us financial support to make sure that we stayed strong in the ministry. We thank them both for their love of the Lord!

Our Cambodian Children's Ministry has been growing for the last couple of months after they finished a 12-week of their "Great Journey" lessons under our new pastor who started to work with us in March of 2023. The children had so much fun with our creative lessons and their activities. The children's teacher and food



coordinator are doing very well with their responsibilities. We are grateful for their efforts and for their the love of the Lord. Unfortunately, a volunteer pastor who supported our weekly worship service in August had a motorbike

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accident with a sedan vehicle. It was a hit-and-run accident that left the pastor on the highway with bleeding from his head. We continued to pray and paid his medical bills, and he is doing better now. He is back to joining the worship services. For the BottleDrop project so far, we have raised \$1,000 and are expected to increase another \$500 by the end of the year. I am thankful to the Lord for those who love our Cambodian children and do their best to collect bottles and cans to support this project.

Finally, thank you!!! We had a good outcome at our annual fundraiser as well. We have raised over \$5,000, which is over our goal. Thank you so much for your



generous gifts toward this annual fundraiser!!! Please visit our website, [ccmnews.org](http://ccmnews.org), for updates on this children's ministry. We also sincerely thank our webmasters who take their time from their full-time jobs to keep it up to date. Please pray for us as our five team members, including Shirley and I, are going on the mission trip this



late October 2023. From trip to trip, there are always ministry objectives to fulfill due to the new class and program projects and new paid staff, especially the new programs started since the pandemic. Pray for God's mercy toward our health and safe trip. I am also thankful for our Pastor Felicia Keo and Mrs. Elizabeth Khem, who are taking care of the spiritual side of the ministry, and to our key leaders who fulfill their obligations while Shirley



and I are in the mission field. Finally, I want you to post on your calendar our Cambodian Christmas Luncheon right after church on Sunday, December 17, 2023, in the dining room. It is free to everyone! During the luncheon, please pray and help us start raising funds for the 2024 children's ministry budget. Pray that the ministry of CCM will be stronger than in 2023 with God's help! May your family have a blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year!

— *Pastor Peter Im*

# The Prayer Corner

## with Richard McGuirk

*“Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here, while I go over there and pray.’” (Matthew 26:36, ESV)*

Be Gracious to me, Oh Lord. I am just a sinner. Gethsemane is the path to the cross. In your Grace, oh Jesus, you are sharing Gethsemane by dying on the cross. By sharing Gethsemane you shared your belief in me, with your help, to handle suffering. This process of you dying, Jesus, removed sin in your Father's sight. The biggest sins are against God. Man-on-man sin still exists. You are the only one that can forgive sin and cleanse us. God creates clean hearts through Jesus. Clean hearts will seek Jesus and allow him to clean us up. The most important thing we can do is seek forgiveness!

*“Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.” (Psalm 61:1-3, ESV)*

I know God is a God of grace and love. Psalms 60 and-61 speak to me about God being Holy. The reverence of God is putting God on the throne of our lives. Jesus is the great King. God is our rock and shield. I have been pondering holiness and kingship. Think about who God is in your prayer life. The best way I know how to help you is to build into your prayer life!

## LifeGroups: The Prayer Room

*Pastor Anthony has begun hosting a new LifeGroup focused on prayer. This will be a continuing, weekly LifeGroup.*

- Who:** Anyone and everyone is invited to come learn and practice prayer.
- What:** What we'll do is— Pray! This will be a structured and focused time to intentionally bring to God the ministries of FBC, the needs of our people, and the problems of the city.
- When:** Every Tuesday at 11:00 am. No need to RSVP, just show up!
- Where:** The First Baptist Church Prayer Room.
- Why:** Because prayer is how we, as Jesus' Church, have a relationship with God. It is the most direct way we communicate with God, second only to reading the Scriptures. Prayer has many forms, many goals, and much technique; an accumulation of thousands of years of Christian tradition. But, it does not have to be difficult or complicated. Just like talking with another person, prayer is a conversation with God. Jesus said, “My house shall be called a house of prayer” (Matt. 21:13). Let's come together and make this true of FBC.

LIFEGROUP:  
PRAYER

Gather to learn about prayer and  
pray for our church, each other,  
and the city

Every Tuesday at 11am  
@ The FBC Prayer Room

anthony@fbc-portland.org

# AFTER SCHOOL HANG OUT

Come snack, play games, work on homework,  
eat pizza etc.

This is a space to spend a couple hours after  
school, before practice, or before heading home.  
There's no program, just space. All high  
schoolers are welcome.

## Every Wednesday

**@ The West End Theater**

3:30PM-5PM

1220 SW TAYLOR

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**For more info  
DM fbc.church on Insta  
or email:**

 [anthony@fbc-portland.org](mailto:anthony@fbc-portland.org)

\*snacks, games and pizza  
provided





# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group 7:00 pm: Servant Leadership Team Meeting	<b>4</b> 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout 7:00 pm Life Group (East)	<b>5</b> 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group 11:30 am: Outreach Team Meeting 7:00 pm Worship Team Mtg.	<b>11</b> 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Life Group (West)	<b>12</b> 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group 7:00 pm EPC Meeting	<b>J.13 YOUTH RETREAT @ ARRAN WANNA</b>	
<b>15</b> 12:00 pm: Quarterly Ministry Update	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm: Foundation Meeting	<b>17</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group 7:00 pm: Community Team Meeting	<b>18</b> 8:30 am: Men's Breakfast 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout 7:00 pm Life Group (East)	<b>19</b> 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>J.13 RETREAT</b>				<b>ABCCPC ANNUAL GATHERING</b>		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group	<b>25</b> 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout 7:00 pm Life Group (West)	<b>26</b> 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm PDX Worship Night at Grace Baptist
<b>ABCCPC</b>						
<b>29</b> 10:30 am: Pastor and Staff Appreciation Sunday	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group	<b>1</b> 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout 7:00 pm Life Group (East)	<b>2</b> 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:00 pm: Camp Arrah Wanna Auction & Banquet at Camp Arrah Wanna
<b>CCM MISSION TRIP</b>						

**SUNDAY**

- 10:00 am: Khmer Sunday School Life Group
- 10:30 am: English Worship Service, in-person and online  
KidChurch for ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Nursery Care Available Ages: 0-3
- 10:30 am: J.13 Youth Group
- 11:00 am: Cambodian Worship Service (Rose Chapel)

**MONDAY–SUNDAY**

6:00 – 8:00 am: Eye Opener (AA meeting)

**TUESDAY**

11:00 am: Prayer Life Group

**MONDAY & THURSDAY**

2:00 – 4:00 pm: Drop-In and Resource Center

**WEDNESDAY**

- 3:30 pm After School Hang Out (West End Theater)
- 7:00 pm: English and Khmer Life Groups (in-person and Zoom)

**THURSDAY**

- 12:00 pm: DI Volunteer Life Group (Dining Room)
- 3:00 pm: Downtown Community Life Group (Social Room)
- 4:30 pm: Worship Rehearsal

**FRIDAY**

Office closed

# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>29</b> 10:30 am: Pastor and Staff Appreciation Sunday	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group	<b>1</b> 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout  7:00 pm Life Group (East)	<b>2</b> 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:00 pm: Camp Arrah Wanna Auction & Banquet at Camp Arrah Wanna
<b>CCM MISSION TRIP</b>						
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group  7:00 pm: Missions Team Meeting	<b>8</b> 12:00 pm: Stewardship & Prop. Mtg.  3:30 pm: Youth Hangout  7:00 pm Life Group (West)	<b>9</b> 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>          <b>VETERANS DAY</b>
<b>CCM MISSION TRIP</b>						
<b>12</b> 10:30 am Veterans Appreciation Sunday  12:00 pm Youth Hang-Out	<b>13</b> FBC closed	<b>14</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group  7:00 pm: Worship Team Meeting	<b>15</b> 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout  7:00 pm Life Group (East)	<b>16</b> 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group  7:00 pm: EPC Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>CCM MISSION TRIP</b>						
<b>19</b> 10:30 am Thanksgiving Celebration + Lunch	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group  7:00 pm: Diaconate Meeting	<b>22</b> 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout  7:00 pm Life Group (on break)	<b>23</b> FBC closed	<b>24</b>          <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>CCM MISSION TRIP</b>						
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group	<b>29</b> 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout  7:00 pm Life Group (on break)	<b>30</b> 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group (on break)	<b>1</b> 6:00 pm Celebration of Christmas  Winter Camp Registration Open!	<b>2</b>
<b>CCM MISSION TRIP</b>						

*Dates and times are subject to change. Please contact the FBC office to verify.*

## Mission PDX

*We are everyday people  
**LOOKING UP** to God for meaning in life;  
**REACHING OUT** across cultural boundaries  
 with the hope of Jesus;  
**RAISING UP** a generation in the way of Jesus;  
**LIVING AS FAMILY**, different though we may  
 be; and  
**SERVING TOGETHER** for the good of others.*

# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group	29 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout  7:00 pm Life Group (West)	30 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group	1 6:00 pm Celebration of Christmas  Winter Camp Registrion Open!	2
<b>CCM MISSION TRIP</b>						
3 12:00 pm Christmas Craft Day and Pizza Party 12:00 pm Youth Christmas Party  ADVENT	4	5 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group  7:00 pm: Community Team Meeting	6 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout  7:00 pm Life Group (East)	7 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group	8	9
10  ADVENT	11	12 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group  7:00 pm Apprenticeship Team Meeting	13 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout  7:00 pm Life Group (West)	14 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group  7:00 pm EPC Meeting	15	16 12:00 pm Staff Meeting
17 11:00 am Community Advent Celebration 12:00 pm Cambodian Christmas Luncheon ADVENT	18	19 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group (on break)	20 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout (on break)  7:00 pm Life Group (on break)	21 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group (on break)	22	23
24 10:30 am Christmas Eve Service  ADVENT	25 FBC closed  CHRISTMAS	26 FBC closed 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group (on break)	27 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout (on break)  7:00 pm Life Group (on break)	28 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group (on break)	29	30
31 11:00 am Christmas For The World Service	1 FBC closed  HAPPY 2024!	2 11:00 am: Prayer Life Group (on break)  7:00 pm: Servant Leadership Team Meeting	3 3:30 pm: Youth Hangout (on break)  7:00 pm Life Group (on break)	4 12:00 pm Drop In Volunteer Life Group (on break)	5	6



**Do you have a prayer request that you would like shared with our email prayer chain? If so, just contact the Church Office at 503-228-7465 or [office@fbc-portland.org](mailto:office@fbc-portland.org), Monday–Thursday, or Darcia Hing ([darciahing@comcast.net](mailto:darciahing@comcast.net)) Friday–Sunday, so that we can pray for you!**

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

invites you to



## CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 1, 2022, 6:00 pm

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY & PIZZA PARTY

Sunday, December 3, 2022, 12:00 pm

## COMMUNITY ADVENT CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 17, 2022, 10:30 am

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Saturday, December 24, 2022, 10:30 am

## CHRISTMAS FOR THE WORLD SERVICE

Sunday, December 31, 2022, 10:30 am

Southwest 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Taylor, Portland, Oregon  
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