

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For His gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring

For the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,

For the truths that still confound us,

Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Count your blessings, name them one by one;

Count your blessings, see what God hath done;

Count your blessings, name them one by one;

Count your many blessings, see what God hath done

CHURCH STAFF

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*Please contact the church office for your pastoral needs during this time.

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Worship Services: 8:30am and 10:30am

Sunday School classes begin at 9:30am

Preschool/Nursery

The Preschool and Nursery Department is available from 8:30am through the end of 10:30am worship service. The preschool and nursery area is located at the gym entrance off of Demere Road.

Sunday School

K-5 grades: 2nd Floor
6-12 Grades: Youth Suite, 2nd Floor
Adults: In-person classes are located in various rooms throughout the building. Please check the Welcome Center for exact class locations. Virtual Sunday school options are also available; contact the church office for info.

*We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!
For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.
Psalm 75:1*

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



Christmas is coming!

Our annual Advent devotional will be available next Sunday at the Welcome Center, in the church foyer, and in the church office.

On Sun., 12/13, our families with children will enjoy a "Miracle in the Manger." They'll hear scripture, complete an activity, and enjoy snacks and caroling. Email Rachel@FBCSSI.org to reserve your spot. They are collecting unbreakable, plain or biblically-themed, new and used ornaments for this event. Contact Rachel for more info.

We will hold our Christmas Candlelight worship service on Thursday, December 24th at 5:30pm. It will include our children's live nativity. We encourage those that plan to attend the service to please call the church office or email admin@fbcSSI.org so we can have an idea of how many will be attending. We will be socially distanced every other pew, with a maximum seating capacity of 200 people.



We give thanks for the kindness and generosity of our congregation. Over 60 children's Christmases will be gladdened with a Christmas shoebox from FBCSSI.



**First Baptist
CHURCH**
St. Simons Island

*Our Vision is to be
a family of believers
sharing God's love and grace
with all people.*

Today's Sermon:

Just Keep Sowing

Matthew 13:18-23

November 22, 2020

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The Worship of God

November 22, 2020

Chiming of the Hour		
Congregational Call to Worship	<i>We Gather Together</i>	
Welcome and Church Happenings		Rev. Michael Jennings
Doxology		
Morning Prayer		Rev. Justin Moser
Reading of Scripture	Matthew 13:18-23	
Song of Reflection	<i>We Gather Together</i> John Harper, organ	arr. Sandy Wilkinson
Worship Medley	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i> <i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	
Offertory Prayer		
8:30am		Trena Smith-Smyth
10:30am		Theresa Beaton
Offertory†	<i>Morning Has Broken</i> Faith Hamilton-Trent, piano, John Harper, organ	arr. Ralph Manuel
*Children's Message		Susannah Mize
Song of Thanksgiving	<i>Count Your Blessings</i> Sanctuary Bell Choir	arr. Linda Lamb
Morning Message	<i>Just Keep Sowing</i>	Rachel Sherron
Hymn of Response	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	
Benediction		Rachel Sherron
Closing Chorus	<i>Count Your Blessings</i>	
Postlude	<i>Postlude on St. George Windsor</i> John Harper, organ	arr. Jayson Payne

† Offerings may be placed on the communion table or in the offering plates in the foyer.

*10:30 Service only. Children are asked to remain in place during the children's message.



This week's highlights:

Today
 11:30am - Deacons meet
 2:00pm - Vocal ensemble rehearsal

Tuesday
 9:30am - Decorating the church for Christmas. All are welcome to help.
 4:30pm - Morningstar Thanksgiving dinner in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday
 Office closes at noon in observance of Thanksgiving

Thursday and Friday
 Church office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Looking ahead:

November 29 (First Sunday of Advent)
 Communion served at both services
 2:00pm - Vocal ensemble rehearsal

December 13 (Sunday)
 11:30am - Called church conference to discuss and vote on 2021 budget

On Tuesday, we will host the Morningstar Thanksgiving dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Morningstar Children and Family Services, Inc. provides residential foster care and community counseling services to children, youth, and their families. These programs provide quality therapeutic services to children and youth who have multiple diagnoses, often including intellectual disabilities. They specialize in connecting Georgia's children with brighter days, and we have partnered with them for over 20 years to help brighten up their Thanksgiving. Thank you in advance for your help and support with this meaningful ministry.

There will be a called church conference to discuss and vote on the 2021 budget on Sunday, December 13th at 11:30am. The budget will be available for review starting Tues., Dec. 1st.

Supporting Ministry Together	
November 11, 2020	
Weekly Need	\$14,350
Given*	\$11,849
Year to Date Need	\$660,100
Year to Date Given	\$598,991

2020 Campaign	
Received this week	\$75
Total Given	\$113,781

*Includes online giving through 11/18/2020

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
 He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
 The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
 Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
 Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
 So from the beginning the fight we were winning,
 Thou, Lord, wast at our side: the glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader in battle,
 And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
 Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
 Thy name be ever praised: O Lord, make us free!

WORSHIP MEDLEY

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
 To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
 Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
 Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
 His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
 A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
 Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
 As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces, the stars in their courses,
 The sun in its orbit obediently shine.
 The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
 The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him Divine.
 We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
 With glad adoration a song let us raise,
 Till all things now living unite in Thanksgiving
 To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
 All is safely gathered, ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
 Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
 Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown;
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
 Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His harvest home;
 From His field shall purge away all that doth offend that day;
 Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
 But the fruitful ears to store in His keeping evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
 Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
 There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;
 Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.