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“As long as the earth endures,
Seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
Summer and winter, day, and night
Will never cease.”
Genesis 8:22

Dear Church Family,

What is your favorite thing about the fall? I love the cooler nights, the colorful leaves, the fresh apples, and everyone’s gardens producing the final crop of produce. I love the rhythm of the seasons – that rhythm is so clear and definitive here in New England where many of us live.

In the passage above, God has just finished a great and terrible flood, judgement upon all the evil in the world. Then Noah, in gratitude to God for delivering his family (and probably in his grateful relief for finally getting off of that ark!), builds an altar to worship God. Then God gives a promise. The promise is as much about God’s control over the rhythms of the earth as it is about His provision for all that is needed for our lives – the food to sustain us.

Harvest – it is a wonderful time of year. Let me ask you: Who provides the seed? Who provides the rain? Who provides the light from the sun? God does.

Noah had such a desire to thank God that he presented God with a special offering. And God noticed and responded in love to Noah.

What do you and I have to offer God, as a sign of our gratitude? We no longer offer sacrifices of animals. Yet we can give something, can’t we? Something which shows God our gratitude? Something which expresses to God how thankful we are to Him for His provision?

What will YOU present to God as YOUR offering to show Him your gratitude?

Blessed to be serving with you all,

Peter Beckwith,
Interim Pastor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- October 6 John Rogers
- October 9 Diane Magnuson
- October 16 Kenneth Shelton
- October 24 Jean Farnsworth
- October 26 Scott Copley
- October 28 Marjorie Shelton, Marion Hansen



Anniversary:

- October 20 Darleen and Daniel Buttrick



Sermon Topics for October:

- October 2** - James 4:7-10 “Humbled and Lifted Up”
- October 9** - John 4:13-17
“Our Plans and God’s Plans”
- October 16** - James 5:1-6 “The Rich and Justice”
- October 23** - James 5:7-11
“Be Patient - The Lord is Coming”
- October 30** - James 5:13-20
“The Heart of the Church - Prayer”



**“I AM Statements In John’s Gospel”
Tuesdays- 7 pm**

Bible Study has begun. These Bible Studies are led by Paul Chudigian (in person and on Zoom) and in the near future by Norma Brunner (on Zoom). See you there!

**Women Bible Study
“The Kingdom of God Parables”
Thursdays- 10 am**

The Women Bible Study will resume on **October 27**. We will be meeting in Lena’s house. Please bring your Bibles. Come and be blessed!



**All-Church Prayer Meeting
First Wednesdays of the Month**

Anyone can join the **All-Church Prayer Meeting** on Zoom, and even if we meet physically in church, it will also be on Zoom. Send your prayer requests by email or by calling the church office. This would be an opportunity for those who have prayer requests to join in and we will pray for you. Our next meetings will take place on **Wednesday October 5** at **7 pm**. See you there!

***PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Our country, all our home bound, Ukraine, Cameroon, Nigeria
- Norma Brunner (recovery), Roy Brunner
- Debbie’s father (hospice at home)
- Jean Butler’s sister (hospice) and niece Karen (cancer)
- Rev. Mary Miller (healing)
- Bill Ware’s niece Judy,
- Eugene Ware (upcoming surgery on Oct. 12)
- Agnetta Wilson’s father Lemuel Spence, sister Nancy Spence
- Agnetta’s friend, J. Martin (cancer)
- Jamie Sobin (Agnetta’s son-in-law), Tricia
- Lena Bryant, Silvana (Lena’s mother-in-law)
- Sean (Lena’s son, job)
- Milburn Stevens (Lena’s godfather, MS)
- Jean Farnsworth
- Herb and Jean’s 25 yr, old friend
- Lesley (Ben Bragg’s nephew’s wife, cancer)
- Gabrielle’s mom Sylvia
- Gabrielle’s friends, Sandy and Obeda (health)
- Joan Weiss (lung cancer)
- Simone (prayers for her mother and family in China, guidance for new vocation)
- Brenda Cox, Sara Sullivan, Eugene Ware, Noah
- Scott’s 99-year-old grandmother in rehab
- Cathy and Ian’s son Frank and wife Jess
- Cathy’s friend Linda’s neighbor (heart attack)
- Cathy’s friend’s mother (healing, broken leg)
- Dan Kirkwood’s niece in AZ (incurable cancer)
- Pamela D’ Andre (Norma’s missionary friend in Ukraine), Amanda and family (death of Aunt Edna)

*Please call or email the office for any changes or additions to these prayer requests. Thanks.



**HARVEST
“WITH FELLOWSHIP” BUFFET
October 30, 2022 - Ham Dinner**

Reservation are required.

Bring your family and friends. The meal is provided by the Board of Deacons and the Board of Christian Education at ‘no charge.’

**Call the church office or
Marge Shelton (781) 646-3762
by October 28th to make your
reservations.**



Neighbors Serving Neighbors

We are collecting non-perishable food items to donate to Arlington EATS.

Please bring in your donations and place them in the plastic bin in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Worship Leaders:

October 2 - Marjorie Shelton
October 9 - Janice Weber
October 16 - Frank Shelton
October 23 - Sara Buttrick
October 30 - TBA

Tech Team:

Oct 2 - Producer: Mark Jones
Sound Monitor: Laura Wilczewski
Oct 9 - Producer: John Rogers
Sound Monitor: Janice Weber
Oct 16 - Producer: William Ware
Sound Monitor: Julius Takang
Oct 23 - Producer: Mark Jones
Sound Monitor: Marjorie Shelton
Oct 30 - Producer: Ian Jackson
Sound Monitor: William Ware



Pastor Peter's Schedule

Pastor Peter can be reached at pastorpeter@aol.com and his cell phone is (207) 409-0997. Peter will be available on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays**, unless it's an emergency.

Pastor's Visits

If you, or someone you know would like to have a visit from the Pastor, please call him and he will be happy to come!



FIRST BAPTIST GUIDELINES - COVID UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

Most of us are tired at COVID restrictions, and we were elated the CDC relaxed some of their mandates. Zoom has been a 'God send', but it does not replace 'in church' services with family and friends. PLEASE, consider coming back to services in the church building.

But, we have to be vigilant and respectful of a worshipper's personal preferences. Hand shaking is a personal decision Some people will refrain from handshakes and hugs.

Please review the following guidelines:

- If you have any signs of the COVID virus, please stay home and join the service on Zoom.
- Please enter the church at the front door even if you park in the back parking lot and sign the Contact Sheet in the narthex.
- Wearing of masks is a personal decision. There will be masks available in the narthex.
- The bulletins will be in the back of the church as you enter the sanctuary. On Communion Sundays, there will be cups of juice and wafers beside the bulletins.
- Collection plates for your offering will be on the table in front of the sanctuary.
- If a child needs to go the bathroom, they need to be accompanied by an adult.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE 2023

The time is coming for our annual Stewardship Drive. At this time of year we ask church members and friends to consider what they will be able to give to the church in 2023. We ask that you prayerfully consider what contribution you can make to the work of our Lord through the First Baptist Church of Arlington. When that decision has been made, we ask that you make a pledge to the church so that those responsible for planning the budget will know how much money we have to work with. This is always a very personal decision and should be made with prayer.

Pledge Sunday is November 6, 2022.



The rose on the pulpit on Sunday, October 2, was in honor of the birth of: **Luca David Jackson**, born on September 28, 2022. Proud grandparent are Ian and Catherine Jackson.



Congratulations

Ayesha Ware married **Andre Tadlock** on September 17, 2022. The ceremony was held at Beloved St. John Evangelist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. The newlyweds went to Jamaica on their honeymoon.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help edit videos to be posted on Facebook, webpage and (soon) Arlington Public Access TV. Edits must be made on an Apple of Mac computer. Thanks.



Statement of disclosure on recording worship services

Please be aware that in order to share music and the Message on our church Facebook page, on our web site and on Arlington Public Access TV, we do record our weekly worship services. For your information, we never share the children's story or the prayer time publicly in this manner.



Flowers

Anyone wishing to have flowers for our worship service on Sundays, in memory of or in honor of, may call the church. Flowers can be ordered though the church, or you can provide your own. Orders must be placed two weeks before the date.



All available dates.



Instructions for connecting with our live services:

From your regular home phone:

- 1) Call: 1-646-876-9923
 - 2) When asked for the Meeting ID, enter church phone #: 781 643 3024
 - 3) THEN, press the “#” sign
 - 4) When asked to enter the password, enter 781 643 3024 (yes, the same as the ID)
 - 5) THEN, press the “#” sign once again
- (During the prayer sharing time, if you want to share, then press *9)

Smart Phone People:

- 1) Download the “ZOOM Cloud Meeting” App
- 2) Follow the prompts to sign up (ZOOM is free, so don't upgrade)
- 3) For a meeting, open your ZOOM App - select “Join”
- 4) When prompted, enter the “Meeting ID” (it's the church phone #) 7816433024
- 5) When prompted, enter the password: 7816433024 (yes, the same as the ID)

People using their computers:

- 1) Enter this link: <https://zoom.us/j/7816433024>
- 2) Click on “Join a Meeting”
- 3) When prompted, enter the “Meeting ID” (it's the church phone #) 7816433024
- 4) When prompted, enter the password: 7816433024 (yes, the same as the ID)
- 5) Click on “Join”

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To all Boards and Committees **Note from the Finance and Nominating Committees** **Regarding 2023 Budgets and Planning**

2023 Budget Requests are due by October 31st. Please submit your Budget Request to Marjorie Shelton to be documented for the Finance Committee.

Also, if you anticipate open positions on your Board or Committee for 2023, please make recommendations to the Nominating Committee of individual(s) whom you think would fill the position. The members of Nominating are: Catherine Jackson, William Megow, Marjorie Shelton, William Ware, Agnetta Wilson.

Thank you,
Finance Committee
Nominating Committee

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET 2022

Every year First Baptist Arlington prepares an Advent Devotional Booklet. It will include articles for each day of the Advent season written by members and friends of the church, and inspire us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas. Won't you consider sharing a short story?

Here are some ideas of what you could write:

- **Share a special Christmas tradition and why it means so much to you.**
- **Who is your favorite character in the Bible stories of Jesus' birth and why is that person important to you.**
- **What is your favorite Christmas carol and what is its special message to you?**
- **Any other inspiring Christmas story.**



Please submit your article by:

- Email the church at info@firstbaptistarlington.org
- Mail it to 819 Mass Ave, Arlington, MA 02476

Some More Topic ideas:

Advent	No Room in the Inn	The Light of Life
Childhood	The Angel's Message	The Magnificat
Christmas Celebrations	The Holy Spirit	The Messiah
Christmas Symbols	The Innkeeper	The Savior
Good News	The Light in the Darkness	The Wise Men
God With Us		

Booklets will be passed out on Sunday, November 27, 2022, the first Sunday of Advent.

Questions? Email or call the church office (781) 643-3024.

Deadline is Sunday, November 20, 2022.

Arlington Housing Stability Program



Apply today at arlingtonma.gov/arpa

- If you...
- live in Arlington, MA,
 - have a low or middle income, and
 - have experienced a financial hardship related to Covid-19

...you may be eligible for up to 3 months of rental or mortgage assistance.

Apply by December 31st!



Application and program guidelines: arlingtonma.gov/arpa

For application help, contact the Town of Arlington at 781-316-3090 or covidrelief@town.arlington.ma.us



MYSTIC BRASS ENSEMBLE

2022-23 SEASON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 • 3PM
BRASS SYMPHONIES
HAUFRECHT, EWAZEN, HARTLEY, AND REED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 8PM
HOLIDAY POPS
HOLIDAY FAVORITES, AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS
BY ANDREW HEATH

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 • 3PM
THE FINAL FRONTIER
FEATURING HOLST'S THE PLANETS, COMPLETE FOR BRASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 • 3PM
THE ART OF ENSEMBLE
FEATURING SOPRANO JANET ROSS, AND FULL WORKS FOR
WIND ENSEMBLE



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Announcements:

- ◆ **All-Church Prayer Meeting** - Wed October 5 at 7 pm
- ◆ The church and Pastor Peter are on **Facebook**. You can friend him at “Peter Beckwith”
- ◆ **Prayer requests** and **announcements**: please email or call the church with any prayer requests or announcements.
Deadline for the November Newsletter is Sunday, October 23, 2022.
- ◆ **Tithes & Offerings**: For those who are able to continue to give, please mail your checks to our collector, Janice Weber, 29 Crescent Hill Ave., Arlington, MA 02474-2501.

October 2022

Saturday, Oct 1	4-5:30 pm, Cub Scouts	
Sunday, Oct 2	10 am, Communion Worship Service	
Tuesday, Oct 4	7 pm, Bible Studies “I AM Statements” in person and on Zoom	
Wednesday, Oct 5	7 pm, All-Church Prayer Meeting on Zoom	
Thursday, Oct 6	7:30 pm, Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	
Saturday, Oct 8	4-6 pm, Cub Scouts Organizational Meeting	
Sunday, Oct 9	10 am, Worship Service	
Monday, Oct 10	COLUMBUS DAY - Office Closed	
Tuesday, Oct 11	7 pm, Bible Studies “I AM Statements” in person and on Zoom	
Wednesday, Oct 12	6:45-8:45 pm, Boy Scouts	
Thursday, Oct 13	7:30 pm, Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	
Saturday, Oct 15	10 am, Board of Deacons	
Sunday, Oct 16	10 am, Worship Service	
	Noon, Board of Christian Education on Zoom	
Monday, Oct 17	6-7 pm, Tiger Den 3	
Tuesday, Oct 18	7 pm, Bible Studies “I AM Statements” in person and on Zoom	
	6:30-7:30 pm, Den 5	
Thursday, Oct 20	7:30 pm, Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	
Sunday, Oct 23	10 am, Worship Service	
Tuesday, Oct 25	7 pm, Bible Studies “I AM Statements” in person and on Zoom	
Wednesday, Oct 26	6:45-8:45 pm, Boy Scouts	
Thursday, Oct 29	10 am, Women Bible Study “The Kingdom of God Parables” resumes	
	7:30 pm, Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	
Sunday, Oct 30	10 am, Worship Service	
	HARVEST BUFFET following service	