

TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome to First Baptist Church! We've compiled a list of a few things you might find helpful, especially if this is your first visit. We are excited about how God is working through our church and we would love to share the journey with you!

What We Do // Everything we do here can be summarized by our vision: To be Light Unleashed. We want to be a church so dedicated to good works that the community would be drawn to God as a result. (Check out Matthew 5:14-16.)

Where to Start // Be sure to check out the Welcome Desk. Our friendly volunteers will connect you to information about the various ministries we offer. Be sure to fill out a communication card so we can keep in touch - we promise not to call during dinner!

Kids // We love kids and have something for kids, baby through high school. Whether you want to keep them with you in the worship service or send them to be with ones of similar age, we're cool either way. During the Sunday School hour, children up to 5th grade meet upstairs and middle and high school youth meet in Room 107 to grow in their relationship with Him. Children through fifth grade may remain in Children's Ministry while their caregiver worships during the 11:15 service.

Bible Study // The Bible is pretty awesome. We offer a wide-variety of Bible studies on Sunday morning for all ages. A brochure of these opportunities is at the Welcome Desk.

Offering // Please, don't feel obligated to share with us financially today. You are our guest and we are honored to have an opportunity to worship with you this morning.

Questions // Check out our website at firstfrederick.org or find us on Facebook at fb.com/firstfrederick.



ATTENDANCE

Previous Sunday

Sunday School	61
11:00 am Children's Ministry	11
Worship Service	75

FINANCIALS

	January	YTD thru January
Total Income	38,080	38,080
Total Expense	56,606	56,606
Total Building Income	840	840
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Total Principal Income	2750	2750
Total Principal Expense	2750	2750

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Week of February 9th

Sunday
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday
9:00 am Circle Fellowship

Wednesday
6:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal
6:45 pm Bible Study

Pastor Don Moenich

After a successful career in public and Christian education, Jesus has prepared the best ministry years for my wife and I looking ahead, leading His church! Liz and I are passionate about building relationships with people in order to be invited to share the gospel with them. Then, we immediately think how we might find creative ways to offer our new friends discipleship opportunities, both formal and informal. It's this kind of intentionality in living that produces results and lifelong friendships. Praise the Lord, we have a track record of friends that can attest to this!

From the Personnel Committee

Janna Cansler has shared she will be resigning effective the end of February. She has been working on finishing her master's degree in Elementary Education for several months. This along with dealing with the passing of her father has sped up the timing of her leaving (we expected in May as she moved to full time work with the school system.) This is a great opportunity for Janna, and the Personnel Committee supports her move.



For 2025, the church has made \$2,750 in principal only payments toward the church mortgage.

Thank you for your generous donations.

Ministry Team

Pastor Duke Jeffries	Interim Senior Pastor
Mark Trice	Director Student Ministry
Rachel Pyles	Director Children's Ministry
Maggie Jessop	Worship Leader
Janna Cansler	Office Manager
Marilyn Buchen	Organist
Sungheui Bae-Park	Pianist
Betsy Devilbiss	Chair of the Deacons



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ONLINE GIVING

Visit our homepage (www.firstfrederick.org) then click on the tab that says, "Online Giving." A credit card is not needed; funds are sent straight from your bank. You will not be charged extra for contributing online and you have the added choice of making recurrent payments. You may also point your smartphone camera at the QR above to access the webpage for giving with your phone.



The Worship of God

February 9, 2025

11:00 AM

Prelude	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Hymn #3	<i>Worthy of Worship</i>	Congregation
*Hymn #329	<i>Grace Greater than our Sin</i>	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Pastor Don Moenich
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
*Hymn (on screen)		Congregation
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Don Moenich
Offertory		Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Doxology		Congregation
Anthem	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	Worship Choir
Sermon	What's the Big Idea	Pastor Don Moenich
Invitation to Christian Commitment		
*Hymn of Invitation		Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Benediction		Pastor Don Moenich
*Response of Fellowship	<i>To God Be The Glory</i>	Congregation

Go Forth to Serve

* Those who are able to stand, please stand



The Needs of Our Church; Our Ministry Team and Their Families; Unity within Our Church Body; Little Lights Child Development Center; Church Deacons; Finance Committee; Personnel Committee; Nominating Committee; Pulpit Committee; Church Council; The Lighthouse Children’s Ministry; Youth Group; Small Group Leaders; Joan and Bill Golliday’s son and son-in-law; Sharon Rectanus’ brother; Lucky Brittain; Ron and Jean Banta; W.R. Bryant; Faye Bevard and daughter; Gene and Phyllis Thomas; Rus and Yon Hwa Kuck; Pat and Dan Johns; John Greene; Ron and Sonia Mallow; Janet Noffsinger’s family; Barbara Wetzels; Santford and Janice Williams’ family; The Krauss family; Liz & Tom Brady; Jon Hunt; Sandy Haller’s family; Linda Collins; Bob Pendergraft; Kristen Torre and Jonathan Alexander; our community; Military Personnel and Families; our country; our world; and we pray that we listen and take action as God directs us to carry out the mission of FBC unleashed.

Please contact Peggy Van Bibber at peggyvb@aol.com to add to the prayer list, to update the prayer list, or if a specific prayer is no longer needed.

The Frederick School of Religion convenes for its 41st year **March 3rd**. The School is an ecumenical teaching organization that provides a ‘*Learning for Life*’ experience. This year’s school consists of 6 courses which cover a broad range of topics appealing to diverse faith groups. The **location** is Beth Shalom, 1011 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21701. **These courses** will be offered on consecutive Monday and Tuesday afternoons and the evenings from March 3rd through April 8th. Each 6-week long course is eligible for up to 1.2 Continuing Education Units. For more information and registration forms, you may visit our website www.frederickschoolofreligion.org or call 240-651-1865 or 240-490-5657.

Jesus’ Secret Teachings

What were the secret teachings of Jesus? We will examine the texts of the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Mary Magdalene, the Gospel of Judas, the Gospel of Philip and the Gospel of Truth.

The Mass, Sacred Words Set to Music

In this class we will listen to and discuss Masses written over the last seven centuries, from the earliest extant Mass composed in the 1400s by Guillaume de Machaut to contemporary composer John Rutter’s “Mass of the Children.”

How the Hebrew Bible was Formed

Did you know that the Hebrew Bible contains not one but two *different* accounts of Noah’s Ark; Jacob being renamed Israel; Abram passing Sarai on; two different creation stories? This course will examine the present state of research into the formation and development of the Hebrew Bible.

Judaism, Jewish Peoplehood, and the Land of Israel

Together we will explore the historic connection between the Land of Israel and the Jewish people as well as the religious significance of this relationship. We will study sources that take us on a journey from the Biblical era through the centuries until we arrive at our modern age.

Traditional Native American Ideology

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, there are presently approximately 700 recognized Native American tribes in the U.S. Each one of these groups has its own language, culture, mythos, and ceremonies. We will look at Native American beliefs about themselves, the world, and the sacred.

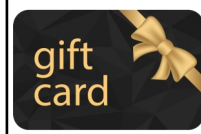
Let’s Go to the Movies! Finding Spiritual Meaning in Contemporary Popular Films

This course will focus on five films that tell the stories of women who have changed the world. We will examine the common spiritual themes expressed through their lives which altered how we approach medical research, sports, journalism, politics, consumer activism; and empowerment for women and girls.

More information is available at the Welcome Desk.

Mission Project

Help with Recreation Passes and Gift Cards



We are seeking to provide recreation passes and gift cards for families to use during visitation between children in foster care and their parents. We can offer families the opportunity to connect outside of the Frederick County DSS agency, giving families a sense of normalcy. Here are some examples of places in the Frederick area that would be a great visitation option: Adventure Park, Me Land, Fourth Dimension, Z Bounce/Z Planet in FSK mall, Tree Trekkers, I Made This, Hot Fired Arts, Urban Air, Skate Frederick, Chuck E Cheese, The Boulder Yard, Clue IQ: An Escape Room Experience, Escape This Frederick, Frederick Keys Baseball, Green Meadows Petting Farm, Spinners Pinball Arcade, Surelocked In Escape Games, Walkersville Southern Railroad, and Warehouse Cinemas.

Please leave gift cards in the designated box on the table next to the Welcome Desk.

Volunteers for Diaper Bank

GC3 Diaper Bank is a ministry of GC3 Church right here in Frederick. GC3 Diaper Bank is a ministry founded in June 2023 that seeks to provide diapers to those who are struggling to afford them. Their goal is to bring hope to the hopeless and serve Christ by meeting a big need of families in our community. They are in need of 12-15 volunteers at each distribution, which are held twice a month, 4:30pm to 7pm on first and third Thursday nights each month. As a small church family, they are tapped for volunteer resources, and are constantly in need of more help from the greater Frederick community.

They are also more than happy to sign off for anyone in need of volunteer hours.

Let's give them a hand and help fill their volunteer slots for January and February! Please contact Daphne Matthews at daphne_engr@yahoo.com for a sign up link if you are interested in volunteering.



Giving Envelopes

The church office is still awaiting the shipment of giving envelopes, which may be several weeks. Once they arrive, they will be available for those who indicated they would like a new packet. Unnumbered envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk.



Giving Statements

Please email the office if you need a giving statement for 2024. Janna Cansler can be reached at office@firstfrederick.org

FROM PASTOR DUKE

Believing

Prepositions can be very eloquent. A man is “in” computers or a woman is “in” teaching, we say, meaning that is what they do on weekdays and how they make enough money to enjoy themselves the rest of the time. But If we say they are “into” those things, that is another story. “Into” means something more like total immersion. They live and breathe what they do. They take it home with them nights. They can’t get enough of it. To be “into” books means that just the sight of a signed first edition of *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* sets your heart pounding. To be “in” books means selling them at Barnes and Noble.

Along similar lines, New Testament Greek speaks of believing “into” rather than believing “in.” In English we can perhaps convey the distinction best by using either “in” or no preposition at all.

Believing *in* God is an intellectual position. It needs have no more effect on your life than believing *ins* Freud’s method of interpreting dreams or the theory that Sir Francis Bacon wrote *Romeo and Juliet*.

Believing God is something else again. It is less a position than a journey, less a realization than a relationship. It doesn’t leave you cold like believing the world is round. It stirs your blood like believing the world is a miracle. It affects who you are and what you do with your life like believing your house is on fire or believing somebody loves you.

