

*Sunday, May 17, 2020*



Welcome to  
**First Baptist Church  
of Endicott**

*Know the love of God in Jesus Christ;  
Grow as followers of Him;  
Go share the love of God in our community and world.*

Interim Pastor • Rev. Dr. Keith Marlett  
Worship Leader • Jared O'Neill  
Praise Team Leader • Bill Starring

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*Praise & Worship*

Opening Song		Praise Team
Opening Prayer		Worship Leader
Announcements		Worship Leader
Children's Message		Nancy Marlett
Special Music	Abbreviated Story of the Life of P. B. Bliss - Noted Hymn Writer	
Scripture Reading	John 1:1-14 NIV	Linda O'Neill
Message	"The True Light That Gives Light to Every Man"	Bill Starring
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Pastor Keith

*Today's Scripture Reading*

**The Word Became Flesh**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. <sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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*Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations*

Health Concerns: Dale Peloke; Al McFall; Dan Marlett;  
Charlie Beecher; Pat McFall;  
Church family, friends, and our homebound members;  
All victims and families of COVID-19; and  
All those on the front lines battling and protecting;  
The Pastoral Search Committee;  
Our virtual worship service;  
God's direction during this time of transition.

You can submit your prayer requests by emailing the church office or by contacting a deacon or the pastor. Prayer requests of a personal nature will not be shared during the virtual worship service.

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We are [streaming our worship service](#) on the church Facebook page. You will see it appear 'live' at 10:45AM (also available to view later). Also, each week the sermon will be available in audio and video format on the church website. Once you are on the website, go to the tab in the upper right-hand corner that says "Audio Sermons" or "Sermon Videos."

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**Ladies Wednesday Bible Study** is meeting online on Zoom. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Kay Hollister for times and instructions.

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Non-perishable food donations to **CHOW** are most welcome and needed! Cindy Starring is willing to pick up donations from you if you are unable to bring them to church. Monetary gifts are always welcome through our online giving or by check made payable to First Baptist Church and earmarked "CHOW."

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A new, **high-speed internet** has been installed at the church by Spectrum (we formerly had Verizon DSL), allowing for a new phone service with more capabilities and faster internet to allow for new technology such as streaming our worship service. Thanks to Pastor Keith for initiating this project and attending to its installation in the building.

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**May is Mental Health Awareness Month.** The Samaritan Counseling Center in Endicott is there to help in this difficult time. Some tips from their counselors include:

- Maintaining a consistent sleep window is more important than we realize. Varying your usual bedtime and wake time is the equivalent to jet lag for your body, without the plane ride.
- Practice mindful awareness to avoid unconsciously repeating self-defeating patterns in thinking and behavior.

If you feel you need someone to talk to, please contact the Center at 754-2660.

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**Parsons/Berchtold Wedding Update:** Sadly, due to everything going on with COVID, Jon and I will need to postpone our 6/20/20 wedding. We are so disappointed but want to make sure things are looking better and that we are allowed to be in large groups again before we reschedule our wedding. Once these things happen, we will be sending out a new RSVP with the new date.

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**Any news items for Tower Topics??** Please email to Christi by no later than Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Financial Update

Year Goal	Weekly Goal	YTD Given
\$110,600.00	\$2,126.92	\$42,537.98
<b>YTD Goal</b>	<b>Given 05-10</b>	<b>%</b>
\$40,411.48	\$1,105.00	105.26
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$14,255.00	

Here are some ways to remain faithful in your giving while sheltering in place:

**1. Write your check payable to First Baptist Church and mail to:**

First Baptist Church  
1406 Monroe Street  
Endicott, NY 13760

**OR**

Kay Hollister  
6021 Day Hollow Road  
Endicott, NY 13760

**2. Send your offering to the church using your bank "billpay" and make sure that you have the "payment" sent to:**

First Baptist church of Endicott  
1406 Monroe Street  
Endicott, NY 13760

**3. Use the "Online Giving" feature through our church website. To access and utilize this:**

Go to [www.firstbaptistendicott.com](http://www.firstbaptistendicott.com)

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**Keep current and up-to-date on our website!**

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**Rev. Dr. Keith Marlett**  
Interim Pastor

## *WE ARE NOT IN THE SAME BOAT. . .*

*I heard that we are all in the same boat, but it's not like that. We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat. Your ship could be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Or vice versa.*

*For some, quarantine is optimal. A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee. For others, this is a desperate financial & family crisis.*

*For some that live alone they're facing endless loneliness. While for others it is peace, rest & time with their mother, father, sons & daughters.*

*With the \$600 weekly increase in unemployment some are bringing in more money to their households than they were working. Others are working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or loss in sales.*

*Some families of 4 just received \$3400 from the stimulus while other families of 4 saw \$0.*

*Some were concerned about getting a certain candy for Easter while others were concerned if there would be enough bread, milk and eggs for the weekend.*

*Some want to go back to work because they don't qualify for unemployment and are running out of money. Others want to kill those who break the quarantine.*

*Some are home spending 2-3 hours/day helping their child with online schooling while others are spending*

*2-3 hours/day to educate their children on top of a 10-12 hour workday.*

*Some have experienced the near death of the virus, some have already lost someone from it and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others don't believe this is a big deal.*

*Some have faith in God and expect miracles during this 2020. Others say the worst is yet to come.*

*So, friends, we are not in the same boat. We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.*

*Each of us will emerge, in our own way, from this storm. It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking, actually seeing.*

*We are all on different ships during this storm experiencing a very different journey.*

*Realize that and be kind.  
(From a Facebook Post)*

