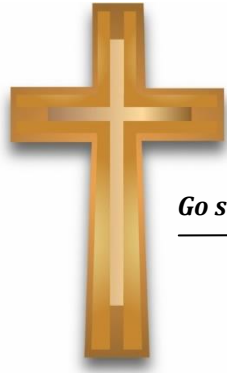


Sunday, October 11, 2020



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		
Opening Prayer		Worship Leader
Announcements		Worship Leader
Praise Music		
Special Music		
Scripture Reading	Romans 7:1-25 NIV	Linda O'Neill
Message	"The Law and Grace"	Bill Starring
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Bill Starring

Scripture Reading

¹ Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? ² For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. ³ So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man. ⁴ So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that

you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. ⁵ For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. ⁶ But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. ⁷ What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸ But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. ⁹ Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. ¹⁰ I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. ¹¹ For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. ¹² So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good. ¹³ Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful. ¹⁴ We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations

Health Concerns: Dale Peloke; Al McFall; Pat McFall;
Ed Rutkowski; Gary Hollister;
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 worship services;
God's direction during this time of transition.

Prayer requests of a personal nature will not be shared during the virtual worship service.

The Candle of Remembrance reminds us to pray for the sons and daughters of our country, and every country, who are involved in military or alternative service around the world; and pray for peace.

Announcements

Ladies Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 10:00AM in person in the lounge and on Zoom. Study topic is Joshua.

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study: You are invited to join us this Wednesday, 7:00PM in the Baraca Room and on ZOOM as we study the book of Jonah.

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Sunday School for children and youth will be held in the Baraca Room at 9:45AM. Adult class will be announced at a later date.

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Deadline for items to the November *Tower Topics* is October 21st.

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World Mission Offering: The World Mission Offering (WMO) has been crucial in funding ministries around the world, especially during the challenging times in our world's history. With Covid-19 this year has been a challenge for everyone and our world outreach ministries are no exception. They rely on funding to help carry out the mission of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and of God's word. Last year our church collected \$725.00 for this offering. **Our goal this year is \$900.00.**

Safety Requirements for Sanctuary Worship:

- Face coverings are required at all times unless seated.
- Hand sanitizer is located in the back of the sanctuary.
- Ushers will guide attendees to the pews available to maintain social distancing.
- A collection plate station is at the back of the sanctuary.
- If you have a fever, cough, or are not feeling well, please do not attend.
- Childcare *will not* be provided and children need to remain with their parents at all times. We recommend bringing coloring books, quiet toys. Rooms will be available for you and your children if you need to remove yourself during the service.
- Please enter using the front doors.
- Please limit the use of the church building to the sanctuary and main floor restrooms when possible to minimize the amount of cleaning/sanitizing needed after the service.
- Coffee, snacks and our drinking fountain will not be available during the service.
- After service, please dismiss yourselves in an orderly fashion and congregate outside if you wish.

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Remember to remain faithful in your giving:

- 1. Check payable to First Baptist Church and mailed to the church or Kay Hollister at home.**
 - 2. Using your bank "billpay" with "payment" sent to the church.**
 - 3. Using "Online Giving" feature through our website.**
- Go to www.firstbaptistendicott.com

Please consider giving to the **Diaconate Fund** by designating on your on-line giving or at the place provided at the back of sanctuary.



Operation Christmas Child!!

Due to COVID restrictions we will have 2 options for preparing the boxes this year:

1. You can take shoeboxes to fill and return to FBC for delivery.
2. You can give money to purchase items for your shoeboxes.

International Operation Christmas Child

- Deadline to donate money for a volunteer to purchase items for your international shoeboxes is Sunday 11/1/20.
- All International Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes need to be at church by Sunday 11/15/20.
- The shoeboxes will be taken to the drop-off location on Monday 11/16/20.
- International OCC requests a \$9 shipping fee be included with each shoebox.

Local Christmas Child Shoeboxes

- Deadline to donate money for a volunteer to purchase items for your local shoeboxes is 12/6/20.
- All Local Christmas Child Shoeboxes need to be at church by Sunday 12/13/20.

General Information

- Shoeboxes are available in the back of the sanctuary
- Lists of gift ideas for the 6 different groups will be provided
Boys—2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old
Girls—2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old
- The gift lists for the international and local boxes will be the same

- Local shoeboxes can also include liquid items (i.e. shampoo, glue, bubbles, etc.)

See Linda O'Neill with any questions.



Christmas Flower Sale!!

Poinsettias \$13.00 each
(red, pink, white, red glitter)

Wreaths \$23.00 (12")
or \$28.00 (24")

All proceeds to benefit
American Baptist Women's Ministries Special Project

Money is due at time of order (checks payable to American Baptist Women and designate wreath or poinsettia on check). Please give order and payment to Jean Stone.

Deadline for flower orders is November 6th

Contact Jean Stone with any questions.

Thank you for your support of our mission!