

Sunday, October 25, 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 • Kay Hollister  
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
Praise Music		Praise Team
Scripture Reading	I Kings 18:1-21 NIV	Linda O'Neill
Message	"Truth or Consequences"	Pastor Keith
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Pastor Keith

*Scripture Reading*

<sup>1</sup>After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land." <sup>2</sup>So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria, <sup>3</sup>and Ahab had summoned Obadiah, his palace administrator. (Obadiah was a devout believer in the LORD. <sup>4</sup>While Jezebel was killing off the LORD's prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.) <sup>5</sup>Ahab had said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to

all the springs and valleys. Maybe we can find some grass to keep the horses and mules alive so we will not have to kill any of our animals." <sup>6</sup>So they divided the land they were to cover, Ahab going in one direction and Obadiah in another. <sup>7</sup>As Obadiah was walking along, Elijah met him. Obadiah recognized him, bowed down to the ground, and said, "Is it really you, my lord Elijah?" <sup>8</sup>"Yes," he replied. "Go tell your master, 'Elijah is here.'" <sup>9</sup>"What have I done wrong," asked Obadiah, "that you are handing your servant over to Ahab to be put to death? <sup>10</sup>As surely as the LORD your God lives, there is not a nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to look for you. And whenever a nation or kingdom claimed you were not there, he made them swear they could not find you. <sup>11</sup>But now you tell me to go to my master and say, 'Elijah is here.' <sup>12</sup>I don't know where the Spirit of the LORD may carry you when I leave you. If I go and tell Ahab and he doesn't find you, he will kill me. Yet I your servant have worshiped the LORD since my youth. <sup>13</sup>Haven't you heard, my lord, what I did while Jezebel was killing the prophets of the LORD? I hid a hundred of the LORD's prophets in two caves, fifty in each, and supplied them with food and water. <sup>14</sup>And now you tell me to go to my master and say, 'Elijah is here.' He will kill me!" <sup>15</sup>Elijah said, "As the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, I will surely present myself to Ahab today." <sup>16</sup>So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. <sup>17</sup>When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" <sup>18</sup>"I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the LORD's commands and have followed the Baals. <sup>19</sup>Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." <sup>20</sup>So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup>Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God,

follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.

### *Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations*

Health Concerns: Dale Peloke; Pat McFall; Ed Rutkowski;  
Gary Hollister; Marlene Dickerson  
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.

*Our sympathies and prayers to Pat McFall and family on the passing of Al on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

*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*

**Believer's Baptism** will be celebrated on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, during our morning worship service. If anyone is desiring to be baptized on that day, please see Pastor Keith.

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**Ladies Bible Study:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month, 10:00AM in person in the lounge and on Zoom.

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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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**The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer** event of ABWM - BTA scheduled for Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> is being cancelled at this time due to the continuing issues of Covid-19.

**Please Note:** The church WIFI will be disabled during the morning worship service in order to ensure uninterrupted internet service for our livestreaming.

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**World Mission Offering:** We continue to receive the World Mission Offering during the month of October. Our goal this year is \$900.00. Please prayerfully consider your donation.

#### **Safety Requirements for Sanctuary Worship:**

- Face coverings are required at all times unless seated.
- 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.
- Please enter using the front doors.
- Please limit the use of the church building to the sanctuary and main floor restrooms.
- 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](http://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.

## Pray for our Nation

Dear Friend,

Today our nation is at a critical juncture. We need to call out to God for His help, His intervention, and His mercy. It is only by His hand that America will survive and be able to thrive again. We have an election coming up with so much at stake—two vastly different directions for the future of this country. This not only affects us, but our children and our grandchildren.

When the survival of King Jehoshaphat's nation was at stake and his people were in danger from their enemies, he called for a fast. The people sought the Lord and His help—and He delivered them.

*“And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord” (2 Chronicles 20:3–4, NKJV).*

I am urging followers of Jesus Christ to fast and to pray for our nation this Sunday, October 25. Mark it on your calendars and prepare now. I hope individuals, families, and churches will join me in asking for the Lord's help and for His will to be done in this critical election. Will you?

Thank you for your heart for the Lord and for our nation.

May God richly bless you,  
*Franklin Graham*



## 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:

Girls' Circle – Community Missions of Niagara Frontier

Community Missions focuses on the prevention of addiction through Girls Circles and is an ABC-USA endorsed ministry

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 6<sup>th</sup>**

The poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season.

Please indicate on your order if you would like your flower "in memory of" or

"in honor of" a loved one.

**Thank you for your support of our mission!**

