

Sunday, November 29, 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
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Pat McFall/Clara Noldy
Announcements	Worship Leader
Children's Message	Nancy Marlett
Praise Music	Praise Team
Scripture Reading	Acts 15:1-11 NIV
Message	"The Church at a Crossroad" Pastor Keith
Closing Song	Praise Team
Benediction	Pastor Keith

Scripture Reading

¹ Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." ² This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this

question. ³ The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. ⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. ⁵ Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses." ⁶ The apostles and elders met to consider this question. ⁷ After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. ⁸ God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. ⁹ He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? ¹¹ No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations

Health Concerns: Dale Peloke; Pat McFall; Jim Rice;
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.

Announcements

Ladies Bible Study: 1st and 3rd 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.

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The Church Office will be closed November 26th & 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Advent Decorating of the church will be Saturday, November 28th, 10:00AM. See Stephanie Rice with any questions.

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The December/January/February issue of **Our Daily Bread** is now available in the church lobby.

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Operation Christmas Child: 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.

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Christmas Card Outreach: Please have cards at the church by December 20th. A collection box is located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are unable to get them to the church but wish to contribute, please let Kyle Todack (kyleatodack@yahoo.com) and he will arrange to have them picked up. Thank you!

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Christmas Offering: During the month of December we will be receiving an 'end of the year' & Christmas offering that will be used towards continued technical enhancements of our worship service and online streaming. This has been a year of change and we are grateful that we have been able to serve those who worship in person as well as those who are watching online. We desire to continue to make improvements to our technology to enhance our outreach to this community. If you wish to participate in this offering, please clearly mark your gift "Christmas Offering." Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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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

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

Financial Update

Year Goal	Weekly Goal	YTD Given
\$110,600.00	\$2,126.92	\$117,526.43
YTD Goal	Given 11-22	%
\$99,965.24	\$1,540.00	117.57
Capital Campaign	\$19,840.00	

