



The Spire

First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

200 Lynn Avenue
Ames, Iowa 50014-7188
Worship Sundays 9:45 am

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First Baptist Church is an open and caring family of faith where worship is central and faith engages both heart and mind. We are warmly ecumenical, delight in our diversity, and cherish our Baptist heritage of freedom. We are called by Christ to share God's love with the campus, community, and the world.

As we seek to follow the way of Jesus, we welcome all people to fully participate in our fellowship: all ages, colors, backgrounds, political affiliations, and physical and mental abilities; male and female, gay and straight, rich and poor, single and married. We are all God's children, and all are welcome here.



Our Stewardship Theme for 2024 is “Joyful Giving.” In response to God’s amazing love and generosity, we share joyfully with others.

Our church adopted a Goal Budget for 2025 at our Budget Forum on October 20. We are now focusing on stewardship – on “Joyful Giving” – leading up to our Pledge Sunday, November 10.

I see joyful giving in so many ways in our church. Last Sunday we had our Fall Festival – there was great joy as all ages worked together to decorate pumpkins and cookies, play games, and enjoy great food. I appreciated all of the time and effort our Christian Education Committee put into the event – for them it was joyful giving.

John Anderson, along with his dog Tessa, shared our Stewardship Moment last Sunday. John shared how he makes visits at senior living communities with Tessa, a therapy dog, and how meaningful some of those visits have been. It was obvious that it is a joyful experience both for John and Tessa and those who appreciate the visits. Caring for others can be a way of joyfully giving.

Stewardship means caring for one another and for this world God has blessed us with, and using God’s gifts as wise stewards. Many of you received a stewardship mailing including a letter, proposed budget, and a pledge card. If you did not receive the stewardship mailing, you can find a narrative budget and a pledge card [on our website](#). As an act of Joyful Giving, we encourage you to make a pledge of support for God’s work through our church on or before Stewardship Sunday, November 10. Every gift makes a difference.

I am so thankful to be a part of this community, and I hope to see you on Sunday! We can’t promise that a dog will make a presentation every week, but we do aim for joy.

Blessings,
Dave

Great Day of Service!

Our church held a Great Day of Service on October 6. After a brief service in the sanctuary, members participated in service projects including assembling hygiene kits for refugees and victims of natural disaster, making blankets for a Primary Health Care clinic to be given to newborns, and picking up trash in the Campustown neighborhood. A few people also made visits and wrote cards to send. Thank you to all who helped make it a Great Day!



Our FBC Team participated in the **CROP Walk** on **October 13**. We raised \$740 to combat hunger locally and around the world! Walkers include (humans) Sadie Searl, Dave Russell, Randall O'Brien, Steve Babcock, Julie Johnston, TJ Nugent, Kaylinn Nugent, and (canines) Harper, Eddie, Willie, and Benny. Thanks to all who contributed!



Fall Festival Held October 27

Following worship on October 27, we held a Fall Festival with cookie decorating, pumpkin carving, games, and fun for all ages!



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9a Choir 9:45a Worship/ Communion 10:45a Church School	4	5 8a Men's Breakfast 2-3p PD Boxing 	6 2-3p PD Singing 6:30p Choir	7 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 2-3p PD Dance	8	9 AMOS Variety Show 6p Ames UCC
10 9a Choir 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11a Church School	11 	12 2-3p PD Boxing 7p Trustees Meeting	13 2-3p PD Singing 6:30p Choir	14 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 2-3p PD Dance	15 	16
17 9a Choir 9:45a Worship 10:45a Church School	18	19 8a Men's Breakfast 2-3p PD Boxing	20 2-3p PD Singing 6:30p Choir	21 2-3p PD Dance 7p Deacons Meeting	22	23
24 9a Choir 9:45a Worship with Randall O'Brien preaching 10:45a Church School	25 	26	27	28 	29	30 

Worship Leaders

November 3:

Worship Leader: Becca Whitaker
Ushers: Julie Johnston, Aaron Stegemöller

November 10:

Worship Leader: Rita Parrish
Ushers: Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

November 17:

Worship Leader: John Whitaker
Ushers: Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

November 24:

Worship Leader: Erin Johnson
Ushers: Stephanie Goodman and Larry Schrag

Birthdays of the Month

Morgan Ambourn	2
Lyndsay Whitaker	4
Abby Johnson	8
Lucy Johnson	8
Harris Seidel	12
Marilyn Peterson	13
Jill Grauman	13
Brian Starrett	24

Happy Anniversary!



Catherine and Joe Parrish 20

Choir Cantata

Our choir is starting work on a Christmas Cantata. The cantata will be presented in worship on Sunday, December 15. If you are not regularly a part of the choir, we would love to have you join us for the cantata! We practice on Wednesdays at 6:30. See Mindy for more information.



Coming in December!

- December 1 – Hanging of the Greens follows worship
- December 7 – Church Christmas Dinner and Program, 6 pm
- December 8 – Budget/Election Meeting, 12 noon
- December 15 – Christmas Cantata in worship
- December 22 – Northcrest Vespers, 4 pm
- December 24 – Social Hour 5 pm, Christmas Eve service 6 pm

Student Lunch

We will have a lunch for our college students and young adults about once a month. Our next lunch is Sunday, November 3 following worship. All college students and similarly aged young adults are welcome! We will gather in the College Lounge on the second floor.





2024 Fall Choral Concert

Join us for a fundraiser to further the mission of Good Neighbor, which is to provide emergency assistance for basic needs. Assistance is offered in an atmosphere of comfort, dignity, and encouragement.

Collegiate Presbyterian Church

159 Sheldon Ave, Ames, IA 50014

Sunday, November 10th

2:00-4:00 pm

HOW TO END CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

A Conversation with Amanda Tyler

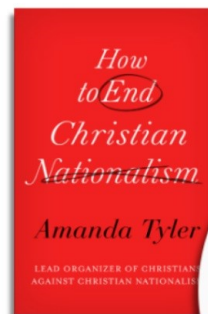
Join Amanda for a timely discussion around the threat of this dangerous ideology and learn about how she drew on her experiences, conversations with pastors and laypeople, research, Scripture and her Baptist convictions to write her new book.

November 10 at 2:00 PM
Plymouth United Church of Christ
4126 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines, IA 50312

Hosted by Interfaith Alliance of Iowa
interfaithallianceiowa.org



Amanda Tyler is Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

DOORS OPEN 6^{PM} | SHOW AT 7^{PM}

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See Barbara Woods for more information!



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Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Emma Phomvisay	Musical Intern
Elizabeth Stegemöller	Choir Accompanist
Sierra Livengood	Office Manager
Kathy Greiner	Custodian



Worship Sunday mornings 9:45 in person or on ZOOM

Details for connecting via ZOOM at fbcames.org