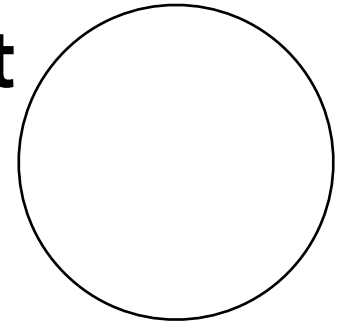


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 Rev. Katie Suddeth .....Associate Pastor of Spiritual Growth  
 Rev. Bob Frykholm .....Pastor Emeritus  
 Shazia Ali.....Director of Music  
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# First Baptist Church of Colorado Springs



September 17, 2023  
16th Sunday after Pentecost

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## SET FREE

Jesus Said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

— Matthew 18:22



WORSHIP  
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023  
10:30 A.M.



*FBC provides nursery and preschool care during Worship for our infants and children through age 5. The classroom is located down the hallway through the right door under the exit sign at the front of the sanctuary.*

Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" Lathbury

Welcome and Greeting Rev. Katie Suddeth

*If you are visiting FBC this morning, or would like more information about the church and our programs, please pick up a Welcome Packet at one of the entrances.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle Alicia Mitchell and Family

Congregational Hymn #310 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
HYMN TO JOY

Call to Worship from Psalm 103 Howard Smith

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

One: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

All: **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

One: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: **Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Amen.**

Invocation and Lord's Prayer Rev. Katie Suddeth

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### INVITE TO JOIN FBC'S CHANCEL CHOIR

The FBC Chancel Choir's fall season is underway! Rehearsals will take place every Sunday from 11:45 AM -1:00 PM in the Choir Room upstairs. Snacks will be provided. If you would like more information about the choir or the FBC Music Program, please join in today's rehearsal or contact Shazia Ali, FBC's Music Director, at [shazia@firstbaptist-cs.org](mailto:shazia@firstbaptist-cs.org). All ages are welcome!

#### FBC GREETER TRAINING

There will be updated Greeter training on September 24 immediately following the church service in the Hurlburt Room, led by Bill Spencer. The training will last less than 30 minutes and is designed for both current Greeters and those looking to join the greeter team. Anyone at all interested in this opportunity is encouraged to attend. If you are not available to attend, you can then reach out to Bill directly at [wenspencer.13@gmail.com](mailto:wenspencer.13@gmail.com).

#### YOUR TAKE & SHARE REUSABLE GROCERY BAG STORIES

FBC's Community Engagement Team created a tool to help us be more inviting as a church. Reusable FBC grocery bags ready to hand to someone in line without a bag were supplied and distributed in June. Over the summer many of you began sharing your stories and experiences from opportunities to share a bag. We want to hear more of the stories about giving out bags in our community. Please contact Bill Spencer at [wenspencer.13@gmail.com](mailto:wenspencer.13@gmail.com) to provide your story.

#### INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A DIGITAL TIDINGS?

FBC is moving to a digital version of *The Tidings*. If you would prefer to still receive a printed copy, please email Emilia at [office@firstbaptist-cs.org](mailto:office@firstbaptist-cs.org).

#### FBC MINISTRY TEAM NOMINATIONS

It is that time of year when individuals are asked to step into one of the roles of FBC leadership, either as member of the Executive Council (EC), or on one of the several Ministry Teams. In the coming weeks Pastor Katie, who is leading the nominations, may be in contact with you. Please begin now to consider how you might serve in the coming year at FBC. If you are interested in working alongside other FBC attendees on a team, or would like more information, contact Pastor Katie at [katie@firstbaptist-cs.org](mailto:katie@firstbaptist-cs.org).

#### INVITATION TO THE FELLOWSHIP CLASS' CHILI COOK-OFF

The Fellowship Sunday School Class invites their FBC family to their Chili Cook-Off on Thursday, September 28 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you are entering a pot of chili in the cook-off, would like more information, or would like to help with the event, please contact Richard Dockum.

# DINNER WITH THE PASTOR

For New & Interested Members



**Who:**  
New & Interested Members

**When:**  
Sunday, Sept. 24  
5:00-7:00 PM

**Where:**  
The Schumacher House

**RSVP by:**  
Thursday, Sept. 21

On Sunday, Sept. 24, Pastor Dan and Christen will be hosting dinner and an informal conversation for those who have recently joined the church or are interested in learning more about membership at FBC. The group will meet at the Schumacher's house for a backyard cookout. He will provide burgers and brats, watermelon, and dessert, and invite you to bring a side to share.

If you're new to us or have been visiting with us, but would like to know more about what it means to be American Baptist and member of First Baptist, this is a great way to get your feet wet! Please let Pastor Dan know that you're planning to attend by emailing him at: [dan@firstbaptist-cs.org](mailto:dan@firstbaptist-cs.org).



Musical Offering                    "All Creatures of Our God and King"  
Francis of Assisi  
Ralph Vaughan Williams Arr.

Scripture Reading.            Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)            Rev. Dan Schumacher

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon                                    "Set Free"                                    Rev. Dan Schumacher

Moment of Reflection

Hymn of Response #41            "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"  
WELLESLEY

Benediction

Postlude                                    "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"                                    Watts

# This Week

At First Baptist Church of Colorado Springs

SUN 17	9:00	Adult Sunday School (Hurlburt) Friends Class (Friends) Insights Class (Bride's Room) Fellowship Class (Fellowship Hall) Youth Sunday School (Youth Area) Godly Play Children's SS (Godly Play Room upstairs)
	10:00	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45	FBC Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
MON 18		FBC'S 151ST ANNIVERSARY!
	1:30	Staff Meeting (Hurlburt)
	5:30	Finance Team Meeting (Hurlburt)
TUES 19	9:00	Quilting Group (Pathfinders)
	9:30	Women's Precept Bible Study (Hurlburt)
WED 20	6:30	AA (Fellowship Hall)
THUR 21	5:30	AA (Fellowship Hall)
FRI 22	1:30	Care and Share Mobile Market (FBC Parking Lot)
SAT 23	8:00	Gleaning at La Puente in Alamosa, CO

# SEPTEMBER 23: GLEANING AT LA PUENTE



On the morning of Saturday, September 23, a crew from FBC will leave the parking lot at 6:00 AM for Alamosa, CO to glean potatoes to benefit our ministry partner, La Puente Home.

One of the ways La Puente aids those in the San Luis Valley community is the longstanding Biblical practice of gleaning fields. Local farmers invite La Puente and their volunteers to come into the fields and gather what remains after then harvest. All the produce collected will be distributed to the residents of the Valley through La Puente's Food Pantry.

The practice of gleaning is a simple way we can help our neighbors. If you are interested in serving, please contact Don Phillips.



# In Our Prayers

**Katherine Hampson's** daughter, Rebecca, as she addresses health concerns

**Sid Runyan**, as he remains hospitalized after a recent stroke

**Kathy Wakerley's** sister-in-law, Carol Wakerley, as she addresses a recent cancer diagnosis

**Diana Saunders**, as she continues to recover from a recent procedure

Todd Gold, grandson of **Jim Roberson**, as he addresses health concerns

*Our FBC Members and Friends in Continued Care:*

Betty Wood  
Shirley Gardner  
Joe and Sharon Schutz  
Gretchen Sportsman  
Joan Chambers  
Joyce Platschorre  
Mary Beth Coover  
Rowena Pruett  
Sandy Snedaker  
Jason Skalsberg  
Helen Switser