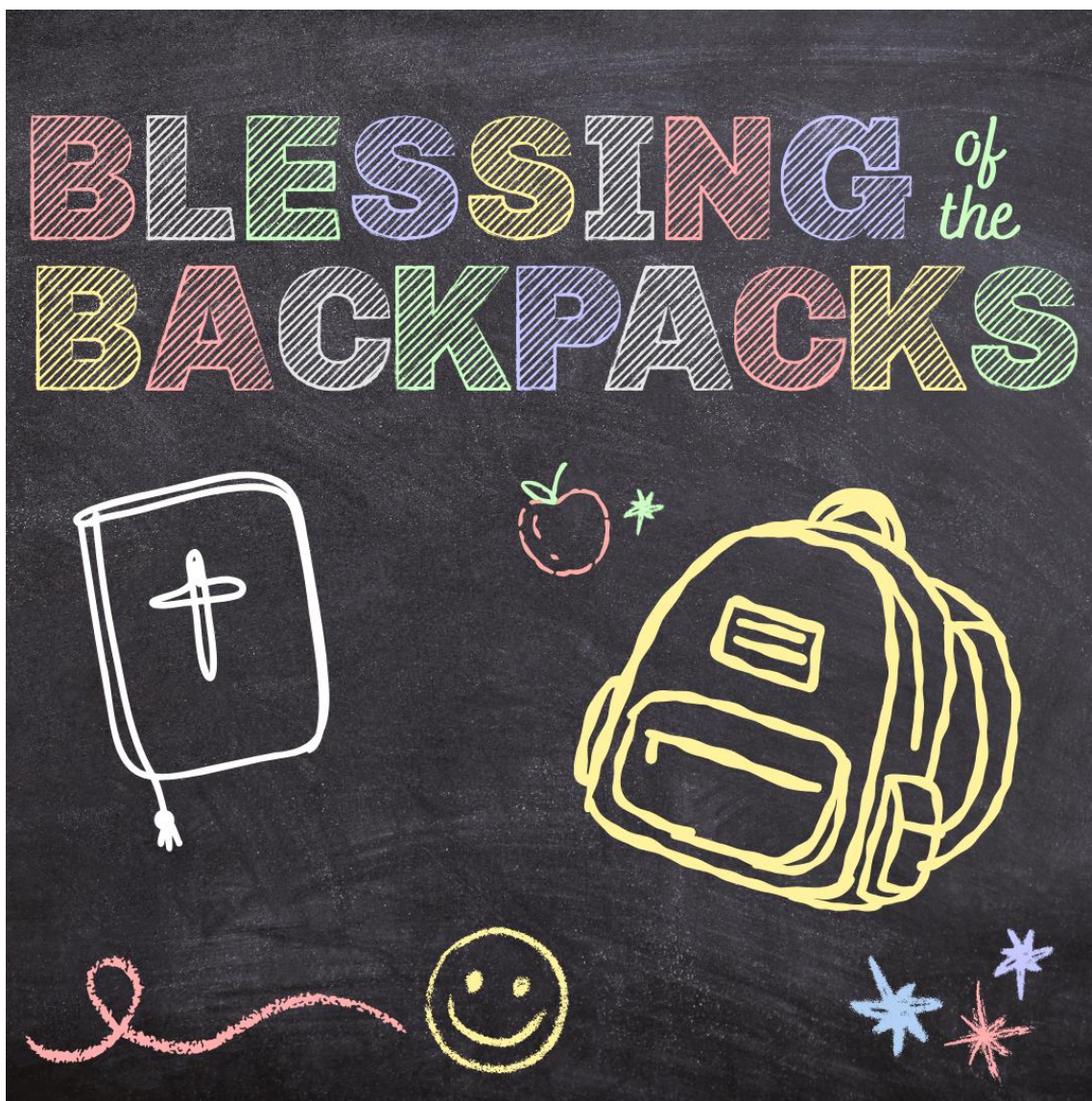


FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*



Traditional Worship

August 23, 2026

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN 687

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Glorious God, you will come in power, mercy, and grace to bring all creation under your rule. Yet we confess we have not been expecting you. We are not looking for your Kingdom to come. We instead follow our own ways. We trust in our own solutions. We obey our own promptings. We live casual lives that ignore your presence. Forgive us, O Lord, for our lack of trust and obedience. Restore us to be your people who follow you alone, and may you receive the glory and honor. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Christian Nurture Team

Children attending Kids' Church may meet in the Narthex following the Blessing of the Backpacks.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 12:1-8 (NT, pg. 161)

Isabet Khylllep

Matthew 16:13-20 (NT pg. 18)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who Do You Say that He is?

Rev. John Bell

*HYMN 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERING

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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** Please stand as you are able.*

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Interim Senior Pastor (john@fcpc.us)
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Alex Shroyer, Livestream (alex@fcpc.us)
Tommy Caldwell, Caretaker

For Children and Families during 11:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Youth Lounge**, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Kids Kingdom (Lowest Level).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (near the main entrance) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights, page 3, for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beverly and James Evans by daughters Dorcas, Linda, Priscilla, Alison, and Amy.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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