This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00am	Friendship Adult Small Group
9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
10:00am	Worship
11:30am	Youth Group
6:00pm	Soup Supper at St. Paul Presbyterian
7:00pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday

Church Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday

Church Office Closed

Saturday

10:00am Decorating for Christmas

Pastor's Contact Information

Church Office:
Tuesday—8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday— 10:30 am to 7:30 pm
Thursday—8:30 am to noon
(515) 243 - 8161

Home Office:
Thursday – noon to 5:00 pm
(515) 377-0097 **Email:** fbcpaul@tuta.com

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Our Mission:
Lighting the way to life by centering people on Christ



First Baptist Church
of Greater Des Moines

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November 22, 2026

Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Invocation

Choral Introit ***All Good Gifts from Godspell (1971)*** Arr. Richard Walters

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.

*Call to Worship

*Passing of the Peace

We meet in Christ's name

Let us share his peace

God of Grace and God of Glory No. 669

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Anthem **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (1996)** Arr. Harlan/Hallquist

Congregation Singing v. 1 & 3, Choir only v. 2

Come, with all thine angels, come. Raise the glorious harvest home.

Second Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy No. 451

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon ***The Sorting Shepherd***

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand (v. 1 & 2) No. 674

*Benediction

*Postlude

If you wish to commit your life to Christ, unite with this Christian community, or take another step of faith, please express this desire by joining the Pastor at the front during this song. If you prefer, speak to the Pastor following worship or contact him during the week.

Ministry of the Morning

Pastor:	Rev. Paul Scaringi
Music Director:	Jean Graham
Organist:	Becky Van Der Beek
Administrative Services Coordinator:	Wendy Longden
Scripture Reader:	Diane Schreck
Worship Leader:	Patty Trump
Children's Church	Kelly Squires

Ushers:
Barry Ericson, Julie Ericson, Gary Grogan, Clarence Twilley

Technology:
Ray Dennis, Gary Martin, Lee Thomasson, Dick Trump

Greeters:
Sharon Huff, Tom & Lyla Maynard, Jane Wood

Christmas with the Choral Society

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JOHNSTON | 7:30 PM

The Des Moines Choral Society invites you to experience the warmth and joy of the holiday season! For the first time ever, we are delighted to feature TWO performances of our annual *Christmas with the Choral Society* concert, giving you multiple opportunities to join us for this beloved tradition at a **new location: First Baptist Church in Johnston**.

This year's program features the sparkle of John Rutter's *Magnificat*, the fresh creativity of Hungarian composer Levente Gyöngyösi, masterful works by Rachmaninoff, Britten, & Hagenberg, and numerous traditional Christmas carols. **Tickets are available online at dmchoral.org or at the door.**

Also, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food pantry. Your kind gift will help another family in our community enjoy the holidays!

For tickets, please scan the QR code, or visit the link in Wednesday's email newsletter!

Reminder! No Wednesday Night Activities This Week!

Happy Thanksgiving!

YOUTH GROUP

*Grades 6-12

*Sundays 11:30am - 12:30 pm

Join us for Bible study, snacks, & games!

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 22
Soup Supper at 6:00 PM
Worship at 7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Paul Presbyterian Church
6426 Merle Hay Road,
Johnston, IA 50131
(Across from the Johnston Public Safety Building)

FBC Note Cards

With the approaching hustle and bustle of the Holiday season, what great stocking stuffers the 175th Anniversary note cards would make!

Note cards are available for a charitable donation! Stop by the Church Office to pick up your cards.

All donations collected will go to the Johnston Partnership!



Lydia Circle Diaper Drive

Lydia Circle is sponsoring a Diaper Drive during the holiday season to support the Johnston Partnership.

Donations of disposable diapers can be dropped off at the church anytime between now and Sunday, December 13th. Sizes 5-7 are in highest demand, but any size is welcome.

The Partnership is happy to accept the large packages of diapers (like those found at places like Costco or Sam's Club), and can repackage them for their clients as needed.

Advent Bag Deliveries

The InReach Committee is looking for people to deliver prepared advent bags to our Home Buddies. Bags need to be delivered prior to December 1.

Bags will be available to pick up from the Conference room today and Sunday, November 29.

If you are able to help deliver bags, please contact the Church Office, or see Glenna Houser or Becky Van Der Beek.

Join Our Team

First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines

Part-Time Music Director

Do you believe music can move hearts, build community, and help people encounter God? Are you passionate about bringing together faith, creativity, musical excellence, and meaningful worship?

First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines in Johnston, Iowa is looking for a part-time Music Director to help lead and grow our music ministry. This is more than a music position – it's an opportunity to use your gifts, develop others, and create worship experiences where people of all ages can connect with God.

For more information and to apply, please visit our website fbcdsm.org/news, or scan the QR code.



Decorator's Needed!

The Worship Committee will soon be decorating our church for Christmas and need your help!

If you are able to help, please meet us at 10 am, on Saturday, November 28!

Coffee and treats will be available!

Grief Share Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Join us Thursdays, 6-8 pm through December 10, at First Baptist Church. For more in formation, please contact Betsy Yates at (515) 401-8291 or betsyayates@yahoo.com, or Deb Harkness at (618) 967-6344 or harky_il@yahoo.com.

Christmas Poinsettias

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to make a $10 donation or more, to the Johnston Partnership in lieu of the purchase of a poinsettia in honor or memory of your loved one.

The Committee will provide poinsettias for Christmas worship and list all donations in keeping with our tradition in the Church bulletin insert for Sunday, December 20.

Completed forms must be received by Sunday, December 13, in order to be included in the bulletin insert.



Poinsettia Donation Form

I would like to participate in our Church's Christmas celebration by donating $10 or more to the Johnston Food Pantry.

Given in **memory** of :

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Given in **honor** of:

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(These names will appear in the worship bulletin on December 20)

Your Name _____

Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and clearly mark "Christmas Food Donation" on the memo line.

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