



WHAT TO EXPECT

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRIDGEVILLE, PA

Where is First Baptist Church?

At the corner of Bower Hill Road and McLaughlin Run Road, the First Baptist Church of Bridgeville has been a vibrant part of this community for over a hundred years. The church is especially well-noted for its musical events and all are welcome to any service. Our praise and worship service follows a pattern, but we always leave room for the Holy Spirit to accomplish His work!

How Should I Dress?

As far as dress is concerned, some members dress in formal attire while some members dress in casual attire. A good suggestion is to simply dress with respect -- respect for yourself, respect for others, and respect for God!

Hopefully, the following descriptions of our Praise and Worship Service bulletin items will give you an idea of the elements of our praise and worship service!

What Time Does Service Start?

Sunday Morning Praise & Worship
Service starts at 11:00 AM.

Announcements/Welcome

News about upcoming church events, ministry meetings, invitations to other churches, and other correspondence is read by our Church Clerk during this time. People who are visiting our church for the first time are officially welcomed during this portion of service.

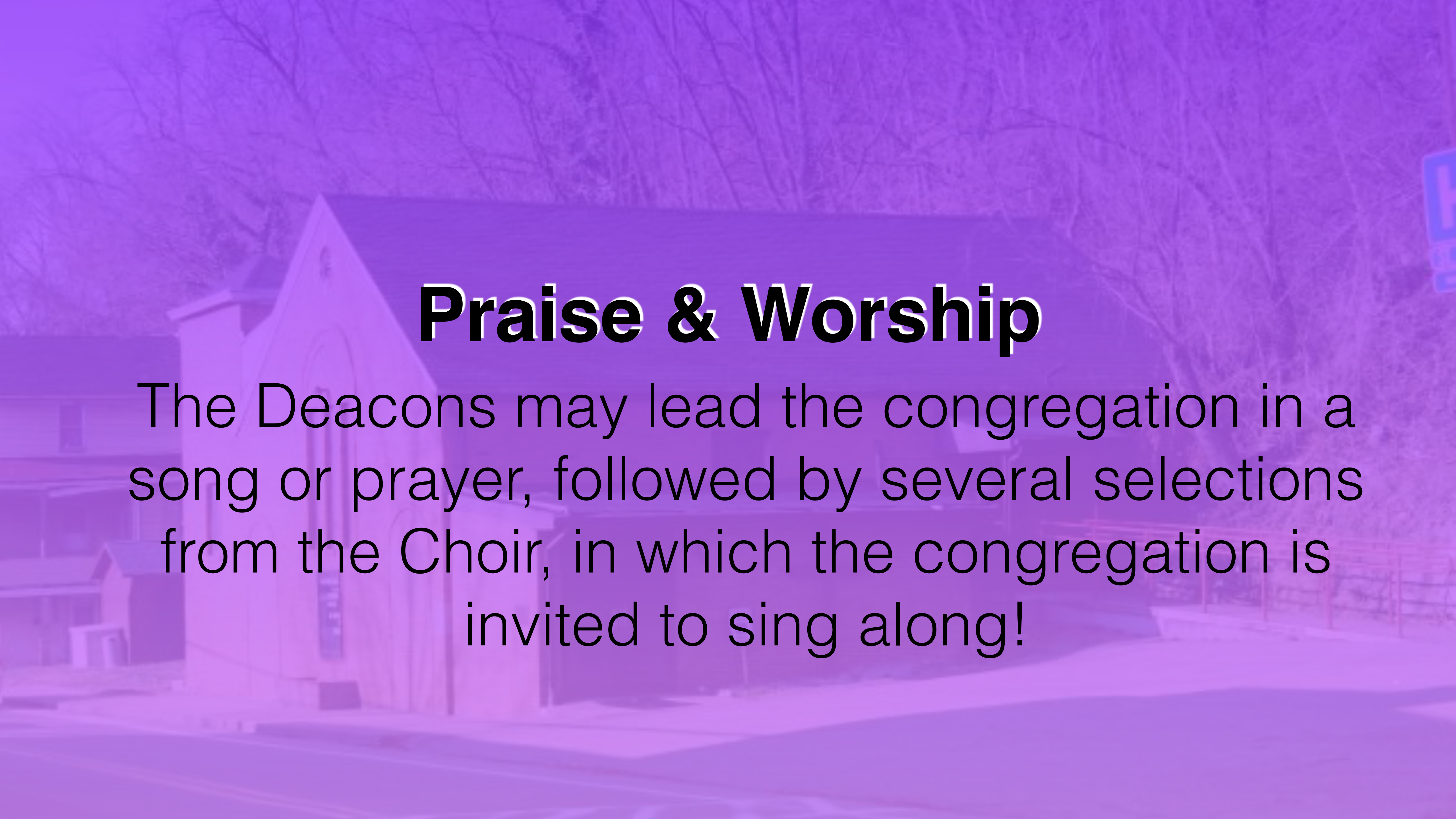
Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is the time when church begins. It's the time to let everyone who came to church know that we have come to worship God, and now is when we start. You are “calling everyone to worship God!”



Invocation

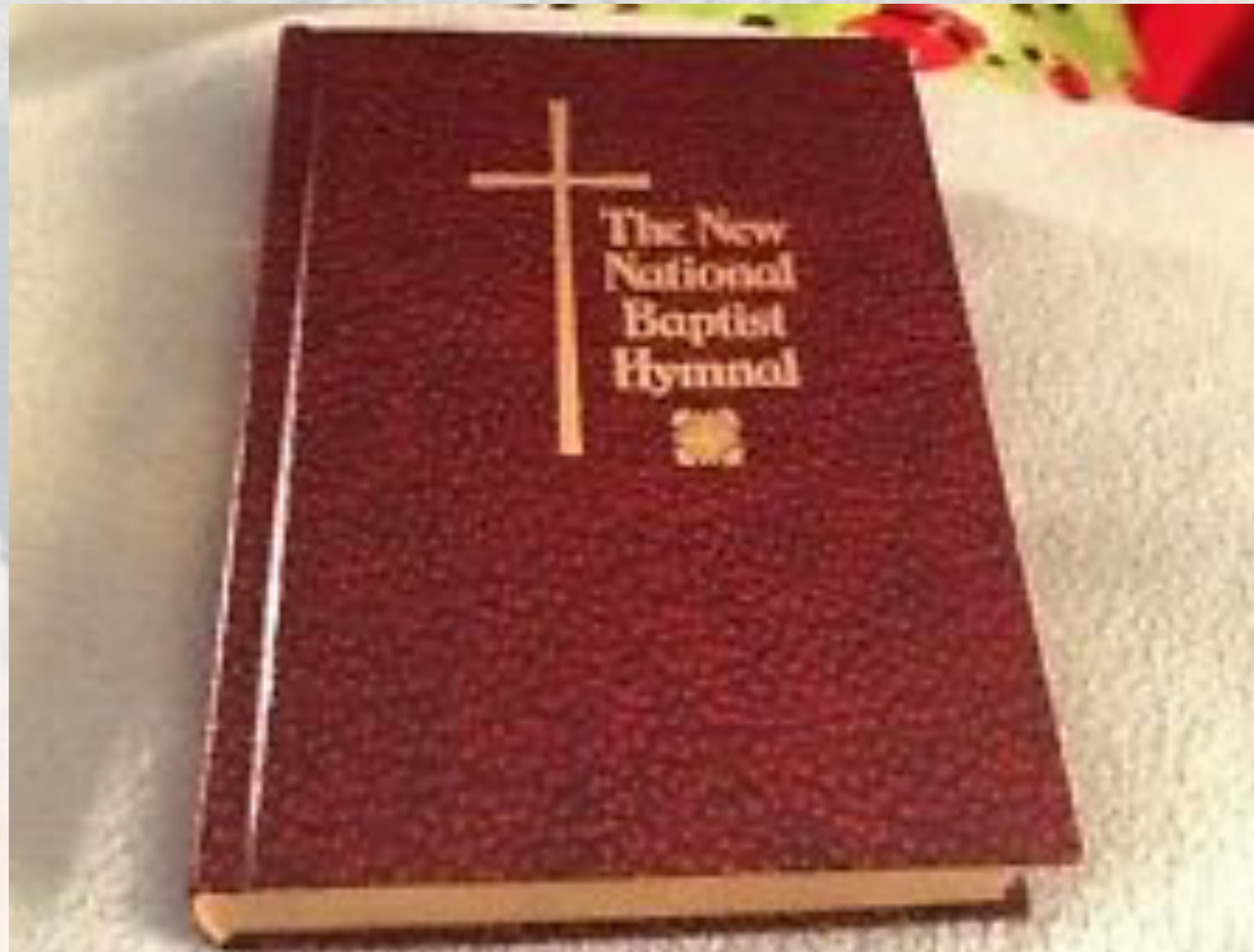
An invocation is a prayer asking God's help as part of a church service. It is the first prayer offered at a church service.



Praise & Worship

The Deacons may lead the congregation in a song or prayer, followed by several selections from the Choir, in which the congregation is invited to sing along!

Congregational Hymn



This is a song the entire church sings,
selected from our hymn book,
The New National Baptist Hymnbook.
This is the red song book located in the
pews.

Responsive Reading

After the congregational hymn, the church reads Scripture passages together. The passage is located in the back of the red hymn book. The person leading this portion of worship reads the bold print, while the rest of the church reads the normal print. Everyone reads the final Bible passage of the Responsive Reading together.

"Glory Be to the Father"

Gloria Patri, or "Glory Be to the Father," is a short song of praise the entire church sings after the responsive reading.

Worship through Giving

At this time, the Ministry of Ushers collect tithes/offerings for areas that are specified by the Deacons and/or Trustees. At the conclusion of this part of service, a deacon will provide an Offertory Prayer over the collection.

Altar Prayer

Usually led by the Pastor, the Altar Prayer is a time where the entire congregation can join together in prayer. People join hands around the church and move toward the front. Some people also choose to remain standing in prayer in their pew, or seated, for health reasons.

Sermonic Hymn

A song of praise is sung before the sermon, in preparation for the the Word of God preached.

Here, we're reminded the Word of God preached is not to be taken lightly, and that the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for the whole church to be transformed by the preaching!



The Message

The Pastor gives a sermon, or a talk on a religious or moral subject, based on a passage from the Holy Bible.

Invitation to Discipleship

After his sermon, an invitation is offered to join into relationship with God and other people in our church who are on a journey to be like Jesus Christ!

Holy Communion



We observe communion on the first Sunday of every month, where we remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Through this meal, we take part (commune) together in the living presence of Christ.



Benediction

This short prayer of blessing, guidance and and heavenly help comes after the Sermon and Invitation to Discipleship, ending the church service.