

A Prayer of Blessing for the Teachers

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As one who has nurtured all of us on the journey of being and as one who has brought loving, influential teachers into our lives, bless the teachers this day, O God.

Bless the teachers who love and teach as though their work was holy enough to be a calling from God. It is holy work they do because God has created every child, making them in God's image so they might grow to maturity and wholeness.

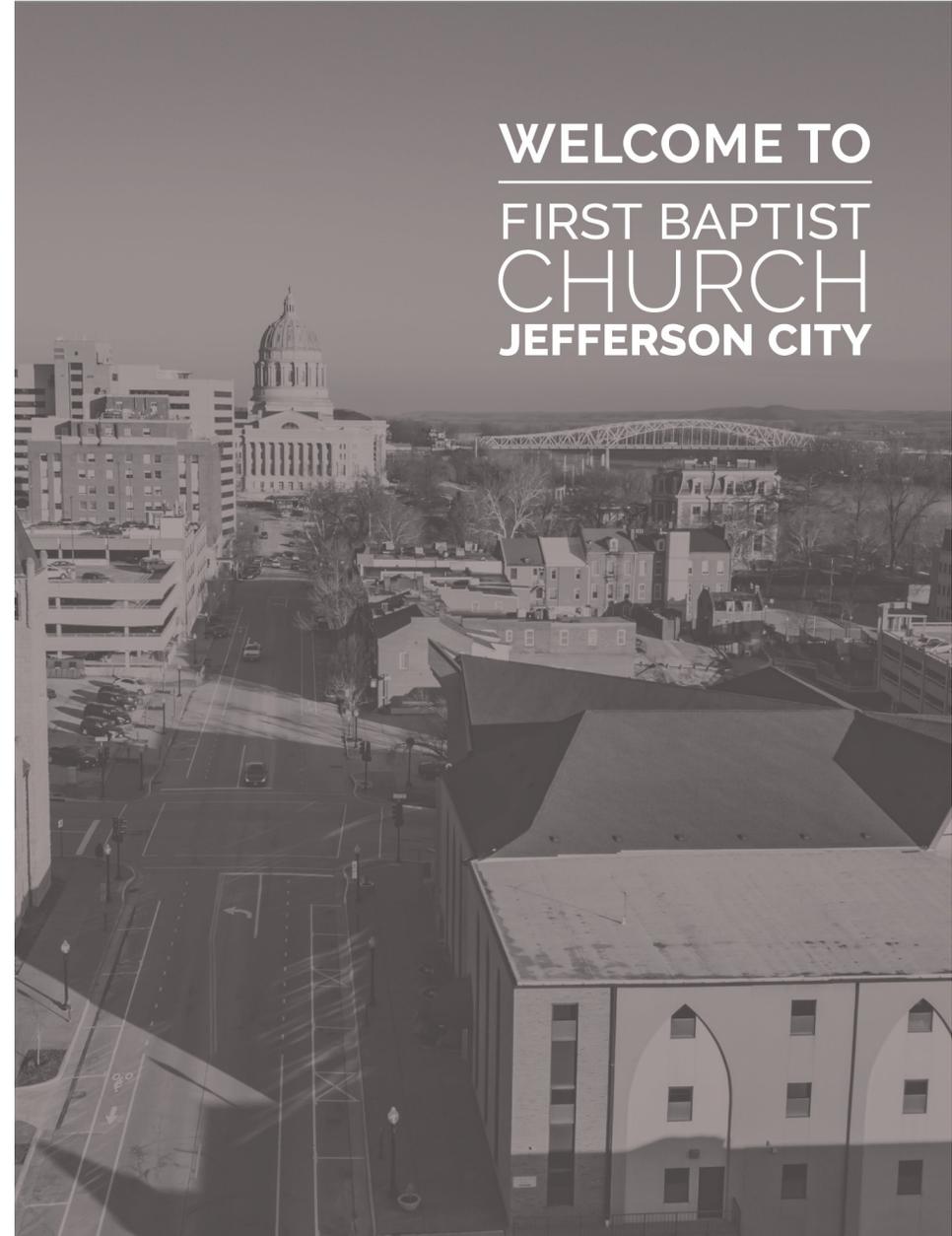
When the day seems long and the sounds of the classroom cause the mind to throb, give our teachers the stamina to "walk the second mile" so every child knows they are loved as persons of worth. God, help our teachers to listen to both the sounds and the silences and to respect both as the language children use in describing their inner world.

When the children appear as "sheep without a shepherd," help the teachers love each child as Jesus did.

When a child's parents are difficult to enlist as co-laborers in the shared task of education, bless the teacher with persistence. Bless the teacher who labors on in the work of education even when parents are too busy to pay attention to their child.

Bless and keep our teachers this day, O LORD. Bless them with awareness of your abiding presence because they partner with the Eternal God of all children.

Amen.



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welcome

8:15 Blended Worship

Call to Worship - Psalm 27:13-14; John 16:33

Hymn - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn - Father, I Adore You

Prayer and Welcome

Back to School Blessing

Adult Choir - In My Heart There Rings a Melody

Music Meditation - Now Thank We All Our God

Message - Come Before Winter
2 Timothy 4:9-13, 19-22
Dr. Gary Parker

Hymn - Have Faith in God

Benediction - 2 Timothy 4:22

Postlude - Great Is the Lord



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10:45 Praise Worship

Call to Worship - Psalm 27:13-14; John 16:33

Song - Way Maker

Prayer and Welcome

Back to School Blessing

Song - Living Hope

Scripture Reading - John 8:36 (NIV)
"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Song - Who You Say I Am

Message - Come Before Winter
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Song - Way Maker

Benediction - 2 Timothy 4:22