



When the Day of Pentecost Came, Mark A Hewitt, Pastel and pen

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Welcome to worship with the First Baptist Church of Christ

Whatever road has brought you here and wherever you should go once we depart, know that you are welcome in this space fully and completely, and that the image of God we all bear together this hour is more complete because you are here as a part of it.

Things to Know

Masks are now optional on the church campus. We understand there are those within the congregation who will need or want to continue to wear masks, and we will continue to keep masks around the church for those who may want to use them.

Restrooms can be found through the double doors on the side near the elevator, one flight of stairs up or one flight down.

Participate in the service as much or as little as you like. Stand when others stand, or remain seated. Sing when others sing, or enjoy the way this old sanctuary fills with sound. Invitations to stand as you are able are marked with an asterisk (*). Invitations to respond in word or song are noted in bold.

For Those With Children

Thank you for bringing a child to worship! Take a deep breath and know they are welcome here. Parents with infants are more than welcome to remain in the sanctuary, or ushers can direct you down the back stairs to a comfortable room with sound from the sanctuary so all can still hear the service. A nursery is provided for children younger than 3. Preschoolers (age 3-Kindergarten) are invited to leave after “Let the Children Come” for our W.O.W. (Working on Worship) experience.

For Those with Special Needs

Thank you for joining us for worship! We love our historic buildings, but know they can be a challenge for those with mobility needs. Know that we are committed to doing all we can to make this space welcoming to everyone. Reserved seating for those in wheel chairs and those sitting with them is found near the elevator, and is marked with signs on the walls and on the back of the pews. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher for assistance. If you have special hearing needs, please ask one of the ushers to bring you a hearing assistance device from the sound booth in the back, or feel free to go back there and get one. An accessible restroom is located up one floor across from the office. If you, or someone with you, requires special assistance for any reason, please find a minister or an usher.

THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Sounding of the Hour

Anne Armstrong

*Jennings Tarpley, acolyte
Eleanor Kell, dancer*

The Prelude

"A Rushing, Mighty Wind"
Anne Armstrong, organ

arr. Gordon Young

The Call to Worship

JD Granade

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings

Today the hidden fountain flows and plays

Today the church draws breath at last and sings

As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.

This is the feast of fire, air, and water

Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.

The earth herself awakens to her maker

And is translated out of death to birth.

The right words come today in their right order

And every word spells freedom and release

Today the gospel crosses every border

All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace

Today the lost are found in holy translation.

Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

Adapted from "Pentecost," by Malcolm Guite

*The Hymn of Praise 12

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

BEECHER

God, our Father, we adore Thee! We, Thy children, bless Thy name!

Chosen in the Christ before Thee, we are "holy, without blame."

We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Abba's praises we proclaim!

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**Son Eternal, we adore Thee! Lamb upon the throne on high!
Lamb of God, we bow before Thee, Thou hast brought Thy people nigh!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Son of God, who came to die!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Son of God, who came to die!**

**Holy Spirit, we adore Thee! Paraclete and heavenly guest!
Sent from God and from the Savior, Thou hast led us into rest.
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! by Thy grace forever blest.
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! by Thy grace forever blest.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! we give Thee praise!
For the riches we inherit, heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Thee we bless through endless days!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Thee we bless through endless days!**

*The Invocation

Kelsey Stillwell

*The Gloria Patri 705

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.**

The Welcome

Scott Dickison

“Let the Children Come”

JD Granade

Children in 3K-K are invited to W.O.W., a preschool worship experience! We will meet with the W.O.W. Shepherds at the end of “Let the Children Come.” Parents, please come pick up your children immediately after worship.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 228

A Rushing, Mighty Wind

FESTAL SONG

**A rushing, mighty wind roars through a crowded room,
And tongues of fire upon their heads disperse the people's gloom.**

**God's Spirit blows the wind and lights the blood red flame;
A Pentecost of tongues explodes in praise of Jesus' name.**

**Three thousand souls that day in mind and heart were stirred;
And these were added to the church as they believed the Word.**

**Lord, make our breath a wind and let our tongues be fire,
And as at that first Pentecost Your people's lives inspire.**

*The Offertory Prayer

Doug Thompson
Deacon of the Week

Offertory

"Come Down, O Love Divine"
Anne Armstrong, piano

arr. Wilbur Held

*The Offertory Response 341

"Doxology"

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THE WORD

Missions Moment

Sareta Shelburne

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-12 and Psalm 104:1-4

Zack Jackson (English)

Yumiko Jones (Japanese)

Darrell Pursiful (German)

Kathleen Newton (Spanish)

Kelsey Stillwell (ASL)

Anita Gustafson (Swedish)

Paulo de Almeida Freire (Portuguese)

Rebecca Pursiful (French)

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Psalm 104:1-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;

you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

you make the clouds your chariot;

you ride on the wings of the wind;

you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

Acts 2: 5-13

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kelsey Stillwell

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

The Anthem Solo

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. Moses Hogan

Rachel Green, mezzo-soprano

The Second Lesson

Genesis 11:1-9

Scott Dickison

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“A Spirit of Listening”

Scott Dickison

The Hymn of Commitment 238

Spirit, Now Live in Me

LOIS

**O holy Dove of God descending, You are the love that knows no ending,
All of our shattered dreams You're mending: Spirit, now live in me.**

**O holy Wind of God now blowing, You are the seed that God is sowing,
You are the life that starts us growing, Spirit, now live in me.**

**O holy Rain of God now falling, You make the Word of God enthralling,
You are that inner voice now calling: Spirit, now live in me.**

**O holy Flame of God now burning, You are the power of Christ returning,
You are the answer to our yearning: Spirit, now live in me.**

Benediction

Scott Dickison

The Congregational Response 512

“We Go in Peace”

Keith Christopher

**We go in peace, we go in love,
We go with grace and mercy from the Lord above
To tell the world this very thing:
That Jesus Christ is Lord and King. Jesus Christ is Lord and King.**

Postlude

“Veni, Creator Spiritus”
Anne Armstrong, organ

arr. David Cherwien



Our Life Together

Sunday, June 5

Youth Mission Immersion

9:45 am

Sunday school

11:00 am

Worship

Monday, June 6—Friday, June 10

Youth Mission Immersion in Appalachia

Wednesday, June 8

6:30 pm

Choir Practice

Saturday, June 11

2:00 pm

Children's Summer Kickoff

Sunday, June 12

9:45 am

Sunday school

11:00 am

Worship

Deacons of the Week

June 2

Doug Thompson

June 9

Linda Manis

Birthdays

June 5

Deann Duke

Stella Johansen

Rebecca Scarbrough

June 7

Andrew Fuller

June 8

Jennifer Treiber

June 10

Lucas Spears

June 12

Vivienne Brainard

Bryan Whitfield

Condolences

We grieve with Claire and Dan Davis is the death of Claire's father, **Charlie Skinner**, on Friday, May 6.

We grieve with Megan and Ben Sapp in the death of Megan's mother, **Carol Strandburg**, on Saturday, May 14.

Vacation Bible School Supplies Needed

Please save your single serve plastic bottles for the craft room. You can drop them off in the box near the office.

Women's Book Club

Sunday, June 26 at 6:00 pm

5377 White House Plantation

Our next meeting will be at the home of Kerri Thompson. We have selected *The Secret of Magic* by Deborah Johnson. Kathy McCollum will facilitate our discussion.

Hearing Assistance

If anyone has accidentally taken home their hearing assistance device, please return it to the church. The sound crew would greatly appreciate it.

Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to honor someone or a special event? You can do this by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers on a Sunday. The following dates are open June 12 and 26; July 3; August 21 and 28; September 11, 18, and 25; October 2, 16, 23 and 30, November 6 and 13, and December 25. To sign up, contact Mary Leonard, or follow the link in the Highlites. Choose a date, check its three boxes, click Submit and Sign up at the bottom. Fill in the form on the next page, then click Sign Up Now.

You'll need to contact a florist, and Mary would be happy to give you recommendations.

MISSIONS

FBCX Day of Missions

Saturday, June 18 8:00 am–2:00 pm
Loving one another with Heart, Mind and Body.

Meet at the church for breakfast and fellowship before dismissing into small groups. Groups will work with local ministries, and some will have conversations around a particular mission or advocacy topic with leaders in these areas.

We will end our day together at FBCX for lunch and, to share experiences & listen for how God is inviting us into God's mission.

Childcare will be provided through Pre-K, and work projects will be available for elementary-aged students.

Please use the link in the Highlites to sign up before the event so we can plan groups and meals accordingly.

YOUTH

Pray for our youth as they travel to Middlesboro, Kentucky for an Appalachian Mission Immersion trip. They will explore Appalachia, learn about its history and culture, will volunteer at various organizations, and will learn how they care for their community.

Follow their trip on Facebook (First Baptist Church of Macon Youth Group!) and Instagram (fbcxyouth)

CHILDREN



Compassion Camp VBS

June 20–24, 9:00 am–12:15 pm

This summer children who have completed PreK–5th grade are invited to

Compassion Camp as we explore how to "Be loved, Be kind, Be you!" Scan the



QR code to register children and receive more information closer to the week of VBS.

Kids' Summer Kickoff

June 11, 2:00–5:00 pm

Amerson River Park playground pavilion

As we look forward to a summer of gathering together again, we want to celebrate the community that our children will develop. Children and their families are invited to Amerson River Park where we have booked the playground pavilion to enjoy popsicles and fun together!

Save the Dates:

July 2: Children's ministry pool party

July 30: Summer Wrap-up event



Summer Intern

We are thrilled to welcome Zack Jackson as a summer ministry intern. Zack is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. In addition to leading in worship, teaching, working with our youth and children, and assisting in pastoral care, Zack will work with representatives from our History servant team on a project started by our own Doug Thompson to learn more about our church's founding with regard to slavery.

Zack grew up near Sandersville in rural Washington County, Georgia, where his family has roots reaching back more than two centuries. A 2016 graduate of Georgia College, he first began exploring a call to ministry as he simultaneously researched issues of contemporary Baptist life while completing a senior capstone experience. This research sparked an initial interest in the latent ability of local congregations to be both reconciled and reconciling communities, and the idea that congregations possess untapped potential for social uplift has motivated his ministry interests ever since. Nourishing a dual sense of call to Christian ministry and higher education leadership, Zack moved to Waco, Texas, in the summer of 2016 to work toward a graduate degree at Baylor University. While at Baylor, he served for two years as the Graduate Apprentice for Spirituality and Public Life, which provided him broad exposure to collegiate ministry, higher education chaplaincy, and civic interfaith leadership. After graduating, Zack took a position in August of 2018 at a small

college in western North Carolina, where he served in a variety of staff and faculty roles over the course of three academic years such as Director of Student Engagement, Residence Director, and Adjunct Instructor of Interdisciplinary Studies. Last summer, Zack moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to begin studying at Wake Forest, where he is being equipped for a renewed sense of call to congregational ministry in the Baptist tradition. He is thrilled to be among the beloved community gathered at FBCX this summer!



Summer Intern

Rebecca Pursiful has been part of the FBCX family since she was two years old when her parents, Darrell and Connie, joined the church. She has been nurtured in her faith by the church's children's and youth ministries. She has fond memories of Passport camp, mission trips, and especially *Jubilate!* weekends. She often volunteers in the church office and with the children's ministry.

Rebecca is a notorious choir kid and has been since she was eight years old. Since middle school, she has joined every choir she could find, including, but not limited to various school choirs, the ACE a cappella group, the ACE show choir, and Mercer Children's/ Youth Choir. She is currently a member of the Wesleyannes and the Middle Georgia Choral Society.

Rebecca graduated from the Academy for Classical Education and is a rising senior at Wesleyan College, where she is majoring in Early Childhood Education with minors in Reading, Music, and English Literature.

She loves to read, hang out with friends, knit, discuss outlandish film theories, play with LEGOs, and most of all to sing!

Rebecca will be working with the children and youth this summer. She is ready to put her skills as an education major to the test and gain some new skills along the way. She is very excited to act as an "adult" for all the traditions she remembers as a child, and can't wait to make new memories!



Signs of the Season

The paraments of the pulpit and the communion table are visible reminders of the current season of the church year. Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter. For the Christian church, Pentecost is a remembrance of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early church (Acts 2). The color red symbolizes the fire of Pentecost. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people.

Sanctuary Flowers

On this Pentecost Sunday, the flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Sareta Shelburne for her many years of dedicated, faithful service to the Language Ministry.

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