



World's Smallest Seed • oil/canvas

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SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Marianne Kell, acolyte

The Prelude

“Processional”

Anne Armstrong

Anne Armstrong, organ

The Call to Worship

Rebecca Pursiful

With open hearts and minds, we gather to worship together.

Nurturing God, loving Christ, affirming Spirit refresh our sense of calling.

Attentive to your presence in our lives as individuals and as a community, we listen carefully.

Nurturing God, loving Christ, affirming Spirit guide us in our discernment.

Within these walls and in the world beyond them God is at work and we want to join in.

Nurturing God, loving Christ, affirming Spirit grant us the wisdom to understand your mission.

As a community of faith, we hear and respond to God’s call,

To nurture authentic faith and belonging, to love and serve courageously, and to affirm the image of God in all people.

(Inspired by the FBCX Vision Statement)

*The Hymn of Praise 319

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy works and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again, gladly forever adore Him.

*The Invocation

Rebecca Pursiful

*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

Kelsey Stillwell

“Let the Children Come”

JD Granade

There will be no W.O.W. through the month of July. Children 3k-Kindergarten are welcome to stay with their families for all of worship or spend the rest of the service in childcare in the nursery area. JD will walk them over at this time; please find JD at the end of worship if you need directions to childcare.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of
Offertory 648

Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father

MADILL

Stir Your church, O God our Father, move throughout its life today;

Cultivate a sense of mission in our hearts and minds we pray.

Help us to renew commitment to a way of ministry

Which interprets for our culture how Your truth can us free.

Make your church a living witness to the power of its Lord;

Send us to the world around us with Your Spirit and Your Word:

To the inner city turmoil, to affluent suburbs, too —

To all those who need Your message send us forth to tell of You.

Give to us a social conscience which enables us to see

That all folk are Your creation and that they have dignity.

Let us feel, with real compassion, needs of body, mind and soul;

For these needs may we provide them ministry which makes them whole.

Challenge us, O God, our Father, to the tasks which must be done

For Your church to find fulfillment in the way taught by Your Son.

With awareness of our purpose, with commitment to Your call,

May we help prepare the time when Christ will reign as Lord of all.

*The Offertory Prayer

Harriet Eason
Chair of Deacons

The Offertory

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
The Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

I know that my redeemer lives and that he shall stand on the latter day.
And though my body be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
Now we see in a glass dimly, but then face to face:
Now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.

Job 19:2-265 & 1 Corinthians 13:12

*The Offertory Response 131

“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

The First Lesson

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Kitty Knight

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
to declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
showing that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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 trespassed 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 Second Lesson

Mark 4:1-9, 26-32

Scott Dickison

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on a path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

The Sermon

"Nurture"

Scott Dickison

THE BREAD AND CUP OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of
Commitment 477

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us and remade is as His own;
Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants, working in the world today;
Taking His own task upon us, all His sacred words obey.
Let us rise, to His summons, dedicate to Him our all,
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.**

* The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Congregational
Response 481

Go to the World!
(stanza 4)

SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you 'til the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen."
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Anne Armstrong, organ

arr. James Pethel



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday, July 10

9:45 am	Sunday school
11:00 am	Worship with Communion
5:00 pm	Rising sixth grader dinner and a movie
6:00 pm	Women's book club

Wednesday, July 13

6:00 - 8:00 pm	Youth Hangout
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Sunday, July 17

Passport Kids

9:45 am	Sunday school
11:00 am	Worship

Deacons of the Week

July 7	Harriet Eason
July 14	Shannon Hart

Birthdays

July 10	Dan Davis
July 13	John Brainard Ruth Rowell Maddie Cooke
July 14	Melton Strozier
July 15	Jack Colwell Suzy Nicholson
July 17	Suzy McCullough Clara Spears Evan Thompson

Condolences:

We grieve with Richard, Jan, and Rachel Green on the death of Richard's mother, **Louise Pinkham**, on June 21.

We grieve with Mary Tribble on the death of her brother, **Michael Goslin**, on June 22.

We grieve with the family of **Jan Taylor** on her death on June 26.

Save the Date

July 10: Upcoming 6th grader dinner and movie

July 13: Youth Hang Out 6:00-8:00pm

July 30: Summer wrap up for children, youth, and their families

Summer Sunday School

July 10, 17, 24, and 31

Fellowship Hall

Join us in the during the Sunday school hour for our combined summer series. Each week we will explore a different highlight from our church vision statement, “The First Baptist Church of Christ at Macon nurtures authentic faith and belonging, loves and serves courageously, and affirms the image of God in all people.” Or as we often shorten it, “Nurture. Love. Serve. All.” A panel of speakers from within the congregation who will reflect on their understanding of these words from the content of their own life, faith, and time in our church. It will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know longtime members and newer members alike!

Women’s Book Club

Sunday, July 10 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.

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 for the rest of 2022: July 3; August 21 and 28; September 11, 18, and 25; October. 2, 23 and 30. To sign up, contact Mary Leonard, or follow the link in the Highlites!

YOUTH

July 10: Dinner and a Movie for Rising 6th Graders

Fajitas Mexican Grill

5:00 pm Meet at Fajitas Mexican Grill for dinner (Across from the movie theater) Students will order and pay for themselves

7:05 pm Minions: The Rise of Gru at AMC Theater

8:30 pm Pick up your student at movie theater.

Students who are starting 6th grade, are invited to join Kelsey and the members of the youth leadership team for dinner and a movie. This will be a chance for us to get to know each other and practice what a typical youth outing will be like. Students will need to bring money for dinner and any movie snacks they might want. Please let Kelsey know by Sunday morning if your student will be attending so she can purchase movie tickets ahead of time.



NOTES AND DOODLES.



NOW. HERE. THIS.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

The paraments on the pulpit and communion table are visual reminders of the current season of the church year. Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost and ends with Advent. During this season, we celebrate the “ordinary events” of our Christian lives. The liturgical color for this season is green, symbolizing life, freshness, and hope.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice and Mercer Edwards by their children, Boyd and Betty Edwards; grandchildren, Rebecca, Tripp and Valerie; and great-grandchildren, Zoe and Lexie.

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