FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

NURTURE. LOVE. SERVE. ALL.

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SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

SEVENTH 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

Parker Johns, acolyte

The Prelude — "Praeludium" — Gordon Young

Anne Armstrong, organ

The Call to Worship — JD Granade

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 312 — Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart — MARION

Kirstine Buchanan, music leader

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing
Beneath the standard of your God, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens fair,
Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praise declare. [Refrain]

Yes, on through life's long path, still singing as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]

At last the march shall end; the weary ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
The Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. [Refrain]

*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" — Rebecca Pursiful

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 488 Come, All Christians, Be Committed — BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians be committed to the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness, each your sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Give your time and talents daily, they are gifts from God above,
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim His wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work with Him find favor, and with joy His praises sing.

God's command to love each other is required of everyone.
Showing mercy to another mirrors His redeeming Son.
In compassion He has given of His love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace now fully thine.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.
Worship Him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.
For His grace give Him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story till the world His name has heard.

*The Offertory Prayer		Chuck Dumas
The Offertory Anthem	"Prelude on BEACH SPRING" *Anne Armstrong, organ*	Gilbert Martin
*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 — Isaiah 61:1-4 — Amy Tarpley

The spirit of the LORD God is upon me
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer — Scott Dickison

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 Anthem Solo — "Breathe on Me Breath of God" — arr. Fred Bock
Caroline Cooke, soprano

The Second Lesson — Luke 22:24-27 — Zack Jackson

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

For the Good News of God,

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon — "Serve" — Zack Jackson
Third in the series: Nurture. Love. Serve. All.

THE OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of Commitment 676 Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray — DIADEMATA

Teach me, O Lord, I pray, Your precious truth divine;
Lead me to understand Your Word and make its precepts mine.
Impart Your wisdom, Lord, shed light upon my way,
That I may know Your boundless live, teach me, O Lord, I pray.

Train me, O Lord, I pray, in knowledge and in skill;
O daily let me walk with You and do Your perfect will.
O train my heart and mind to serve You unashamed,
At home, abroad, where'er the Christ has yet to be proclaimed.

Use me, O Lord, I pray, to shed Your light sublime
To rich and poor, to high and low of every race and clime.
O may Your flaming zeal burn constantly and true,
Till souls in darkness everywhere fall down and worship You.

* 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	"Voluntary in C Major" *Anne Armstrong, organ*	Phil Lehenbauer

Sunday, July 24

9:45 am	Sunday school
11:00 am	Worship

Monday, July 25

9:00 am	Crisis Closet
9:00 am	Circle of Hope

Saturday, July 30

3:00 - 5:00 pm	Skating Party

Sunday, July 31

9:45 am	Sunday school
11:00 am	Worship

Deacons of the Week

July 21	Kay Shurden
July 28	Sharon Bailey

Birthdays

Note: Birthdays were mistakenly left out of the bulletin last week. Please wish all these folks a happy birthday!

July 17	Suzy McCullough
	Clara Spears
	Evan Thompson
July 18	Alexandra Ingoldsby
July 19	Max McMillan
July 20	Gloria Patman
	Beverly Penley
July 21	Eddie Mendheim
July 22	Gwen Colwell
July 23	Kim Candler
July 24	Cal Northenor
July 25	Connie Jones
July 26	Susan Johansen
July 27	Karen Ebey-Tessendorf
	Sylvia Thompson
July 28	Tripp Barnes
	Beth Bowman
July 29	Julie Clark
	Morley Conn
	Dusty Fuller
July 30	Naomi Hunt
	Tim Johansen
	Patrick Johns

Condolences:

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

We grieve with Richard Pennington on the death of his uncle, Clement Pennington.

Save the Date

August 7: Back to School Sunday

August 28: Ice Cream Social

September 23 -25: Women's Retreat

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: ; August 28; September 18 and 25; October 23 and 30. To sign up, contact Mary Leonard, or follow the link in the Highlites!

Summer Sunday School
July 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! Breakfast and coffee will be served.

Women's Retreat
September 23 - 25
St. Simon's Island, GA

Women of all ages are invited to join us for a favorite tradition - Women's Retreat! The retreat will begin Friday evening and will conclude around lunchtime on Sunday. This is a great way to enjoy time with your friends and to get to know new people whom you usually do not spend time with. Our theme for the women's retreat this year is 'Connect: to Ourselves, to Each Other, and to God'. There will be discussion, worship, meals together, and of course lots of free time to relax, enjoy the beach, and spend time with friends! Registration coming soon!

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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 in memory of Ruth Centers Bales, beloved grandmother to Amy Tarpley and great-grandmother to Brenna & Jennings, on the occasion of her birthday, July 26.

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