



"Isaiah 58" by Jesse Wright (2020)

Sunday, August 21, 2022
Eleventh 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 GIFTS

The Sounding of the Hour

Anne Armstrong

Jameson Graham, Acolyte

Prelude

"Processional in G Major"

Phil Lehenbauer

Anne Armstrong, organ

The Call to Worship

JD Granade

This is the place and this is the time; here and now, God waits to break into our experience:

to change our minds, to change our lives, to change our ways;

to make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light:

to fill us with hope, joy, and certainty for the future.

This is the place, as are all places; this is the time, as are all times.

Here and now let us praise God.

*The Hymn of Praise 310

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother—all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, bringing all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.**

*The Invocation

Scott Dickison

*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.**

The Words of Welcome

Kelsey Stillwell

"Let the Children Come"

JD Granade

Children in 3K-Kindergarten 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" and go to the Seekers' classroom together. Parents, please come pick up your children immediately after worship. The W.O.W. shepherds this week are Lacie Brown and Lesley Myrick.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 41 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.
But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple, we could take Him at His word;
And our lives would be more loving in the likeness of our Lord.**

*The Offertory Prayer

Marina Spears
Deacon of the Week

The Offertory

"The Lord's My Shepherd"
Anne Armstrong, organ

arr. Don Hustad

*Offertory Response

"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 58:9b-14

Tony Kight

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God.

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

“Awake, My Soul”
The Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

Awake, my soul, awake!
Awake, my soul, I will awaken the dawn!
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
For Thy steadfast mercy is great,
Thy faithfulness reaches to the skies,
Reaches to the heavens. Awake!

Text: based on Psalm 57:8-11

The Second Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

Scott Dickison

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

For the Good News of God,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Repairers of the Breach”

Scott Dickison

THE OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of Commitment 473 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

**Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let My life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when You but call my name.
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.**

*The Spoken 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

"When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified"
Anne Armstrong, organ

arr. Charles Callahan



Sunday, August 21

9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
12:15 pm	Nominating Committee
4:00 pm	Group Spiritual Direction

Monday, August 22

9:00 am	Crisis Closet
10:00 am	Circle of Hope

Wednesday, August 24

5:30 pm	Family dinner and Wednesday Night Kickoff
6:30 pm	Choir practice

Sunday, August 28

9:45 am	Sunday school
11:00 am	Worship

Deacon of the Week

August 18	Marina Spears
August 25	Richard Green

Birthdays

August 21	Hiro Jones
	Tyler Nable
August 22	Chad Davis
	Tyler Newton
August 23	Ethan Brock
	Olivia Brock
	Owen Stinson
August 25	Kathy Myers
	Elliott Wall
August 27	Caroline Kicklighter
August 28	Audrey Dickison
	Abigail McCord
	Deedra Moore

Condolences:

We grieve with the family of Romney Tucker in his death.

We grieve with Martha and Oscar Hugley in the death of Martha's sister, Kitty Simmons.

Save the date:

August 28: Ice Cream Social

August 31: Quarterly Church Conference

September 23 -25: Women's Retreat

Menu for August 24, 2022

Scan this QR code to make a reservation:



Chicken Alfredo Lasagna
 Steamed broccoli
 Garlic toast
 Mini lemon pound cakes
 Fresh fruit

The Record Speaks

Date:	07/31/2022
Budget to Date	\$382,974
Receipts	\$318,480
Expenses	\$380,304
Missions	\$34,541
	(\$102,609)*

*Parentheses indicate a negative balance

Tutoring Ministry at Ingram-Pye Elementary Training

**August 25 10:00 am to noon
or 3:00 to 5:00 pm**

FBCX is restarting our tutoring ministry at Ingram-Pye by partnering with United Way's Read United program. Volunteers commit to one hour per week and are provided with training and all materials needed to help children grow in their reading abilities. Contact Julie Long (juliewlong@gmail.com or 4787371700) if interested in participating.

New Book Release

When God Whispered My Name: Stories of Baptist Women Called to Ministry, **edited by Kathy Manis Findley and Kay Shurden**

We are excited to announce the release of a new book edited by and featuring a number of church members. Kathy and Kay have put together this beautiful volume of testimonies and reflections on life, ministry, and calling. Contributors from within congregation are LeAnn Gunter Johns, Julie Long, and Kelsey Stillwell.

Children's Sunday School project:

We are in desperate need to receive letters from our church members! We've finished a unit on Paul and have scribed 12 things (# 13 left blank) we know about God displayed at the makeshift mailbox outside our classrooms (what profound thoughts from these angelical geniuses!) We want church members to write letters to us introducing themselves, describing their role in our church, and explaining what they know about God. You can send USPS or email to the office. - Sonya

Missions Update: Little Free Pantry

"Take what you need, give what you can."

You may have noticed a an addition to our grounds. In the grassy area along High Street just off the main parking lot, a Little Free Pantry has been installed. This pantry was built by Dan Riley with the help of a team of youth and was installed by Dusty Fuller.

This mini pantry is an easy way for neighbors to help neighbors who need food, hygiene, or paper items. Even though its home is on this property, this mini pantry belongs to all us. Please help us take care of it and the space around it.

Give what you can by placing food, hygiene, or paper items inside the mini pantry. Give what you would want to receive. An easy rule of thumb: buy extra of what you buy your household. No gift is too small. A single can of green beans can help. Items should be unexpired and in good condition.

Take what you need. If you find items inside and you need them, take them and know we care about you. Please remember the mini pantry belongs to all of us and take only those items you need, trusting the mini pantry all be here for you again.

Pantry items:

- Must be shelf-stable
- Must be sealed
- Able to withstand high temperatures
- Suggested non-food items: socks, diapers, wipes, deodorant, sunscreen, feminine hygiene products, first aid supplies.

Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to honor someone or a special event by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers on a Sunday? There are just FIVE open Sundays remaining on the flower calendar for the rest of 2022: September 18 and 25, and October 2, 23, and 30. To sign up, contact Mary Leonard at 478-737-4171 or follow the link in the High-Lites Weekly.

An invitation from the Language Ministry:

The Language Ministry is poised to launch the 2022—23 school year on September 7. We look forward to greeting our former students and welcoming new students. Our staff makes every effort to make all students feel at ease. We try to honor them and acknowledge them for who they are: children of God; created in God's image.

We would love for you to help us make the Language Ministry strong. There are several ways you could participate:

1. Bring a birthday cake.
2. Play the piano during assembly.
3. Provide and serve refreshments once a month.
4. Drive a student to and from class.
5. Pass out fliers in our community.

Please add these possibilities to your prayer time. If any of these seem like a good "fit", please contact either Paula Strozier (478-731-4615) or Sareta Shelburne (478-254-4361). Thank you.

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

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 with whom you usually do not spend time. Our theme 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!

Scholarship funds may be available. Please follow the link in the Highlites or on the website to register. Retreat with housing reservations is now closed but you can still register and join us but you must find your own housing. Cost is \$50.

17th Annual Building the Beloved Community Symposium

Thursday-Friday, September 15-16, 2022

Symposium Theme: "What Is My Responsibility for Racial Justice and Healing?"

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Daniel Hill
Senior Pastor, River City Community
Church, Chicago

Author of *White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to Be White*

Schedule of Events

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Banquet (President's Dining Room,
University Center)

Followed by 1st Keynote Address

Friday 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast at Centenary UMC Fellowship Hall)

10:10 a.m.

2nd Keynote Address (Penfield Hall)

11:15 a.m.—1:40 p.m.

Panel Discussion followed by lunch (Penfield Hall)

Free Admission to All Sessions

Reservations Required for Lunch and Breakfast

Use this QR code to register:



YOUTH

Youth Sunday School

Back to School! For the next few weeks, the youth will stay together for Sunday school as we talk about the start of the school year, how to listen for God's guidance, how we can make a difference, and how to find support for the year ahead. Youth will meet in the "green room" at 9:45 am on Sundays.

We will start with a game and announcements before the lesson. Starting September 11, youth will meet their Sunday School teachers and will separate into Middle School and High School classes for the rest of the year.

CHILDREN

Save the date:

September 17: Mercer football game tailgate at 3:00 pm
game at 6:00 pm

Register using the link in the Highlites or children's ministry newsletter.

October 30: Fall festival 4:00 to 6:00 pm

What's #trending @FBCX



Top Results:



Dinner, games, (and internet trends?)



Summer Recap



and Wednesday programming preview for all ages

all at the
Wednesday Night Kickoff
August 24, 5:30-7:15





WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL

Wednesday Night Supper Returns August 24!

New for this Fall:

The church will no longer collect money online for Wednesday Night Supper. You will pay our caterer, Evette Goolsby, directly. You can do this in a number of ways!

- Cash (we will have a volunteer collecting payment at the door)
- Checks made out to Evette Goolsby.
- Card (the volunteer will have a card reader at the door)
- Cash App. This free and easy to use app will allow you to send payment to Evette directly. Her account is: \$evettegoose. We can walk you through this on Wednesday.

Please make a reservation by Sunday for the Wednesday to come! There will be extra food available for walk-ups, but this will allow us to give Evette accurate information on how to prepare. There will be 3 plate options each week:

- Adult plate: \$8
- Salad bar only: \$6
- Child plate \$4

**Scan this QR code to download
the Cash App:**



**Scan this QR code to make a
reservation:**



Wednesday Night Bible Study This Fall

We're looking forward to jumping back into Wednesday Nights this fall! After our kickoff event this Wednesday, we will have a church conference the following week and begin our regular programming on September 7, when Kathy Manis Findley and Kay Shurden will introduce their new book, *When God Whispered My Name: Stories of Journey Told By Baptist Women Called to Ministry*.

The following week, we will begin a series coordinated with the Sunday sermons based on a wonderful and challenging book by Sam Wells, *A Future That's Bigger Than Our Past: Toward the Renewal of the Church*.

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic into this new world before us, we'll use this book as a way to consider what it will take, and what it would mean, for our church's future to be "bigger than our past."

Books are available on Amazon, or Bookshop.com, where you can support independent bookstores!

August 24: Kickoff!

August 31: Church Conference

September 7: *When God Whispered My Name*: Kathy Manis Findley and Kay Shurden

September 14: *A Future Bigger Than Our Past: A Vision for Church Renewal*

September 21: *For Such a Time as This: The Church's Opportunity*

September 28: *Investing in the Kingdom: The Divine Economy*



NOW. HERE. THIS

“Drawing on nothing fancier than the poetry of his own life, let him use words and images that help make the surface of our lives transparent to the truth that lies deep within them, which is the wordless truth of who we are and who God is and the Gospel of our meeting.”
(from: *Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale*, by Frederick Buechner)

When I read these words of instruction (or invitation) for preachers as a seminary student from Frederick Buechner, who died this past week at the age of 96, I knew immediately what my life's work would be.

In the days since his passing many ministers and readers and other “part time Christians” (as Buechner called himself) have offered similar stories and quotations that touched them at just the right place, just when they needed to be touched.

Quotations that we've held onto and that in many ways have held us through the years.

Quotations that we've written in the inside covers of journals and hung on the walls of nurseries.

Quotations we've shared in sermons and bedside prayers.

Quotations that we've offered to couples on their wedding day and families grieving the impossible.

With beauty and humor and disarming humility, he gave words to the struggle and joy and joyful struggle of modern faith. He was not heady, but he was an artist. His subject matter was not abstract concepts but the mystery of human interaction and the wonder of natural beauty.

“At its heart,” he once wrote, “theology, like most fiction, is essentially autobiography. Aquinas, Calvin, Barth, Tillich, working out their systems in their own ways and in their own language, are all telling us the stories of their lives.”

I think he would also say that all autobiography can be theology, too. That to the extent that you see God at work in your life and in the world and speak of it, you are a theologian. And that it is these theologians, the theologians who find themselves not in the pulpits but in the pews more Sundays than not, who are the true theologians of the church. The ones who give voice to mystery, “drawing nothing fancier than the poetry of our own lives.”

Buechner, more than most, showed us what is possible when we do.

“You wake up out of the huge crevasses of the night and your dreaming. You get out of bed, wash and dress, eat breakfast, say goodbye and go away never maybe to return for all you know, to work, talk, lust, pray, dawdle and do, and at the end of the day, if your luck holds, you come home again, home again. Then night again. Bed. The little death of sleep, sleep of death. Morning, afternoon, evening—the hours of the day, of any day, of your day and my day. The alphabet of grace. If there is a God who speaks anywhere, surely he speaks here: through waking up and working, through going away and coming back again, through people you read and books you meet, through falling asleep in the dark.” (from, *The Alphabet of Grace*, by Frederick Buechner).

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Signs of the Season

The paraments of the pulpit and the communion table are visible 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.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are given in loving memory of Louis C. Alderman, Jr., who taught Sunday School at FBC Cochran for 23 years and had distinguished white hair and blue eyes and was a wonderful father by Jonathan and Amy Alderman.



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