



Photograph of a dry stone sheep pen, Scotland

Sunday, September 11, 2022
Fourteenth 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.

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

Cal Northenor, acolyte

The Prelude

“Echo Fanfare”

arr. Gilbert Martin

Anne Armstrong, organ

The Call to Worship

Kelsey Stillwell

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

Psalm 36

*The Hymn of Praise 349

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [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

Kelsey Stillwell

“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 W.O.W. shepherds this week are Ben and Rachel Huston.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 302 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

PROMISE

**Come away from ruch and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace;
From our vain ambition’s worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God’s grace.**

**In the pastures of God’s goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God’s mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God’s presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God’s anointing into service we are led.**

**Come, then, children with your burdens—life’s confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His kingdom’s reign.
Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them—He alone will satisfy.
All the longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.**

*The Offertory Prayer

Tricia Whitby
Deacon of the Week

The Offertory

“Come Thou Fount”
Marie Jarriel Roberts, soprano

David Dickau

**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 36:5-9

Mary Leonard

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

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 Second Lesson

John 10:1-10

Scott Dickison

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

For the Good News of God,

Thanks be to God

The Sermon

“A Vision For Church Renewal”

Scott Dickison

First in the series: A Future That’s Bigger Than the Past

THE BREAD AND CUP OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Communion Anthem

“Give Me Jesus”
The Chancel Choir

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Ron Kauffmann

THE OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of Commitment 66 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

**My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways;
And leads me, for His mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.**

* The 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!**

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Anne Armstrong, organ

arr. Lauren Gadd



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday, September 11

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Wednesday, September 14

9:30 am Language Ministry
4:00 pm Open Time in youth room
and children's center
5:30 pm Youth Choir
5:30 pm Family Dinner
6:00 pm Young Musicians and
Music Makers
6:15 pm Youth "Unplugged"
6:30 pm Language Ministry
Choir Practice
Adult Bible Study
6:45 pm Kids on Mission

Sunday, September 18

9:45 am Sunday school
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Women's Book Club

Deacon of the Week

September 8 Tricia Whitby
September 15 Shannon Hart

Birthdays

September 11 Teddrick Carter
Rob Fenimore
September 12 Rodney Goff
September 13 Linley Davis
Jake Hall
Sonya Milam
September 14 Faye Wiggins
September 15 Chuck Dumas
Bob Hardy

September 18

Kathy McCollum
Karen Summerlin
Wallace Taylor

Condolences:

We grieve with Warren and Connie Jones in the death of Warren's sister, Judy King.

Wednesday Night Supper

Scan this QR code to make a reservation for Wednesday night supper by this afternoon.



The menu this week is pizza and salad. Cost is \$5. You can pay by using the church's giving app or by check or cash on Wednesday night.

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

Save the Date:

September 23 -25: Women's Retreat
October 26: Quarterly Conference to discuss budget
October 30: Vote on Budget
October 30: Fall Festival
November 6: Commitment Sunday

Wednesday Night Bible Study This Fall

We will begin our regular programming on September 7 with a series coordinated with the coming 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*.

Wells is the vicar of St. Martin in the Fields Anglican Church in Trafalgar Square in the heart of London. St. Martin's has a long history of serving the most vulnerable in their community but in recent years has expanded their outreach and involvement through social entrepreneurship efforts. Wells believes that, despite the challenges, this is an "exciting time" to be 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.org, where you can support independent bookstores!

September 7: *A Future Bigger Than Our Past: A Vision for Church Renewal*

September 14: *For Such a Time as This: The Church's Opportunity*

September 21: *Investing in the Kingdom: The Divine Economy*

Women's Book Club Sunday, September 18 116 Waterford Place.

We will discuss *NATIVE: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering* by Kaitlin Curtice. We will gather at 6 pm at the home of Carrie Ingoldsby 116 Waterford Place.

Combined Sunday School Class September 18 Fellowship Hall

A Panel Discussion with the FBCX Editors/Contributors to *When God Whispered My Name: Stories of Journey Told by Baptist Women Called to Ministry* (Smyth & Helwys) Join the Voices and Adult Too classes in celebrating the work of their class members Bring a dish to share for breakfast; Adult Ed will provide coffee and juice.

All Saints and Commitment Sunday Guest Preacher, Charles E. Poole

We are thrilled to welcome Chuck Poole back to First Baptist as our guest preacher for Commitment Sunday on November 6.

Chuck served as pastor of our congregation from 1986 until 1994. Most recently, he served as pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi until his retirement at the end of August.

He will be the keynote speaker for CBFGA's fall assembly in Augusta later that day.

More information to come.

**17th Annual Building the Beloved
Community Symposium
Thursday-Friday, September 15-16**

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 (Pen-
field Hall)

11:15 a.m.—1:40 p.m. Panel Discussion
followed by lunch (Penfield Hall)

Free Admission to All Sessions Reserva-
tions Required for Lunch and Breakfast

Use this QR code to register:



YOUTH

**Midnight Madness
Friday, September 16, 5:00 pm—
Midnight
Cost: \$30**

Cost includes bowling, laser tag, an
arcade card, pizza, and a drink from Pin
Strikes.

The community youth group will join us
for our Midnight Madness! We will meet
at Pin Strikes and will drive back to FBCX
at 8:30pm for dessert and more games.
This is a great event to invite friends to!
Sign up your student by Thursday.

Needed: Chaperones for a shift (5:00-8:30
or 8:30-midnight), drivers to pick up
students at Pin Strikes at 8:30, and
desserts donated. Look for the sign-up
genius in the youth newsletter.

Community Youth Group
Sunday, September 18th
5:00 pm Centenary Methodist

CHILDREN

Save the date:

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

Registration has closed. Please email JD
to ask about additional tickets.

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



Notes and Doodles

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 for the Glory of God and for the helpers of our world from the past, in the present, and in our future world helpers who are growing up at FBCX today.



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