



Vincent van Gogh, "The Harvest," 1888, oil on canvas
Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam (Vincent van Gogh Foundation)

Sunday, October 16, 2022
The Nineteenth 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

Jameson Graham, acolyte

The Prelude

“Lyric Processional”
Anne Armstrong, organ

Raymond Haan

The Call to Worship

Rebecca Pursiful

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

**The LORD will not let your foot be moved;
the One who keeps you will not slumber.
The God who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

**The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.**

**The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.**

Psalm 121

*The Hymn of Praise 315 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.**

**What God’s almighty power has made in mercy He is keeping;
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping;
Within the kingdom of His might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.**

**The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:
to God all praise and glory.**

**Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud His praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:
to God all praise and glory.**

**Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who know His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
to God all praise and glory.**

*The Invocation

Allie Ford

*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”

Scott Dickison

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. leader this week is Allie Ford and the shepherds this week are Danielle and Doug Barnes.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 671 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.**

**Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.**

*The Offertory Prayer

Jackie Riley
Deacon of the Week

The Offertory Anthem

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
Caitlyn Dillard, violin

arr. Caitlyn Dillard
Philip W. J. Stopford

*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

A Future Bigger Than the Past

Harold Tessendorf

The First Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Jonathan Alderman

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

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.

Anthem

“Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me”

Howard Helvey

The Chancel Choir

Tune: TENDER THOUGHT

Caitlyn Dillard, violin

Kentucky Harmony (1816)

Lord, Thou hast searched me and dost know wherever I rest, wherever I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in Thy hand.

My words from Thee I cannot hide; I feel Thy power on every side;
O wondrous knowledge, awful might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from Thee, or whither from Thy presence flee?
In Heaven? It is Thy dwelling fair; in death's abode? Lo, Thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is Thine, and my support, Thy power divine.

If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from Thee;
To Thee both night and day are bright, the darkness shineth as the light.

Text: Psalm 139:1-12; metricized by John Milton (1608-1674)

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Scott Dickison

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Grace of Giving
Fourth in the series: A Future That's Bigger Than the Past

Scott Dickison

THE OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of Commitment 494 Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord

LANGLEY

**Take my life, lead me, Lord, take my life, lead me, Lord,
Make my life useful to Thee; Take my life, lead me Lord,
Take my life, lead me, Lord, make my life useful to Thee.**

**Take my life, teach me, Lord, take my life, teach me, Lord,
Make my life useful to Thee; Take my life, teach me Lord,
Take my life, teach me, Lord, make my life useful to Thee.**

**Here am I, send me, Lord, here am I, send me, Lord,
Make my life useful to Thee; here am I, send me Lord,
Here am I, send me Lord, make my life useful to Thee.**

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Congregational Response 514

HOLY MANNA

Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him

**Christians, let us go and serve Him,
Serve the one who gives us life.**

**Let us serve in love and power,
In the name of Jesus Christ**

**Serve in love and serve in wisdom,
Reaching all we know and see.**

**Christians, let us go and serve Him,
Now and through eternity.**

Text: Jana Wolf (2000)

Postlude

“Voluntary in F Major”
Anne Armstrong, organ

Phil Lehenbauer



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday, October 16

9:45 am Sunday school
 11:00 am Worship
 12:15 Church Council/Deacons

Wednesday, October 19

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, October 23

9:45 am Sunday school
 11:00 am Worship

Deacon of the Week

October 13 Jackie Riley
 October 20 Bryan Whitfield

Birthdays

October 16 Romelle Jones
 Thomas Knight
 October 17 Frank Broome
 Sandé Day
 Kari Maschhoff
 October 20 Shannon Hart
 October 21 Eric Spears

Save the Date:

October 26: Quarterly Conference
 to discuss budget
October 30: Vote on Budget
 Fall Festival
November 6: Commitment Sunday

The Record Speaks

Date: 08/31/22
 Budget to Date: \$437,684
 Receipts: \$381,370
 Expenses: \$463,632
 Missions: \$34,541
 (\$82,261)*

*Parentheses indicate a negative balance

Deacon and Church Council Meeting Today at 12:15 Lunch Provided \$8

Wednesday Night Supper

Scan this QR code to
 make a reservation for
 Wednesday night supper
 by this afternoon. You
 can pay by using the
 church's giving app or
 by check or cash on
 Wednesday night.



This menu this week is pizza and salad.

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

We continue in our series this week!

10/19: The Poetics of Giving

FBCX Fall Festival 2022!

Food truck, inflatables, trunk or treat...and cake walk is back! Please take a moment to complete the google form linked in the newsletter if you plan to trunk or treat and to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

Donations of candy (special request for allergy-friendly candy) and other small trinkets will be collected for the month of October in the lobby of the children's ministry area or outside the office.

Fall Festival Cake Walk Items are Needed!

If you can donate a cake, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, etc. for the cake walk, please let Julie Long know (juliewlong@gmail.com). Donations do not have to be a whole cake—smaller portions individually wrapped (1-2 cookies/brownies or a cupcake) are great as well! Please label the items if they contain nuts. Donations can be brought to church on Sunday morning, October 30, or to the Fall Festival at 4:00.

All Saints and Commitment Sunday Guest Preacher, Charles E. Poole November 6

We are thrilled to welcome Chuck Poole back to First Baptist as our guest preacher.

Chuck served as pastor at FBCX from 1986 until 1994. 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 night. We will gather in the fellowship hall for breakfast with Chuck and Marcia over the Sunday school hour.

CBFGA State Gathering November 6-7, 2022 First Baptist Church, Augusta

Come hear and dialogue with:

Chuck Poole, recently retired Senior Pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.

David Odom, Director of Leadership Education, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

Registration is now open at www.cbfga.org/event/cbfga-state-gathering-2022/. The \$40 registration fee includes three meals. See website for schedule and more details.

Women's Book Club
November 23 6:00 pm
123 Martinique

We will meet at the home of Cathy Logue, to discuss *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Bring snacks to share at 6 pm and we will begin our discussion by 7 pm.

Kristin Hannah, one of our book clubs' favorite authors, describes it as "Extraordinary. It is a remarkable combination of joy and terror, infused always with the restorative power of a mother's love and the endless human capacity for hope."

See what you think about it being compared to the masterpiece *The Grapes of Wrath*. We will discuss that and much more.

CHILDREN

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

November 11-13: Camping Trip. Sign up by September 30. (Link in Highlites.)

YOUTH

Community Youth Group

November 6: Hosted by FBCX

November 20: Hosted by Centenary UMC



Important Stewardship Dates

Sunday, October 16: Combined Church Council and Deacons meeting to discuss budget

Budget Materials are mailed to congregation the following week

Wednesday, October 26: Church Conference to Discuss Budget

Sunday, October 30: Conference is resumed following worship to vote

Sunday, November 6: Commitment Sunday

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 Doyle Mendheim on the occasion of his birthday on October 18 and in honor of Kari Maschhoff, whose birthday is October 17 & in honor of Shannon Hart, whose birthday is October 20, by Merle, Eddie, Kaye, Leah & Beth.



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