FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

NURTURE. LOVE. SERVE. ALL.

"Shadow in the Lily Field" by Kathy Manis Findley

October 9, 2022

The Eighteenth 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 — *Hunter Godsey*

Patrick Johns, acolyte

The Prelude — "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" — arr. Don Hustad

Hunter Godsey, organ

The Call to Worship — Allie Ford

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 22 — How Great Our God's Majestic Name — DUKE STREET

How great our God's majestic Name! His glory fills the earth and sky.
His praise the heavenly host proclaim, eternal God and Lord most high.

His fingers set the moon in place, the stars their Maker's hand declare;
In earth and sky alike we trace the pattern of His constant care.

And what of us? Creation's crown, upheld in God's eternal mind;
On whom He looks in mercy down for tender love of humankind.

His praise the heavenly host proclaim and we His children tell His worth:
How great is God's majestic Name, His glory seen in all the earth!

*The Invocation — Stanley Roberts

*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" Kelsey Stillwell

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 Jake Hall and Nate and Lesley Myrick.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 669 Long Ago You Taught Your People NETTLETON

Long ago You taught Your people: "Part of what you reap is mine —
From your cattle, bring the first born; tithe the crops of field and vine."
Though beneath the law's restrictions we are not compelled to live,
As we reap our daily harvest, make us eager, Lord to give.

What a way of life You showed us through the Son You gladly gave:
Never snared by earthly treasure, buried in a borrowed grave—
Yet to all He Freely offered riches of the deepest kind:
Let us live with His example firmly fixed in heart and mind.

In the lifestyle of the Spirit giving has a certain part:
Teach us, Lord, this grace of sharing with a cheerful, loving heart—
Not a tiresome obligation, not a barren legal due,
But an overflow of worship: all we have belongs to You!

*The Offertory Prayer Eric Spears
Vice Chair of Deacons

The Offertory Anthem "O Thou Who Camest from Above" Philip W. J. Stopford
The Chancel Choir

O thou who camest from above the pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return, in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1762)

*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

Stewardship Testimony LeAnn and Barry Johns

The Lesson Matthew 6:19-34 Richard Green

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

For the Good News of God,

Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer — Kelsey Stillwell

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 Solo — "Consider the Lilies" — Ron Hinson
Stanley L. Roberts, baritone

The Sermon — Shadow in the Lily Field — Kathy Manis Findley

THE OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of Commitment 490 Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated — HENDON

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love, at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

*The Benediction — Kelsey Stillwell

*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 "God of Grace" arr. Paul Manz

Hunter Godsey, organ

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday, October 9

9:45 am	Sunday school
11:00 am	Worship
12:15 pm	Children's Ministry Check In

Monday, October 10

Office Closed

Wednesday, October 12

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 16

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

Deacon of the Week

October 6	Chuck Dumas
October 13	Jackie Riley
October 16	Romelle Jones Thomas Knight

Birthdays

October 5	Sareta Shelburne
October 10	Jolie Clark
October 12	Don Midkiff
October 13	Kendall Countryman
October 15	Henry Dickson Donyale Leslie

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

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.

The menu this week is Moe's.

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

We continue in our series this week!

10/12: How to Give

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.

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.

CHILDREN

Children's Ministry Check-In

Today after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Families with children, caretakers, and children's ministry volunteers join us for a brief meeting after worship to ensure we are all on the same page, and we will leave space for questions.

Save the date:

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

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

Snacks needed for Children's Center

The children's ministry is collecting snacks for Wednesday afternoons and other special events. If you're willing to contribute, please bring the following to the church office and be sure it's labeled "Children's Center":

Individually wrapped salty snacks—chips, popcorn, crackers, etc.

Individually wrapped sweet snacks—fruit snacks, granola bars, muffins, cookies, etc. (Please no candy, cakes, or anything overly sugary)

Individually packaged juices (pouches or boxes)—Please be mindful of added sugar, no soda, nothing that needs to be refrigerated

We do have some wheat and nut allergies in the children's ministry, so as best as possible please be inclusive of those with your snack options. Thank you!

YOUTH

CBFGA Youth Fall Retreat
November 11-13 at Camp Glisson
Cost: $150

Community Youth Group

October 16: After worship at St. Francis. We will be making birdhouses! The final headcount for youth attending is needed by October 14th. Email Kelsey to sign up.

November 6: Hosted by FBCX

November 20: Hosted by Centenary

Important Stewardship Dates

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

Budget Materials are mailed to congregation

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 sanctuary flowers are given by Shannon Hart to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clifford Allen Tibbetts, on the occasion of his birthday on October 10.

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