



**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

NURTURE. LOVE. SERVE. ALL.



Harvest in Provence, Vincent Van Gogh

June 18, 2023

Third 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

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

Lorelai Wall, acolyte

The Prelude

"Processional

Dale Wood

Anne Armstrong, organ

The Call to Worship

Rebecca Pursiful

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us, we are God's people.

Enter into God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

And God's faithfulness to all generations

*The Hymn of Praise 337 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for His grace and favor to His people in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Fatherlike, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
Motherlike, He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.**

**Angels in the height, adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him, gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

*The Invocation

Rebecca Pursiful

**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”

Erika Houser

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.” Pick up your children there after worship. The W.O.W. leader this week is Rebecca Pursiful and the W.O.W. shepherds are Nate and Lesley Myrick.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 482

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**

*The Offertory Prayer

Sharon Bailey
Deacon of the Week

The Offertory Anthem

“Make a Joyful Noise”
The Chancel Choir

Benjamin Harlan

*The 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

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Ben Huston

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Stanley Roberts

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 trespass 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

“I Stand Amazed”
Caroline Cooke, soprano

Jan Sanborn

The Second Lesson

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Kelsey Stillwell

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

For the Good News of God,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Kelsey Stillwell

OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of Commitment 483 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

HOLY MANNA

**Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white, and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calls us, rich reward He offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"**

**If you cannot cross the ocean, and the distant lands explore,
You can find the lost around you, you can help them at your door;
If you cannot give your thousands, you can give the widow's mite;
What you truly give for Jesus will be precious in His sight.**

**Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the lost of earth are dying, and the Master calls for you;
Take the task He gives you gladly; let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calls you, "Here am I, send me, send me."**

*The Benediction

Kelsey Stillwell

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

"Prelude in C Major"
Anne Armstrong, organ

Vincent Luebeck



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Scan this QR code to access links for all of our event sign ups, on line payments, and social media.



Sunday, June 18

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

June 19–24

Youth Passport

Monday, June 19

Office closed for Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 21

6:00 pm Summer Bible Study

Saturday, June 24

9:00 am Courtyard clean up

Sunday, June 25

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Church Council
3:00 pm Children's Committee

Deacon of the Week

June 15 Sharon Bailey
June 22 Suzy McCullough

Birthdays

June 18 Annabel Ingoldsby
Elizabeth Eidson
June 22 Drew Brown
Caroline Cooke
Raylee Huston
June 24 Joseph Jones
Amy Tarpley

Save the Date:

July 8–15 High School Mission Trip
July 16–19 PassportKids
July 16 Women's Book Club
September 15–17 Women's Retreat

The Record Speaks

As of 5/31/2023

Monthly Budget: \$50,200
Receipts: \$45,031
Expenses: \$65,053
Year to Date: (\$18,048)
Year to Date Missions Giving: \$25,900

Sanctuary Flowers

Open dates to sponsor flowers are:

June 25, July 2, 9
August 13, 20, 27 September 17, 24
October 1, 22, 29 November 12, 26
December 3, 31

To sponsor sanctuary flowers, please contact Mary Leonard at 478-737-4171 or michael.leonard1@cox.net.

Sharing Our Light

Current Offering Received: \$27,266
Goal: \$38,000
Still To Go: \$10,734

Special Sunday School Offering

Through June 25

Re-Enchanting the Earth: Why AI Needs Religion, by Ilia Delio

Join Shaun Kell and Scott Dickison as they lead a study of this book by Ilia Delio in which she considers the theological implications of artificial intelligence and what it might mean for the future of humanity and creation. We will gather at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall. Acquiring the book is encouraged.

This Is My Story, This Is My Song

Join us for a combined Sunday school offering over the month of July (starting July 9). We will gather in the fellowship hall for breakfast each week, and hear from members of the congregation as they reflect on the music and art that has shaped them as people of faith.

Summer Bible Study

6:00 pm

The Society Garden in Ingleside Village

Join us this summer for a laid-back Bible study at The Society Garden at Ingleside Village. We'll grab a table and have good conversation. Dates are June 21, July 12, 19, and 26.

Church Courtyard Cleanup

Saturday, June 24, 9:00 am

We will be trimming, weeding, and tidying up the space. Please bring gardening gloves, garbage bags, hand shovels, and pruning shears. Water, snacks, hats, and sun protection are also recommended.

CBF General Assembly

You're invited to the 2023 General Assembly in Atlanta from June 28–30. General Assembly is an important event in the life of CBF, and we're excited to explore the concept of Holy Ambition as we come alongside God's transforming work in the world.

Participate in events hosted by organizations FBCX supports through our mission giving and our identity partners.

Check out our recommendations and if you register for any of these events, let Kelsey and Scott know so they can look for you!

CBFGA State Gathering: Dinner at Tin Lizzy's

Wednesday, June 28 at 5:30–7:00 pm
\$35 per person

Together for Hope Banquet

Tuesday, June 27, 5:30–7:00 pm

Join the Together for Hope Banquet:

"Together for Better Health" Individual tickets are \$70.

Baptist Women in Ministry: 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Thursday, June 29 at 5:30 pm

BWIM will host a celebration dinner at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Atlanta. They will honor the first 40 years and look forward into BWIM's future as they reveal their new logo, share about new direction in their work, and hear from a panel of leaders in the BWIM community. Individual tickets are \$40.

Dr. Emmanuel McCall Racial Justice Trailblazer Luncheon

Thursday, June 29 at 11:30 am
Join the Dr. Emmanuel McCall Racial Justice Trailblazer Award Luncheon, where you will hear from Dr. Otis Moss III and celebrate the 2023 award recipients. Individual tickets are \$22.

Baptist Joint Committee: Luncheon Friday, June 30 at 11:30am

The program will introduce the new BJC Center for Faith, Justice and Reconciliation, and the keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Adam L. Bond. Individual tickets are \$55.

Women's Book Club

July 16, at 6:00 pm

Our next book selection is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. We will meet at 123 Saint Martinique, Macon.

YOUTH NEWS

High School Mission Trip

July 8–15 in New York City

Details have been sent to families of high school and college students. Talk to Kelsey if you have more questions.

Summer Meet Ups:

Gathering together around a common interest

Pickleball with Marina: July 5, 9:00 am

Hiking with Cathy: TBD

Art with Audrey: TBD

Save the Dates

Wednesdays, July 5

5:00-6:00 HS Mission trip planning

6:00-8:00 All youth: Fellowship, Food, Faith, and Fun (F4)

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Summer Sunday School

We have combined Sunday School classes for the summer months. If you are interested in helping volunteer or lead a Sunday, please contact Erika by emailing: childrensministry@fbcxmacon.org.



VBS 2023 FOOD TRUCK PARTY



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 to the glory of God and in memory of my parents, Mike and Kitty Wilson, with gratitude by Sandé Day.



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