

First Baptist Church at Worship

October 20, 2019
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Ordination of
GARY AKINS, SARAH ASHLEY, MEL CHANDLER, and KATIE HOUSE

Gathering

Gathering Song

Come and See

by Marilyn Houser Hamm

"Come and see, come and see, I am the Way and the Truth," said He.
"Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see."

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alice Tremaine

Having known us from the very beginning, God shapes us still, saying:

Come and see. Follow Me.

God calls us ever deeper into the mystery of faith, saying:

Come and see. Follow Me.

God seeks our service, with the gifts that we have to give, and we say:

Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.

God uses our ordinary gifts and our everyday lives, and we say:

Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.

Then, let us together worship God.

+Hymn 335

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

HYFRYDOL

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

... and to glorify You with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ Response

LAND OF REST

*Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.
Within the circle of the faith, as member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.
So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.*

- Fred Kaan

The Service of the Word

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: I Samuel 3:1-20

Phil Majors

*The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

+Psalm 139

NETTLETON

*You, O Lord, have searched and known me, when I rest, and when I rise;
Not a single thought I cherish is kept secret from Your eyes.
Every word my lips would murmur needs no speech to make it known.
All I do in every venture is as done to You alone.
Whither shall I flee Your Spirit? From Your presence vanish where?
Heights of heaven, darkest shadows hide me not, for You are there.
If I take the wings of morning, and in earth's far corner stand;
Even there Your love will find me, hold me fast within Your hand.
In the brilliance of Your glory, darkest night is bright as day;
Shadows flee the path before me, when Your wisdom lights my way.
Search, O Lord, my heart's ambitions, thoughts my lips would dare not say;
Judge with mercy, and preserve me in Your everlasting way.*

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Gospels: John 1:43-51

Alice Tremaine

*The Gospel of our Lord
Thanks be to God*

Sermon

“Lessons for Leaders”

Phil Majors

Anthem

God Has Called Us

by Robert Hobby

*God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?
God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.*

*God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit's gift?
God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.*

*God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?
God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.*

- Susan Palo Cherwien

The Act of Ordination

Ordination Vows

Wes Tipton

Gary, Katie, Mel, and Sarah, are you willing to be ordained as deacons?

We are.

Do you welcome this responsibility because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

We do.

Will you serve God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in God's promises through Christ our Lord?

We will.

And will you, the family of First Baptist Church, accept Gary, Katie, Mel, and Sarah as deacons, chosen of God and appointed by the church to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We will.

Laying on of Hands

Prayer of Dedication

Phil Majors

Covenant

Paul Sims

Reaffirming our faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, we gladly receive these deacons as servant leaders in our life together. We covenant to support them with our prayers, encouragement and respect. We celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibility for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church. Praise be to God.

The Service of Dedication

+Hymn 507

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

J. Bill Sosh

Loose change received in October will benefit First Baptist Church's Shoebox Ministry to children in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky, distributed through Olive Branch Ministries.

Piano Offertory

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

setting by Gayle Majors

*My heart, my life, my all I bring to Christ who loves me so;
He is my Master, Lord, and King, wherever he leads I'll go.*

- B. B. McKinney

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Sending

+Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

by Wendell Whalum

I'm gonna live so ____ God can use me ____ an-y - where, Lord, ____
 ____ an-y time! ____ I'm gonna live so ____ God can use me ____
 ____ an - y - where, Lord, ____ an - y time! ____

I'm gonna work.... I'm gonna pray.... I'm gonna sing....

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Phil Majors

Organ Postlude

The Master Has Come

setting by Christine Schulz

... and he calls us to follow...

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist
 Ann Hacker, Pianist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
 my sisters and brothers*

Princess Vermillion McBurney

Mary Nancy Vermillion Messer

U. S. Vermillion, Jr.

Jack Vermillion

Dick Vermillion

C. D. Vermillion

by

Barbara Vermillion Adkins