

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2019

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

Paul Sims

Gathering Song

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

by Edith McNeil

The musical score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff begins with a 4/4 time signature, followed by a 2/4 time signature, then another 4/4, and finally a 2/4. The lyrics are: "The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas - es; God's mer-cies nev - er ...". The second staff continues with a 2/4 time signature, then a 4/4, and then a 2/4. The lyrics are: "come to an end. They are new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing;". The third staff concludes with a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "great is Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is Your faith - ful - ness."

- from Lamentations 3

Call to Worship

Olivia Gregory

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
The love of the Lord is new every morning.
Great is the faithfulness of our God.*

+Hymn 319

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*Faithful God, You have given us a rich and godly heritage through
the sure testimony and holy example of our mothers and fathers in the faith.*

***But we let the light of our faith grow dim;
we stray from the paths they commend to us.***

Forgive us, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit.

*Fan in us a new and brighter flame of faith, that, like those who have gone before us,
our words and deeds would mightily declare the good news of Your salvation.*

+Act of Praise

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- Thomas Chisholm

+Act of Dedication

please see insert

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from the Hebrew Scripture: Lamentations 1:1-4; 3:21-26

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 37

setting by Hal Hopson



O trust in the Lord with all your heart, take heed to do God's will;

*So shall you live in peace and joy, and God your needs shall fill. **REFRAIN***

Take great delight in the Lord your God, who grants your heart's request.

*To God commit your way in faith; you surely shall be blest. **REFRAIN***

The Lord shall make your righteous ways shine brightly as the light,

And as the burning noonday sun, your judgment shall be bright.

- *The Psalter, 1912*

A Reading from the Epistles: II Timothy 1:1-14

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The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 17:5-10

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Faith is a Bike, Not a Car”

Alice Tremaine

Responding

+Hymn 278

We Are Travelers on a Journey

BEACH SPRING

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

Lisa Harrison

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.

Offertory Anthem

Borning Cry

setting by Daniel Kallman

The Sanctuary Choir
Samuel Garr, clarinet

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*

- John Ylvisaker

Prayers of the People

Paul Sims

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

+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

+The Peace

Paul Sims

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

+Hymn 267

Blest Be the Tie

DENNIS

+Commission and Blessing

Alice Tremaine

Organ Postlude

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

setting by Robert Powell

... who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the Rock that cannot move.

- Georg Neumark

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

Lorin Leake, soloist

Sanctuary Flowers

in memory of

Hubert and Lydia Wells

by

Eddie, Margaret, and Eddie Wells

and

in memory of

Tom Davis

in commemoration of his birthday

by

Donna Davis

The Dedication of Wyatt Brock Reeves

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mighty God, by Your love we are given children through the miracle of birth. We give You thanks. May we greet each new son and daughter with joy, and may we surround them all with faith, so that they may know who You are and want to be Your disciples. Never let us neglect children, but help us to delight in them, showing them the welcome You have shown us all through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of Dedication

In presenting Wyatt to the Lord, do you promise – in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church – to teach your son the gifts and claims of the Christian faith, and by prayer, word, and example to bring him up in the nurture, discipline, and instruction of the Lord?

We do.

Brothers and sisters of the household of faith, I commend to you this family. Your love, care, and example are as necessary to this covenant as their faithfulness in keeping their promise.

Will you do all in your power to make this church a true spiritual home for them, lending them the support of your prayers and your example?

With God's help we will so seek to follow Christ ourselves that Sarah and Seth will be strengthened and confirmed in their resolve, and that Wyatt, surrounded by steadfast love, may be nurtured in the faith and strengthened in the way that leads to life.

Prayer of Dedication

God of Grace, Perfect Parent of us all, we pray for these parents and all parents. Help Seth and Sarah to know You, to love You with Your love, to teach Your truth, and to tell the story of Jesus to their son so that Your word may be heard.

Bless Wyatt. Guard him safely through injury and illness that he may live the promises You give. And keep us, with this child and all children, ready to listen and to love, even as in Jesus Christ You have loved us, Your grown-up children. For we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Hymn 528

stanzas 1 and 2

Lord, for the Gift of Children

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