

# First Baptist Church at Worship

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## Gathering

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*We are God's people, walking together.*

***It is the Lord who makes us live and grow.***

*We are God's servants, working together.*

***It is the Lord who summons us to work and worship.***

+Hymn 477

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm?*

*How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out with kindness?*

*How often do we hurt those we love and tear away at relationships that give life?*

***Forgive us, we pray. In Your abundant mercy, give us the grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for reconciliation in our homes, in our church, in our community, and in our world.***

***Turn our hearts back to You and teach us the ways of love,***

***so that we might hold fast to one another and draw near to Your presence. Amen.***

+Response

NETTLETON

***Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.***

***Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.***

***Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!***

***How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.***

- Native American hymn



“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

-Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon

“The Wisdom of Common Purpose”

Alex Lockridge

## Responding

+Hymn 272

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

ST. BRENDAN'S

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in February will benefit the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Offertory – “A Place at the Table – for Everyone”

Remembering Our Past

Brandon Wood

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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

Jeremiah Banks

*The peace of the Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

+Hymn 637

*Guide My Feet*

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+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*Go from this place as people of integrity and reconciliation.*

*Let your “yes” be “yes” and your “no” be “no.”*

*In all the paths you walk, may God hold you steady and close,  
may Christ Jesus give you fullness of life,  
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.*

Postlude

*Prélude\**

by Marc-Antoine Charpentier

from *TE DEUM*

+all who are able may stand

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of*

**Al and Janie Surmont**

**R. L. and Hettie Owens**

*by*

*Steve and Betty Sue Surmont*

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

\*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III