

First Baptist Church at Worship

November 19, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Ordination of
REBECCA DANIEL and LEVI PETREY

Gathering

Greeting Alex Lockridge

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. by D. Funderburk
Summer Walter, clarinet

Call to Worship Ruth Bradley

*Children of light, look to God for goodness and mercy.
Wake us up God so that we may stand firm in faith and love.
Let us encourage one another in the name of the living God.
Let us worship God.*

+Hymn 299 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* OLD 134TH
stanzas 1, 3, 4, & 5

+Prayer of the Day Jeremiah Banks

+The Peace

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

+Response SERVANT

*Make a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.*

Proclaiming

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture Carolyn Garr
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-14, 18

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 671

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

A Reading from the Gospels

Sandi Curd

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

“Blessed Lives and Complacent Hearts”

Alex Lockridge

+Hymn 424

At the Name of Jesus

BARBARA

Stanzas 1, 3, & 4

The Act of Ordination

Ordination Vows

Jeff Tipton

Rebecca and Levi, 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 Levi and Rebecca as deacons, chosen of God and appointed by the church to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We will.

The Laying on of Hands

Installation of Deacons

Jeremiah Banks

*Will you reaffirm your faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;
will you seek the peace and unity of the church;
and will you, in accepting the office of deacon in this congregation,
promise to faithfully perform all the duties pertaining to your calling?*

I will, God being my helper.

*And do you, the congregation of First Baptist Church, receive these persons
as deacons within the shared ministry of Christ’s mission, and do you covenant
to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?*

We do, God being our helper.

Prayer of Dedication

Alex Lockridge

+Covenant

J. Bill Sosh

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.

Responding

+Hymn 473

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 5

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

Elizabeth Reese

Loose change received in November will go to the Benevolence Fund.

Offertory Anthem

Lord, Here Am I

arr. by J.N. Beck

+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

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go now and live as children of the light.
Make the most of all God has given you and encourage one another in Christ.
And may God's hand be open to you in kindness;
May Christ Jesus welcome you into his joy;
And may the Holy Spirit fill you with passion and faithfulness. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

setting by John Innes

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Ruth Bradley
Deacon

Dr. Sandi Curd
Deacon

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Elizabeth Reese
Deacon

J. Bill Sosh
Deacon Chair-elect

Jeff Tipton
Deacon Chair

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of my parents,
Arnold & Evelyn Disney
and my husband,
Bobby McBurney
by
Linda McBurney and family*

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