

First Baptist Church at Worship

October 22, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting Alex Lockridge

Piano Prelude *Worthy of Worship* arr. by C.D. Bozard

Call to Worship Carolyn Garr

The glory of God is a consuming fire.

Who can see God's face and live?

Yet we have come to know the Lord in the face of Jesus Christ.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we have seen the face of God.

Let us worship.

+Hymn 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

+Prayer of Confession Jeremiah Banks

*God of Majesty, you have drawn near to us, but we have turned away from you light. You have chosen us to be your people, but we confess that we have lived as though we belonged to ourselves. Forgive us for going the way of the world, doing the works of darkness, and forgetting your law of love toward God and neighbor. Empower us by your Spirit to be faithful followers of Jesus, who taught us by word and example how to live as your children, to your honor and glory. **Amen.***

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+The Peace Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response

by Imboden/Rhton

You are holy... You are mighty...
You are worthy... Worthy of praise...
I will follow... I will listen...
I will love you... All of my days...

Summer Walter, cantor

Proclaiming

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah Banks

Exodus 33:12-23

A Moment for Children

+Hymn 665

Because I Have Been Given Much

SEMINARY

A Reading from the Gospels

Gloria Cornett

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

-Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

"Show Me Your Ways"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 490

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

stanza 3: low voices
stanza 4: high voices

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 October will go to the Bereavement Meal Fund, which provides meals to our grieving members and their families during their most difficult days.

Offertory Anthem

Thou Art Worthy

arr. by J. Schrader

Prayers of the People

Jeremiah Banks

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

+Hymn 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go now as imitators of Jesus Christ and be an example to all of the life of faith.
To the world in which you live, give your love and service,
and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be.*

*And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;
May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;
And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. by Page

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.*

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Gloria Cornett
reader

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Elizabeth Reese
Deacon

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

by

Anthony & Cheryl Holland;

Connor, Dempsey & Vivianne Holland;

Daniel, Lindsay, Jackson, Harrison & Emerson Lowe;

Kevin & Sherry Pace

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