

First Baptist Church at Worship

October 29, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting Jeremiah Banks

Piano Prelude *To God Be the Glory* arr. by T. Bennett
Katherine Whitaker, pianist

Call to Worship Carolyn Garr

This is the greatest and first commandment:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.

A second commandment is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 566 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE
stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 6

+Prayer of Confession Alex Lockridge

...but there are folks who are downright hard to love. We confess our inability to love as we should. We need your forgiveness and help living out this love thing. Free us to love as you do. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You. O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my king, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Proclaiming

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah Banks

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-19

A Moment for Children

+Hymn

Like a Mother Who Has Born Us

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*Like a mother who has born us, held us close in her delight,
Fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.*

*Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide,
Lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.*

*Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,
Left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.*

*When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor's hand in love,
Tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.*

A Reading from the Gospels

Ruth Bradley

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?"' If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

-Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

"Jesus Is Lord"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 431

Jesus Is Lord of All

LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

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

Nancy Rich

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

God Is There

arr. by S. Pethel

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

+Hymn 249

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

Go now to declare the message of the gospel which God has entrusted to us, and in wholehearted love for God and for others, share not only the message, but your very selves.

*And may God be your haven;
May Christ Jesus lead you into love - heart, soul and mind;
And may the Holy Spirit bless the work of your hands and gladden all your days. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

setting by E. Steele

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.*

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Ruth Bradley
Deacon

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Nancy Rich
Deacon

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of my wife,
Margaret Wells
and my parents,
Hubert & Lydia Wells
by
Eddie Wells and Eddie Wells Jr.*

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

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