

# First Baptist Church at Worship

October 31, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

Organ Voluntary

*Prelude on OLD 134<sup>TH</sup>*

by Jack W. Jones

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.  
And also with you.*

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*Which of the commandments is first of all?*

***The Lord is our God. The Lord is one!***

*And the second is this:*

***love your neighbor as yourself.***

*As we gather to worship God, let us remember:*

***there is no other commandment greater than these.***

Hymn 299

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

OLD 134<sup>TH</sup>

stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 5

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Act of Praise

OLD 134<sup>TH</sup>

***God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;  
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.***

- James Montgomery

# Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Paul Sims

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8

by Hal Hopson



O Lord, You have the words of — life; O — teach me Your ways.

*Happy are those whose lives are blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

***Happy are those who follow God's commands,  
who seek the Lord with all their hearts.***

*Happy are those who never choose evil, but follow God's ways.*

***Lord, You have given us Your laws  
and have told us to keep them faithfully.***

*Steady me, Lord, that I may be faithful in keeping your instructions.*

***If I concentrate on Your commandments,  
I will never be put to shame.***

*As I learn Your truth and justice, I will truly sing Your praise.*

***I will obey Your laws; Lord, never leave me alone. REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

- Mark 12:28-34

Hymn 507

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Sermon

Alex Lockridge

"Signs, Good Intentions, and the Great Commandment"

# Responding

Hymn 364

*I Love Thee*

\*I LOVE THEE

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.

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.*

# Sending

Hymn 361

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

\*GORDON

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord.  
Therefore go out into the world and love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength,  
and love others as you love yourself.*

*And may God give you justice and freedom;  
may Christ Jesus set you free for love;  
and may the Holy Spirit go where you go  
and protect you on your way. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in D\**

by David N. Johnson

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

**Viola Reese**

*to commemorate her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 1*

*by*

*Elizabeth Reese*

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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 provided by William P. Young, III