

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 24, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting Alex Lockridge

Piano Prelude *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* arr. by T. Billingsley

Call to Worship Jeremiah Banks

Gather 'round, you who are willing to be witnesses to God's activity in the world.

Gather 'round, you advocates, crying out for the powerless, making your voices heard.

Gather 'round, you fearful ones, living in the tension between frustration and hope.

Gather 'round, you leaders, anxious and exasperated and needing to be led yourselves.

God is here. God is listening. God will provide.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 337 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

+Prayer of Confession Jeremiah Banks

...and live lives that are unworthy of the gospel. Generous God, forgive us. Help us to remember your wonderful works, trust your gracious provisions, seek out your presence, and strive side-by-side with others to serve you well. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+The Peace Carolyn Garr

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response RAIN DOWN

Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love on Your people.

Raid down, rain down, rain down Your love, God of life.

Nick Hibbard, Cantor

Proclaiming

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Gary Akins & Keaton Bales

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

+Hymn of Discipleship

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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*O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Be now and always near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
O let me feel you near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within.
But, Jesus, draw still nearer and shield my soul from sin.
O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Now give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.*

A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 20:1-16

Casey Petrey

Sermon

“Do You Do Well...?”

Jeremiah Banks

Responding

+Hymn 507

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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

Lindsay Lowe

Loose change received in September will benefit the Corbin Independent Schools Family Resource and Youth Services Centers, which provide a multitude of services to assist students and families in our community.

Offertory Anthem *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* arr. by Fettke/Johnson

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 246 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA
stanzas 1, 4, and 5

+Commission and Blessing Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go out from here as workers in God's upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first and the first are last, where needs are met in miraculous ways.*

*And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit
surround you and sustain you in the coming days. Amen.*

Organ Postlude *The Church's One Foundation* setting by Innes

*O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.*

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Gary Akins
Deacon

Keaton Bales
reader

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Dr. Casey Petrey
reader

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of my grandparents,
Edmond & Edith Wyatt,
Ray Tipton,
and Coy B. & Opal Lee Hammons
by
Lauren & Vance Rose*

Today's recorded 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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