

First Baptist Church at Worship

January 21, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Greeting Paul Sims

Gathering Song GUIDE MY FEET
the congregation is invited to sing hymn 637: *Guide My Feet*

Call to Worship Larry Gray
*With Simon and Andrew, we follow Jesus,
learning how to fish for people.
With James and John, we follow Jesus,
proclaiming the good news of God.*

+Hymn 488 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

+Prayer of Confession Paul Sims
*God who calls, in Jesus, You come to the lakeshores of our lives.
We are busy fishing away, casting our nets and hoping for big hauls:
great catches of money, respect, and possessions.
We resist answering the One who, smiling, calls our names.
Have mercy on us.
Open our ears and turn us toward our Lord.
Bring us away from our nets full of unfulfilling things.
Help us to follow Jesus, and with him,
share the good news of abundant life.*

+Response ASSAM
*I have decided to follow Jesus, ... no turning back, no turning back.
The world behind me, the cross before me, ... no turning back, no turning back.
O come and join me, we'll follow Jesus, ... no turning back, no turning back.*

- the Garo Christians of India

The Baptism of Mitchell Parker

Austin Carty

Response

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

- Michael Saward

The Word

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

Psalm 62

setting by Robert Batastini



For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us. REFRAIN

*Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.*

***Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.***

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love belongs to You, O Lord. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: I Corinthians 7:29-31

Larry Gray

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 1:14-20

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 476

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

AURELIA

Sermon

“I Will Make You Fishers of People”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 477

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Larry Gray

Loose change received in January will benefit our church's Cold Weather Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

God Has Called Us

by Robert Hobby

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit's gift?

God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.

God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?

God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

- Susan Palo Cherwien

Prayers of the People

Austin Carty

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

+The Peace

Paul Sims

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

+Hymn 581

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

Paul says the fruit of the Spirit is

***Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Goodness,
Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. May we live by the Spirit. Amen.***

Organ Postlude

*The Master Has Come
... and has called us to follow ...*

setting by Matt Limbaugh

+all who are able may stand

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