

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Reign of Christ

November 20, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Prelude on DUKE STREET

by Lani Smith

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its successive journey run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

- Isaac Watts

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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In the image of Christ we are created;

In the spirit of Christ we are knit together.

In the body of Christ we are reborn;

In the love of Christ we are reconciled.

Let every knee bend – in heaven and earth and under the earth,

***and let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.***

+Hymn 352

All Praise to Thee

SINE NOMINE

+Call to Confession

Paul Sims

+Confession of Sin

***God of wonder and might, forgive us when we put our faith in earthly power
instead of in Your promises. You call us to work for Your reign in this world,
“on earth as it is in heaven.” Forgive us when we take those words as a platitude
instead of a pledge. Forgive us, Lord. Move us and challenge us to be servants
of Your peace and justice.***

+Declaration of Forgiveness

Paul Sims

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. God has rescued us from the power of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- Colossians 1:11-14

+Act of Praise

CORONATION

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; ...
O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; ...*

- Edward Perronet

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Psalm 27 - led by the children; Lucas Tremaine, reader

setting by Vera Lyons



My God is my light and my sal - va - tion. Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? REFRAIN

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life. REFRAIN

"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"

Your face, LORD, do I seek. REFRAIN

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Jeremiah 23:1-6

+Hymn 323

How Great Thou Art

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A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon

"When ... Today"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*DARWALL

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.

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

- Brian Dill

Offertory Prayer

Sherry Pace

Loose change received in November will be used to purchase
Christmas gifts for our White Flag participants

Piano Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

setting by Nicholas Palmer

*For Thyself, best Gift Divine! to our world so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

- Folliott S. Pierpoint

Remembering Our Past

J. Bill Sosh

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

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Sending Song

Song of Hope

setting by Robert A. Hobby

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.



Pray-ing, ___ let us work for peace, ___ sing-ing, ___ share our joy with all, ___
work-ing ___ for a world that's new, ___ faith-ful ___ when we hear Christ's call. ___

- Argentine folk melody

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

Go from this place, giving thanks for Jesus the King.

Prepare a way for the Lord, endure everything with patience,

tell of God's salvation from day to day.

And may God strengthen you with glorious power,

may Christ Jesus guide your feet in the ways of peace,

and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on DARWALL

by Anna Laura Page

+all who are able may stand

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
my parents*

Arnold and Evelyn Disney

and my husband

Bobby McBurney

by

Linda McBurney and family

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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