

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Prelude on LEONI

by Peter Pindar Stearns

*God's Spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;
God spoke of old in prophet's word; that word speaks still.
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep written on the human heart, in every land.*

- Daniel ben Judah Dayyan

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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The Lord declares, "I will make a new covenant with you."

It is unlike the old covenant, written on stone.

*The Lord assures, "I will put my teaching within you
and write it on your hearts."*

The new covenant shall never be broken.

The Lord promises, "I will be your God and you will be My people."

Praise the Lord of promise and forgiveness!

+Hymn 565

God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

*HYFRYDOL

+Confession of Sin

Jeremiah Banks

Holy Lord, You have promised to write Your law within our hearts. We confess that we have not held fast to Your sacred word, but we have accommodated Your teaching to suit ourselves. We have shied away from Your truth when it seemed to demand too much of us.

Forgive us, O God, and hold us back from every evil way, that we may learn to keep Your word. Renew us in Your covenant, forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more.

+Admonition

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

- II Timothy 3:14-17

Response

Come, Thou Fount

setting by James D. Cram

The Sanctuary Choir

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise:
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it – mount of Thy redeeming love.*

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home:

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

- Robert Robinson

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104

setting by Hal Hopson



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

Lord, I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long.

Your commandments are always with me; they make me wiser than my foes.

I avoid walking the path of evil in order to keep Your word.

Because You have taught me, I do not turn away from Your truth. REFRAIN

Lord, because I meditate on Your decrees, I have gained more understanding than my own teachers.

Because I keep Your commandments, I understand more than those of old age.

Your words are sweet to my taste.

My wisdom comes from Your precepts; therefore, I despise the way of evil. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

Luke 18:1-8

Hymn 409

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*CONVERSE

Sermon

“Will He Find Faith on Earth?”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn

O for a Faith, a Living Faith

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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.

*O for a faith, a living faith, the faith that Christ imparts;
Belief not locked in ancient creed, but flamed within the heart.
O for a vision of a world where truth and justice reign;
Where each is seen as Christ himself, respect, with love remain.
O for a hope, hope for today, that peace on earth will come,
And all earth's children share, as one, this planet as our home.
O for a fellowship of love, the love that welcomes all;
That helps the burdened with their load, and lifts them when they fall.
In gratitude for this, our church, a growing faith we claim.
We here resolve, for years to come, to serve in Jesus' name.*

- William R. Hornbuckle

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Garr

Loose change received in October will benefit First Baptist Church's Shoebox Ministry to children in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky, distributed through Olive Branch Ministries.

Piano Offertory

Faith of Our Fathers

arr. Edwin McLean

*Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.*

- Frederick W. Faber

Remembering Our Past

Stan Brasher

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

+The Peace

Jeremiah Banks

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

+Sending Song

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*Faithful God, You have been our guide, year by year walking by our side,
Blessing challenge and healing strife, leading us on the way of life. **REFRAIN**
You have called us to be a light, sign of justice and truth and right.
You have made us a rainbow sign, colors showing Your peace design. **REFRAIN**
God, whatever the future holds, keep us faithful as life unfolds.
Write Your covenant on our hearts; send the gifts that Your love imparts. **REFRAIN***

- Ruth Duck

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go from this place to continue in what you have learned and believed.
Pray always, proclaim God's message, and carry out your ministry fully.
And may God write the law of love on your heart,
may Christ Jesus inspire faith within you,
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. **Amen.***

Organ Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

setting by John Innes

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist

+all who are able may stand

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Albert and Princess McBurney

by

Pat Waddle and family

Willard McBurney and family

Linda McBurney and family

and

in memory of

Velmer Hopper

in commemoration of his October 17th birthday

by

Karen Hopper Vanover and Jerry Vanover

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