

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Ordination of
JANE CHANDLER and DAVID LANDRUM

Gathering

Piano Voluntary *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* by Brian Doerksen

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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Saints and sinners, let us cleanse our hearts!

Let us purify our minds.

Let us submit ourselves to the Lord,

and humble ourselves before our God.

*Let us sing and pray and seek God's face and turn from our selfish ways,
that God might hear us, forgive our sin, and heal our wounded world.*

+Hymn 295 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *NETTLETON

+Prayer of Confession Paul Sims

*God, be merciful to me, a sinner,
a sinner in the company of sinners.*

*Too often, O God, we hide beneath the veil of religion
or trust in the good things we do.*

*Seemingly safe in our pews, we look down on those not here,
thankful that we are not like them.*

Yet, the truth is, we are.

We have all sinned.

We have all fallen short of the people You call us to be.

Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

+Response NETTLETON

*Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence, let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do Your bidding, see Your purpose, fill all needs.*

- Mary Jackson Cathey

The Service of the Word

Children's Sermon

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Joel 2:23-32

+Psalm 51

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Have mercy on us, living Lord, remember not our sin.

According to Your steadfast love come cleanse us from within.

Our sin and guilt are heavy, Lord, and evil in Your sight.

Against You only have we sinned, Your judgment, Lord, is right.

So come and purify our lives, our hearts with love redeem.

Restore us to Your life-filled ways. Come, Lord, and make us clean.

Your Spirit place within our hearts that we may teach Your ways,

And all the people of the earth shall learn to sing Your praise.

Rebuild Your people with Your love, renew us every day,

With hearts renewed, in all our work, our lives shall sing Your praise.

- Fred R. Anderson

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

"Be Merciful to Me, a Sinner"

Alex Lockridge

The Act of Ordination

Hymn 507

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Ordination Vows

Alex Lockridge

Jane and David, are you willing to be ordained as deacons?

We are.

Do you welcome this responsibility because you are determined to follow the

Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

We do.

Will you serve God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,

relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in God's promises through Christ our Lord?

We will.

And will you, the family of First Baptist Church, accept David and Jane as deacons,

chosen of God and appointed by the church to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We will.

The Laying on of Hands

Installation of Deacons

Nettie Sosh

*Will you reaffirm your faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;
will you seek the peace and unity of the church;
and will you, in accepting the office of deacon in this congregation,
promise to faithfully perform all the duties pertaining to your calling?*

I will, God being my helper.

*And do you, the congregation of First Baptist Church, receive these persons
as deacons within the shared ministry of Christ's mission, and do you covenant
to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?*

We do, God being our helper.

Prayer of Dedication

Paul Sims

Covenant

Jeremiah Banks

***Reaffirming our faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, we gladly receive these
deacons as servant leaders in our life together. We covenant to support them with our
prayers, encouragement and respect. We celebrate with thanksgiving the shared
responsibility for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church. Praise be t o God.***

The Service of Dedication

+Hymn 637

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

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

Jeremiah Banks

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.

Offertory Anthem

Standin' in the Need of Prayer setting by David M. Cherwien

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

*Not my brother, not my sister,
not the preacher, not the deacon,
not my father, not my mother,*

but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

- African-American spiritual

Remembering Our Past

Paul Sims

+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.

+Hymn 350

Blessed Be the Name

BLESSED NAME

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

God sends us forth as equals, saints and sinners, every one of us.

Continue to submit yourselves to the Lord, to humble yourselves before God.

And may God rescue you from every form of evil,

may Christ Jesus flood your lives with grace,

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

Organ Postlude

*Tuba Tune in D**

by C. S. Lang

+all who are able may stand

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Curt Burgan

by

Anthony and Cheryl Holland

Conner Holland and family

Daniel and Lindsay Lowe; Jackson, Harrison, and Emerson

Kevin and Sherry Pace

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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