



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Historic | Liturgical | Vibrant*

## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2021 at 11:00 am

### *Liturgical Season*

*First Baptist Church follows the liturgical seasons of the Christian Year as a means of marking time together.*

*We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time.*

*This season of the church year focuses on the ongoing growth and mission of the Church. The traditional liturgical color for the season, which is seen in the paraments and clergy stoles, is green - symbolizing growth.*

### *Y'all Come Sing*

*During the month of August, our Music Ministry is opening the choir to anyone who would like to sing with them. This is a perfect opportunity for those who might like to try singing on a limited basis with no commitment. You are invited to join them for rehearsals on Sundays at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.*

*For more information, please call the church office or visit our website.*

*\* Asterisks throughout the order of worship indicate the people standing, in body or in spirit. Please rise at the start of the organ introductions.*

### WE PRAISE GOD

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL PRELUDE - "Down to the River to Pray"  
*Members and Friends of the FBC Choir*

arr. Justin Addington

*As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studying about that good old way,  
And who shall wear the robe and crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way.*

*Oh, sisters, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, sisters, let's go down,  
Down to the river to pray.*

*- Text from an American Folk Song*

#### WELCOME & INVOCATION

\* HYMN - "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Tune: HOLY MANNA

**Brethren, we have met to worship;  
Sisters, let us praise our God.  
Will you pray with all your power,  
While we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit  
Of the Holy One comes down.  
Christians, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.**

**Kindred, will you come and help us?  
Moses' family aided him.  
Will you help the trembling mourners  
Who are struggling hard within?  
Tell them all about the Savior.  
Tell them that he will be found.  
Christians, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely,  
Let us love each other, too.  
Let us love and pray forgiveness,  
Till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven,  
At his table we'll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself and serve us  
With sweet manna all around.**

*- Text by George Askins, alt.*

## COVID-19 Reminders

1.) Maintain social distancing while in the sanctuary, sitting only with your family units and only on the pews marked with gold cord.

2.) Wear a mask at all times, especially when entering and exiting the building, and during congregational singing.

3.) Guests are asked to fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate near the door as you exit. This information will be used if the need for contact tracing should arise.

## Music Notes

Today we welcome Daniel (Danny) Cohen as a guest soloist in our worship. Danny has sung as a featured soloist with the FBC choir on many occasions, and we are honored by his presence again today. Danny is an elder and active member of First Presbyterian Church of Savannah, where he also sings in the choir.

## \*LITANY OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor: Almighty God, by your Holy Word,  
You have called us together to be a church of  
Love and service in the world.  
Keep us ever close to your Word,  
That it might be written upon our hearts.

**People: We commit our lives to your Word, O God.**

Pastor: Help us to grow in faith and love toward you,  
So that we might always live in trust and hope.

**People: We commit our lives to your Word, O God.**

Pastor: Center us in routines that keep us close to you.

**People: We commit our lives to your Word, O God.**

Pastor: Center us in daily prayer.

**People: We commit our lives to your Word, O God.**

Pastor: Center us in the knowledge of Holy Scripture.

**People: We commit our lives to your Word, O God.**

Pastor: Center us in the mission of the church.

**People: We commit our lives to your Word, O God.**

Pastor: By your Word, O Lord, guide our lives,  
Inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes,  
Give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

Tune: GREATORIX

**Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

- Text from 6th Century Doxology

## WE LISTEN TO GOD

PSALTER LESSON - Psalm 119:105-112

ANTHEM - "How Great Thou Art"  
Daniel Cohen, Baritone

arr. Dan Forrest

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made!  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;*

(Continued)

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"*

*- Text by Stuart K. Hine*

\* GOSPEL LESSON - John 7:1-13

Pastor: This is the written Word of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - "The Story Behind the Story"  
*Rev. Katie Callaway & Rev. John Callaway*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\* HYMN - "Wonderful Words of Life"

Tune: WORD OF LIFE

**Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty  
Teach me faith and duty.**

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.*

**Christ, the blessed one, gives to all  
Wonderful words of life;  
Friends, come, list to the loving call,  
Wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given,  
Woing us to heaven. (Refrain)**

**Sweetly echo the gospel call,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior,  
Sanctify forever. (Refrain)**

*- Text by Phillip P. Bliss, alt.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY - "Wonderful Words of Life"  
*Dr. Justin L. Addington, Organ*

arr. Anna A. Davis

\* DOXOLOGY

Tune: OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*- Text by Thomas Ken, alt.*

TIME OF RESPONSE

## Question for Reflection

*What are the stories that shape you?*

*You are invited to respond to these questions in the space below or in the comments section of the Facebook livestream.*

## Giving

*If you would like to participate in worship by giving monetarily, you may place a donation in the offering plate near the doors of the sanctuary, scan the QR code, or click "online giving" on our website: [www.fbc-sav.org](http://www.fbc-sav.org). You may also mail a contribution directly to PO Box 9551 Savannah, GA 31412.*



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,  
People: Hear our prayer.

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 sins  
As we forgive those who sin 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 and ever. Amen.**

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\* HYMN - "O Word of God Incarnate"

Tune: MUNICH

**O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.**

**The church from you, dear Savior,  
Received this gift divine,  
And still that light is lifted  
On all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
That, all life's voyage through,  
Amid the rocks and quicksands,  
Still guides, O Christ, to you.**

**O make your church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of purest gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light, as of old;  
O teach your wandering pilgrims  
By this our path to trace,  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
We see you face to face.**

- Text by William W. How

EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE - "Postlude in C Major"

by Emma Louise Ashford

*The congregation is invited to remain seated for the postlude.*

About Our Church

First Baptist Church is a welcoming congregation located in historic downtown Savannah, Georgia. We believe Jesus treated everyone with a spirit of love and equality. Therefore, we accept every individual without regard to age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. We affirm all persons as created in the image of God. At First Baptist Church, individuals can find family, families can find community, the injured can find healing, and all can seek truth and justice. We labor together in love for each other, our community, our world, and our God. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, **you are welcomed, you are accepted, you are loved.**

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