



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 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.

Communion Service

Until it is once again safe to serve communion in the traditional way in worship, our congregation is offering special "Communion in Community" services throughout the summer months. The communion service for the month of July will be held today at 6:00 pm on the beach at Tybee Island. Please use the 2nd Street entrance to the beach. Free parking is available behind the Tybee Post Theatre. This short service will feature music from the Taize Tradition.

** Asterisks indicate the people standing, in body or in spirit.*

WE PRAISE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Rev. Katie Callaway & Rev. John Callaway

PRELUDE - "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
Dr. Justin L. Addington, Organ

arr. Benton Price

CALL TO WORSHIP - *from Psalm 24*

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

**People: For God has founded it on the seas,
And established it on the rivers.**

Pastor: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
Who do not lift up their souls to what is false.**

Pastor: They will receive blessing from the Lord,
And vindication from the God of their salvation.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

* HYMN - "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Tune: DUKE STREET

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys 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.**

**People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen!**

- Text by Isaac Watts, alt.

COVID-19 Reminders

*We are currently in
Phase Three of our
church's Reopening Plan.
We kindly ask that...*

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

2.) Vaccinated people wear masks for entering, exiting, and during all congregational singing. People not yet vaccinated or with other health concerns are encouraged to wear masks at all times.

3.) Guests please 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.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Questions for Reflection

1.) In what ways have you seen the kingdom of God present among us?

2.) Who has been a prophet, preparing the way for something bigger, in your life?

You are invited to respond to these questions in the comments section of the Facebook livestream.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us affirm the mission of First Baptist Church Savannah.

People: We are a welcoming congregation. 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 people 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. 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Esther 5:1-8

ANTHEM - "Joyfully We Praise Your Name"
Octet from the First Baptist Church Choir

by Donald Matthews

*Lord, we praise you for your goodness;
Lord, we praise you for your love.
None can tell how great your goodness;
None can tell how great your love.*

*Praise the Lord, God's love is eternal;
Throned in majesty above.
Yet God comes to us in mercy;
God approaches us in love.*

*Lord, we thank you for your mercy;
Lord, we thank you for your love.
None can tell how great your mercy;
None can tell how great your love.*

*Hallelujah! Lord, we praise you;
Hallelujah! Glory to your name.
Hallelujah! Lord, we thank you;
Joyfully we praise your name.*

- Text taken from 2 Chronicles 5:13

* GOSPEL LESSON - Mark 6:14-29

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

HOMILY - "The Satirical Empire"

Rev. Katie Callaway

* HYMN - "God Has Spoken by the Prophets"

Tune: EBENEZER

**God has spoken by the prophets,
Spoken the unchanging word,
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God alone the First and Last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of eternal glory,
With Creator ever one;
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, before time was;
Light from Light, to earth descending,
Christ reveals our God to us.**

**God is speaking by the Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith is holding fast:
God abides, with word unchanging,
God alone the First and Last.**

- Text by George Briggs, alt.

HOMILY - "The Thing About Prophets"

Rev. John Callaway

WE RESPOND TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY - "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
Dr. Justin L. Addington, Organ

arr. Paul Karvonen

* 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 & 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.**

Music Notes

George W. Briggs, an Anglican priest and educator, published a number of books of hymns and prayers for children and was one of the founders of the Hymn Society in Great Britain and Ireland. His text "God Has Spoken by the Prophets" first appeared in "Ten Hymns on the Bible," published in 1952 by the Hymn Society of America to celebrate the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The tune, EBENEZER, by Thomas J. Williams, was very popular in Wales. For many years the tune was known as TON-Y-BOTEL ("tune in the bottle").

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. You may also mail a contribution directly to PO Box 9551 Savannah, GA 31412.



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PRAYER RESPONSE - "O Savior, Hear Me"
Krystin Kicklighter, Soprano

by Christoph Gluck

*O Savior, hear me, I implore thee.
In thee alone can peace be found;
Thou canst sustain and thou restore me,
Whate'er the cares that hover round.*

*Hear my supplication.
O turn on me thy loving eyes;
Lord, I long for thy salvation,
And would feign attain the prize.*

*When cares of earth to me seem heavy
Heart-sore I seek of thee relief,
Thy grace remaineth ever ready
To soothe my pain, to assuage my grief.*

- Text by Dudley Buck

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

* HYMN - "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Tune: MARYTON

**O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me thy patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.**

- Text by Washington Gladden

EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - "Toccatina in F Major"
Dr. Justin L. Addington, Organ

by Dietrich Buxtehude

*The congregation is invited to remain seated for the postlude
or to greet the worship leaders on the front steps of the church.*

About Our Church

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