



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 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.

Sermon Series

For years, our church has followed the Revised Common Lectionary, a tool for congregations to hear the main stories in the Bible over the course of three years. However, there are so many interesting stories that are left out of the lectionary! What are the forgotten texts? What lessons might they have for us? Each Sunday in August we have been exploring these questions and more!

** 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

INTRODUCTORY VIDEO

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

INVOCATION

PRELUDE - "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"
Dr. Justin L. Addington, Organ

arr. David Cherwein

*Blessed Jesus, at your word
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
Teach us, Lord, to love you solely.*

- Text by Tobias Clausnitzer

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN - "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty power hath made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!**

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COVID-19 Reminders

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

2.) Wear a mask at all times, especially 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.

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary were created by the FBC Flower Guild and are given to the glory of God by John and Norma Finley in honor of their three grandsons, Robert Finley Cosmé, Paul Miller Finley, and John Gannon Cosmé.

If you would like to place flowers in the church in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the church office for dates.

Music Notes

The text to this morning's choir anthem was found scratched into the walls of a cellar near Cologne, Germany. It is believed to have been written during the Holocaust by a Jew who was hiding from Nazi persecution. The hymn after the sermon, "We Love to Tell the Story," is taken from the Seventh-Day Adventist Hymnal of 1886.

**Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!**

- Text translated by Frances Elizabeth Cox

* 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.
People: We commit our lives to your Word, O God.
Pastor: 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: Center us in the practices of personal prayer.
People: We commit our lives to your Word, O God.
Pastor: Center us in the rituals of corporate worship.
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: By your Word, O God, guide our lives, inspire our thoughts,
Shape our attitudes, 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - PSALM 37:3-9
Jenni Halpin & Cilie Sutton, Lay Readers

ANTHEM - "I Believe"
*Members and Friends of the FBC Choir
Rev. James C. Richardson, Accompanist*

by Mark Miller

*I believe in the sun
Even when it's not shining.*

*I believe in love
Even when I don't feel it.*

*I believe in God
Even when God is silent.*

- Author of text unknown

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

SERMON - "The God Who Needs People"
Rev. Katie Callaway & Rev. John Callaway

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* HYMN - "We Love to Tell the Story"

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY

**We love to tell the story;
Yet there is more to do;
For faith brings no salvation
Without obedience too.
Then tell the old, old story,
And heed its precepts, too;
'Tis well to tell the story,
Yet there is more to do.**

**It is a precious story,
And we believe it true;
But who of us can answer
That this alone will do?
Then tell the old, old story,
And heed its precepts, too;
'Tis well to tell the story,
Yet there is more to do.**

**Let faith repeat the story,
Let works proclaim it true;
For they alone are blessed
Who God's commandments do.
Then tell the old, old story,
And heed its precepts, too;
'Tis well to tell the story,
Yet there is more to do.**

- Text by F.E. Belden, alt.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY - "How Beautiful" from *Messiah*
Emily Richardson-Dion, Mezzo-Soprano

by George Frederic Handel

*How beautiful are the feet of them
That preach the gospel of peace,
And bring glad tidings of good things.*

- Text from Isaiah 52

* 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.

Question for Reflection

How do your beliefs affect the way you live in the world?

You are invited to respond to this question 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. You may also mail a contribution directly to PO Box 9551 Savannah, GA 31412.



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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.**

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

* HYMN - "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Tune: THE ASH GROVE

**Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service to all who believe.
The seed of God's teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

- Text by Omer Westendorf, alt.

EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - "Calypso on THE ASH GROVE"

Evan Goetz, Carol Melton, & Will Panter, Percussion

by John Behnke

*The congregation is invited to remain
seated for the organ 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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