First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

July 18, 2021

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021

Morning Worship

Eleven O'clock

Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Invocation

Dr. Wayne Brown

Prelude

Mrs. Pat Slomanski

Shall We Gather At The River

arr. Norman Johnson

Hymn

To Worship, Work, and Witness

WEBB

Responsive Reading

Congregation

Leader: "Feed my sheep," you say. Lord, these words don't give us any room for wiggling out of your commandment.

People: If we are to be your sheep-feeding followers, then we are signing

on for costly love. How can you really expect us to love as you love?

Leader: Yet in the echo of your words to Peter we hear our own names before the haunting question, "Do you love me?"

People: It reminds us that the measure of our love for you, our shepherd,

is our regard for your flock.

Leader: So in humble response, here we are, Lord, such as we are, ready to

tend your sheep as listeners, helpers,

People: hand-holders, neighbors, healers in your name.

Leader: Loved as we are, now let us love as visitors to the sick, givers of

compassion, blessers of children, advocates for youth, comforters of

the crying,

People: makers of peace, feeders of the hungry, friends of the rejected,

speakers for those who have no voice.

All: Blessed as we are, now let us bless, in the name of Christ, who is

the face of costly love.

Hymn, No. 611 Let Your Heart Be Broken

WYE VALLEY (abridged)

Offertory Prayer Mrs. Janice Young

Presentation of Offerings

Doxology

OLD 100TH (altered)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We invite children to come forward for the Children's sermon at the conclusion of the *Doxology*. Afterward, children under the age of seven are welcome to attend Children's Church, or they may return to their seat and worship with the congregation.

Children's Sermon

Mr. John Sauls

Worship through Song

Deacon Choir

I Stand Amazed in the Presence I Love to Tell the Story Let Others See Jesus in You

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-7 Romans 16:1-27 1 Timothy 3:8-13 Dr. Brown

Sermon

Dr. Brown

The Joy of Servanthood versus the Sorrow of Divisiveness!

* Hymn of Commitment, No. 390

AUSTRIAN HYMN

We Are Called to Be God's People

* Benediction Dr. Brown

* Postlude

Psalm 19

Mrs. Slomanski by Benedetto Marcello arr. Jack Shrader



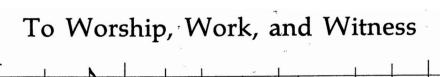
The flowers are given to the glory of God from the garden of Fred and Martha Senter.

The roses on the pulpit are in honor of and in celebration for the births of Tucker Matthew Hathaway and Keplar Strickland Blackmon.

Tucker was born on June 21, 2021. He is the son of Stephanie and Adam Hathaway, and grandson of Jeff & Donna Hathaway and Eric & Peggy Underwood.

Keplar was born on July 11, 2021. He is the son of Chris and Elizabeth Blackmon, and grandson of Greg & Suzanne Blackmon and Dan & Gay Strickland.

Today's Responsive Reading is copied from *Prayers & Litanies for the Christian Seasons*, Smyth & Helwys Publishing Inc., Macon, GA, 1999.



- 1. To wor ship, work, and wit ness, The Good News spread a broad,
- 2. Be thine thy Mas ter's pur pose To seek and save the lost,
- 3. Be thou to Christ his bod y, Hold fast to Christ thy Head; 4. Head of the Church, in-spire us To have in us thy mind,



mis - sion, Church of liv - ing We mag - ni - fy thy the bond - age, To dare nor count the cost; in ran - som those let - ter By all men to read; thou Christ's o - pen guid - ance, Thy find. hum - bly wait thy joy in serv - ing





The Fa - ther's new cre - a - tion Thro' Je - sus Christ his Son,
To love and lift the low - ly, To heed the pris-'ner's groan,
Be thou Christ's ho - ly tem - ple, Him - self the cor - ner - stone;
Be - stow the Spir - it's grace - gifts To serve the com-mon good,





The Spir-it has em-pow-ered To do as Christ has done. To take up oth-ers' bur-dens And bear them as thine own.

Be thou Christ's liv-ing al - tar Where-on his love is shown. While help-ing each the oth - er To love thy broth-er-hood. A-MEN.

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611 Let Your Heart Be Broken



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390 We Are Called to Be God's People



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AUSTRIAN HYMN

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 18 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Monday, July 19 **9:30 a.m.** Finance Meeting 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting Tuesday, July 20 10:30 a.m. Children's Music Activity 6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting **LOOKING AHEAD** Sunday, July 25 Sunday School Morning Worship with Guest Speaker Rev. Kevin Morris 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 28 Quarterly Church Conference in the 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Thursday, July 29 1:00 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 30 5:30 p.m. - Family VBS Registration and Supper 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31 9:00 a.m. - Family VBS with lunch provided 1:00 p.m. Sunday, August 15 6:30 p.m. Watermelon Fellowship

Deacons of the Week

7/18 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood 7/25 David Carter / Charlie Duncan 8/01 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley 8/08 Chris Blackmon / John Sauls

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