

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

October 8, 2017

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 8, 2017

Morning Worship

Eleven O'clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore

The threefold bell toll represents the doctrine of the Trinity:
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Meditation

Holy God,
you love justice and hate oppression;
you call us to righteousness
and not to exploitation.
Give us generous and loving hearts
and eyes to see the splendor of your reign,
that we may live in truth and honor,
and praise you for the transformation of our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prelude

Open Your Heart

Mr. Jim Council

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

The Chancel Choir

UNSER HERRSCHER

Invocation

Rev. Clore

* **Hymn of Praise, No. 36**

HYFRYDOL

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

Responsive Reading

Psalm 19:1-2, 7-13

Congregation

Leader: Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

People: One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.

Leader: The LORD's Instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being.

People: The LORD's laws are faithful, making naïve people wise.

Leader: The LORD's regulations are right, gladdening the heart.

People: The LORD's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.

Leader: Honoring the LORD is correct, lasting forever.

People: The LORD's judgments are true. All of these are righteous! They are more desirable than gold—than tons of pure gold! They are sweeter than honey—even dripping off the honeycomb!

Leader: No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them; there is a great reward in keeping them.

All: But can anyone know what they've accidentally done wrong? Clear me of any unknown sin and save your servant from willful sins.

Old Testament Reading

Mrs. Sylvia Walker

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Hymn No. 588

Send Forth Your Word, O God

PROCLAMATION

Stanza 1: The Chancel Choir
Stanzas 2-4: Congregation and Choir

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Rev. Eddie Fort

*** Offertory Hymn, No. 60**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*** Offertory Prayer**

Mrs. Mary Alice Stanley

Offertory

More About Jesus

Mr. Council
arr. Todd Kendall

*** Offertory Response, No. 253**

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.*

Children's Sermon

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Clore

Worship Through Song

The Heavens Resound

The Chancel Choir
Ludwig van Beethoven

New Testament Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Rev. Clore

Sermon

Falling on Deaf Ears

Rev. Clore

*** Hymn of Commitment, No. 320**

LEMMEL

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

* **Benediction**

Rev. Clore

* **Benediction Response**

The Chancel Choir

God Be in My Head

FIELD

* **Postlude**

Mr. Council

Praise to the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

arr. Richard Blake



The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of his parents,
Frances and Bob Heath, by David Heath.

Today's meditation was copied from *Call to Worship*, PAM Louisville, KY, 2016.

Sunday, October 8

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Melody Makers Children's Choir
(4 years old-1st grade)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells
- 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, October 9

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

Tuesday, October 10

- 10:30 a.m. Sing with Understanding - A Devotional
Hymn Study

October 11

- 4:30 p.m. Young Musicians Children's Choir
(Grades 2-5)
- 5:15 p.m. Children's Handchimes, (Grades 1-5)
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Equipping Church Study,
Godly Play Children's Program
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Deacons of the Week

John Sauls / Merle Worley



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