

First Baptist Church



Growing *Toward* Christ

November 21, 2021

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

Morning Worship

Eleven O'clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Invocation

Dr. Wayne Brown

Prelude

Bless This House

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
Mae Brahe

Parent, Child Dedication

Keplar Strickland Blackmon
Parents: Chris and Elizabeth Blackmon

Call to Worship

Revelation 1:4b-8

Rev. Eddie Fort

* **Hymn of Praise, No. 587**

Jesus Shall Reign
(Please see this hymn on page 5.)

DUKE STREET

Responsive Reading

Congregation

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.
Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

People: **We thank you for calling us to faith in Christ,
for putting your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ,
for gathering us into your church.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us,
for calling us to a life of gratitude,
for calling us to service in your kingdom.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord,
for he satisfies the thirsty, he fills the hungry with good things, and
he heals the afflicted. Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

People: **We thank you, gracious Father, that you provide for all our needs,
for the food on our tables,
for the clothes on our bodies,
for the beds we sleep in,
and for the dwellings that shelter us.**

Leader: We praise you for all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,
for the things that make our work easier,
for the conveniences of modern life,
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn, No. 638

Now Thank We all Our God
(Please see this hymn on page 6.)

NUN DANKET

Offertory Prayer

Mr. Coburn Powell

*** Offertory Response, No. 253**

OLD 100TH

*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.*

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Brown

Worship through Song

Thanksgiving

Chancel Choir
John Ness Beck

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100:1-5
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Dr. Brown

Sermon *A Simple "Thank You" Equals An Attitude of Gratitude!* Dr. Brown

*** Hymn of Commitment, No. 637**

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
(Please see this hymn on page 7.)

*** Benediction**

Dr. Brown

*** Postlude**

Ode to Thanksgiving

Mrs. Slomanski
Ludwig van Beethoven

The flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Chris, Elizabeth,
and Keplar Strickland Blackmon by their parents/grandparents,
Dan and Gay Strickland and Greg and Suzanne Blackmon.

The cornucopia arrangement is given to the glory of God.

Today's Responsive Prayer was copied from *The Worship Sourcebook*,
Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2004.

Parent, Child Dedication

Minister: Children are an incredible gift from God. To thank God for the gift of life, Hannah and Elkanah took Samuel to the temple to dedicate him to God (1 Samuel 24). Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to thank God for him (Luke 2:22-39).

This morning, Chris and Elizabeth bring Keplar Strickland Blackmon to worship. They come to dedicate themselves and their child to God, and to commit themselves to raising him in the way of faith and faithful living. They come to thank God for this precious gift.

Proverbs 22:6 tells us to, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

In Psalm 139:13-14, we read: "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. All of us here today have been fearfully and wonderfully created."

Minister: We are here today to present Keplar Strickland Blackmon to the church and dedicate him to God: Chris and Elizabeth, you have been entrusted with a magnificent responsibility.

Parents: We lovingly accept this responsibility.

Minister: Congregation, what can we affirm about this child?

People: That he is made in the image of God, and is a child of God.

Minister: As Keplar grows up in our congregation, how will we show that he is a child of God?

People: We will give him our love and will include him in the experiences of our church family.

Minister: As Keplar grows into childhood, what will we tell him about his history?

**People: We will tell him about Abraham, the father of our faith;
about Sarah, the mother of Isaac;
about Moses, who led the Hebrew children into the promised land;
about Ruth's example of faithfulness;
about the Jewish hope of a Messiah;
about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery;
about Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world;
and about the history of the church as the people of God.**

Minister: What will we expect from this young one?

People: We look to the day when he will declare faith in Jesus Christ, sit with us at the Lord's Table, confirm the heritage that we pass along to him, and come as an adult to full commitment to God's will and work.

Minister: Parents, do you assume your primary responsibility for keeping Keplar in touch with such expectations?

Parents: Yes, we dedicate ourselves to teach him the ways of God, through Christ our Savior.

Minister: And do you, the congregation, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for him?

People: Yes, we do, for he belongs to us as well.

Minister: Then, may God always be with you, Keplar Strickland Blackmon, and with you, Chris and Elizabeth, and with our congregation, as we share with you the life and marvelous gift he is to us.

Let us pray: Lord, God, we thank you for the gift of Keplar, and for the privilege of molding and guiding him as he grows.

May you give Chris and Elizabeth delight, strength, patience and the gift of humor. May they be open to learning about your amazing love as they care for Keplar and see signs of your divine gift in everyday ways.

We pray for their extended families, for all of us who are gathered here. May we learn the awesome responsibility of supporting this family as they grow in faith and life.

Bless them as they seek your guidance on their new journey of life, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Jesus Shall Reign

He shall have dominion ... unto the ends of the earth — Psalm 72:8 KJV

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2. To Him shall end - less pray'r be made, And end - less
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - or and

ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom spread from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es
 glo - ry to our King; An - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud "A - men"!

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 MUSIC: John Hatton, c. 1710-1793

DUKE STREET
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638 Now Thank We All Our God

Offer to God a sacrifice of praise ... confess his name — Hebrews 13:15 NIV

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God Thro' all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,

Who, from our moth - er's arms, Hath blest us on our way
 And keep us in His grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847


NUN DANKET
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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come 637

Be thankful unto him, and bless his name — Psalm 100:4 KJV




1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home!
 2. We our-selves are God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come And shall take His har-vest home;
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, Bring Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All is safe - ly gath - er - ed in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown Un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 From His field shall purge a - way All that doth of - fend that day;
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear;
 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast;
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bid;



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1810-1871
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 21

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at
Whiteville United Methodist Church

Monday, November 22

5:15 p.m. Children's Music Activity

Wednesday, November 24

4:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26

Office closed for Thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 28

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens during
Morning Worship

Deacons of the Week

11/21 David Carter / Glenn Waters
11/28 Stephen Prince / Mary Alice Stanley
12/05 Kate C. Lee / John Sauls
12/12 Janice Young / Brad Johnson



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