

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

November 8, 2020

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 8, 2020**

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o' clock**

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**Greeting and Invocation**

Dr. Fred Senter

**Prelude**

*The Love of God*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski, Piano  
arr. Marilyn Ham

**Hymn of Praise, No. 44**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

(Stanzas 1, 3, 4, 6)  
(Please see page 4.)

**Responsive Reading**

Congregation

**Leader:** The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

**People:** **The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts.** (Haggai 2:8)

**Leader:** For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. (Psalm 50:10)

**People:** **All tithes from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the tree, are the LORD's; they are holy to the LORD.** (Leviticus 27:30)

**Leader:** Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce. (Proverbs 3:9)

**People:** **Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts;**

**Leader:** see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. (Malachi 3:10)

**People:** **The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

**Leader:** Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**People:** **And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.** (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

**Hymn Response, No. 639**

FOREST GREEN

*As Men of Old Their First Fruit Brought*

(Please see page 5.)

**Pastoral Prayer**

Dr. Senter

<b>Worship Through Song</b>	<i>Come With Shouting</i> (based on Isaiah 35)	Chancel Choir Douglas Nolan
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	II Corinthians 9:6-9	Dr. Senter
<b>Sermon</b>	If God Blessed You According to What You Give to Him	Dr. Senter
<b>Hymn No. 605</b>	<i>Because I Have Been Given Much</i> (Please see page 6.)	SEMINARY
<b>Benediction</b>		Dr. Senter
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Salute to the Armed Forces</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Lloyd Larson



The flowers are given to the glory of God.

During the worship service all church facility doors, except for the sanctuary foyer center doors, will be locked. Should you need assistance an usher will be available in the foyer.

# 44

## For the Beauty of the Earth

*Giving thanks always for all things unto God — Ephesians 5:20 KJV*

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2. For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 4. For the church that ev - er - more Lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
 5. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,  
 6. For Thy - self, best Gift Di - vine! To our race so free - ly giv'n;

For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore Her pure sac - ri - fice of love:  
 For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 For that great, great love of Thine, Peace on earth, and joy in heav'n:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

WORDS: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872; adapt. William Henry Monk, 1823-1889

This tune in a higher key, No. 117.

DIX

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# As Men of Old Their First Fruits Brought 639

*Bring the best ... to the house of the Lord — Exodus 23:19 NIV*

1. As men of old their first - fruits brought, Of or - chard, flock, and field,  
 2. A world in need now sum - mons us To la - bor, love, and give;  
 3. In grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust, We bring our best to Thee,

To God the Giv - er of all good, The Source of boun - teous yield;  
 To make our life an of - fer - ing, To God, that man may live.  
 To serve Thy cause and share Thy love With all hu - man - i - ty.

So we to - day first - fruits would bring; The wealth of this good land,  
 The church of Christ is call - ing us To make the dream come true:  
 O Thou, who gav - est us Thy - self, In Je - sus Christ, Thy Son,

Of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, Of mind, and heart, and hand.  
 A world re - deemed by Christ - like love; All life in Christ made new.  
 Teach us to give our - selves each day Un - til life's work is done.

WORDS: Frank von Christierson, 1900-1996

MUSIC: Traditional English Melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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FOREST GREEN  
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# Because I Have Been Given Much 605

The love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord — Romans 8:39 NIV

Unison

1. Be - cause I have been giv - en much, I, too, must give;  
2. Be - cause I have been shel - tered, fed, By Thy good care,  
3. Be - cause love has been lav - ished so Up - on me, Lord,

Be - cause of Thy great boun - ty, Lord, Each day I live,  
I can - not see an - oth - er's lack And I not share  
A wealth I know that was not meant For me to hoard,

I shall di - vide my gifts from Thee With ev - 'ry broth - er that I  
My glow - ing fire, my loaf of bread, My roof's safe shel - ter o - ver -  
I shall give love to those in need, Shall show that love by word and

see Who has the need of help from me.  
head, That he too may be com - fort - ed.  
deed: Thus shall my thanks be thanks in - deed.

WORDS: Grace Noll Crowell, 1877-1969

MUSIC: Phillip Landgrave, 1935-

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SEMINARY

Irregular

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### **Sunday, November 8**

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### **Monday, November 9**

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 10**

3:15 p.m. Youth Music

### **Wednesday, November 11**

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Sunday, November 15**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School in the fellowship hall  
with John Sauls teaching.  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### **Monday, November 16**

9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 17**

3:15 p.m. Youth Music  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 18**

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. - Drive-through meal with  
6:30 p.m. grilled pork chops

### **Deacons of the Week**

11/08 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince  
11/15 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood  
11/22 David Carter / Charlie Duncan  
11/29 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley



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