

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

July 16, 2017

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 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

Ancient Gardener,
your holy word is planted in our hearts
as good seed in fertile soil.
So nurture us
that we may bear fruit abundantly. Amen

Prelude

Voluntary

Mr. Jim Council
John Stanley

Call to Worship

How Did My Heart Rejoice

The Chancel Choir
Curt Oliver

Invocation

Rev. Clore

* **Hymn of Praise, No. 525**

Come, We That Love the Lord

FESTAL SONG

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:105-112

Congregation

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your
righteous ordinances.

Leader: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

People: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

Leader: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

People: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your
precepts.

Leader: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

All: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Hymn Response, No. 265

PARKS

The Word of God Is Alive

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Mrs. Martha Senter

* Offertory Hymn, No. 277

HENDON

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

* Offertory Prayer

Mr. Haywood Corbett

Offertory

My Comfort by Day, My Song in the Night

Mr. Jim Council

Gilbert Martin

* Offertory Response, No. 252

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

*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.*

Children's Sermon

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Clore

New Testament Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Clore

Worship Through Song

Order My Steps

The Chancel Choir

arr. Jack Schrader

Sermon

Tilling the Soil of Our Hearts

Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Commitment, No. 502

SCOTT

Open My Eyes, That I May See

* Benediction

Rev. Clore

* Benediction Response

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Chancel Choir

Ted Nichols

* Postlude

Fanfare in C Major

Mr. Council

Henry Purcell

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Pete Huggins
by Carl & Hilda Butler.

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



Sunday, July 16

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship

Monday, July 17

- 9:00 a.m. Finance Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

Tuesday, July 18

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, July 19

Committee Reports Due

Sunday, July 23

- 2:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, July 26

- 5:45 p.m. Covered Dish Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Church Conference

Wednesday, August 2

- 6:00 p.m. Dessert in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

- 6:30 a.m.- Yard Sale for Children's Ministry
- 2:00 p.m.

Deacons of the Week

John Sauls / Kirby Sanderson



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Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

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