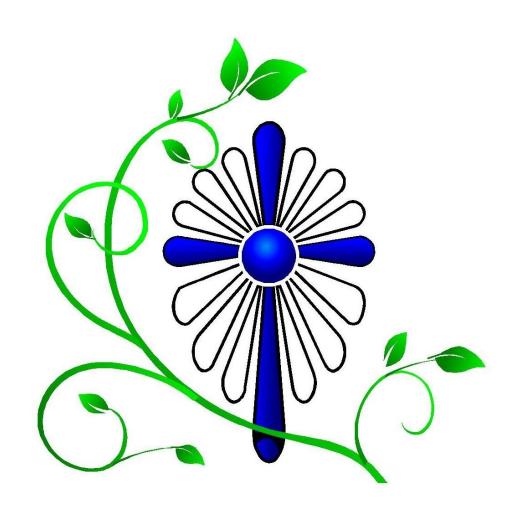
First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

August 27, 2017

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 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 O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother,

may we know you more clearly,

love you more dearly,

and follow you more nearly,

day by day. Amen.

Prelude Mr. Jim Council

Voluntary in E Minor John Stanley

Call to Worship Congregation

Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is? **People:** Jesus is the Christ of God.

Leader: Christ summons us to act in ways that displease the crowd.

People: Our action sometimes belies our confession.

Leader: Christ calls us to take up our cross and follow him.

People: Our action sometimes belies our confession.

Leader: Yet Christ does not forsake us, even though we abandon him.

All: O Lord, let us, this day, pursue you as you pursue us,

until what we say about you in worship and what people see

in us at work become one.

Invocation Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Praise, No. 3 Worthy of Worship JUDSON

Epistle Reading Romans 12:1-8 Mrs. Merle Worley

* Offertory Hymn, No. 604 BEACH SPRING

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

* Offertory Prayer Mrs. Janice Young

Offertory Mr. Jim Council Pastorale Philip Hayes

* 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

Worship Through Song

The Chancel Choir

Many Gifts, One Spirit Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice. Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.

O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.

Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord, make us whole.

O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

New Testament Reading Matthew 16:13-20 Rev. Clore

Sermon What Say You? Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Commitment, No. 453

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How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

* Benediction Rev. Eddie Fort

* Benediction Response The Chancel Choir

Christ in You William Brown

* Postlude Mr. Council

**Coronet Voluntary Henry Heron

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

Today's Call to Worship was copied from *Litanies and Other Prayers* (Year A), Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 1989.

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Sunday, August 27 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship Monday, August 28 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry) 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 30 6:00 p.m. Dessert Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Monday, September 4 Church Office closed for labor Day

Wednesday, September 6

4:30 p.m. Children's Handchimes, Grades 2-5
5:00 p.m. Melody Makers, Ages 3-1st Grade Young Musicians, Grades 2-5
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Kick-Off Celebration
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 10
Deacon Nominations
3:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 13
Children's Handchimes, Grades 2-5
5:00 p.m. Melody Makers, Ages 3-1st Grade

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Book Study

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir



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Deacons of the Week

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