

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

Voluntary in E Minor

Mr. Jim Council
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**

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

BEACH SPRING

* **Offertory Prayer**

Mrs. Janice Young

Offertory

Pastorale

Mr. Jim Council
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

Many Gifts, One Spirit

The Chancel Choir

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**

ORTONVILLE

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

*** Benediction**

Rev. Eddie Fort

*** Benediction Response**

Christ in You

The Chancel Choir
William Brown

*** Postlude**

Coronet Voluntary

Mr. Council
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.



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
- 4:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

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

- 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 Book Study
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Deacons of the Week

Glenn Waters / Sylvia Walker



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Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

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