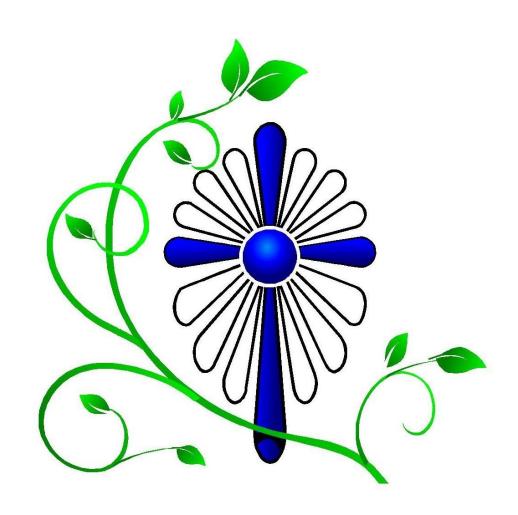
First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

September 17, 2017

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 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 God of Joseph and all his brothers,

your forgiveness transcends

whatever wrong exists between us. Grant us the courage to forgive others,

and to practice reconciliation by the kindness of our speaking, the sharing of our resources,

and the honoring of your desire for good. Amen.

Prelude Mr. Jim Council

Christians Wake, A Voice is Calling! Philipp Nicholai

Call to Worship The Chancel Choir

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord Randy Edwards

Invocation Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Praise, No. 161

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Responsive Prayer

Congregation

Leader: Join me as we pray responsively for those who are refugees both abroad and

in our country, for those who have lost everything amid civil war or natural disaster, and for those who are persecuted for the color of their skin, their

religious beliefs or their political allegiances.

Leader: Lord, we grieve for those who have lost their families, loved ones and

colleagues amid civil war, persecution and natural disaster.

People: We grieve for their displacement from what is familiar.

Leader: We grieve for their loss of livelihood and resources.

People: We grieve their loss of a home.

Leader: Our Savior said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and

you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. . . "

People: Lord, Help us welcome the stranger. Lend us your spirit of hospitality.

Leader: Jesus also said, "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also

to the interests of others."

People: The interests of others should be our interest too.

Leader: Help us to step past our hesitation to fellowship with those who seek refuge

in our country, state or town.

People: Help us with our doubts and suspicions.

Leader: Convict us of our apathy and indifference.

People: Ignite a compassion for others within us.

Leader: Show us how to live.

People: Reveal to us tangible and specific ways to be good neighbors.

All: Give us hearts of compassion and hands and resources to help. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 50:15-21 Maggie Hensley

Hymn I Then Shall Live FINDLANDIA

(Please see the hymn insert)

Epistle Reading Romans 14:1-12 Mrs. Heather Bazemore

* Offertory Hymn, No. 535

HYFRYDOL

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

* Offertory Prayer Mr. Bobby Hensley

Offertory Mr. Council

God's Gift Breaks Forth arr. Johannes Brahms

* Offertory Response, No. 253

OLD 100TH (altered)

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.

Children's Sermon Mr. Melvin Ezzell

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Clore

Worship Through Song The Chancel Choir

I Am Bound for the Kingdom arr. Lloyd Larson

New Testament Reading Matthew 18:21-35 Rev. Clore

Sermon The Gift of Forgiveness, The Gift of Forgiving Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Commitment, No. 388

OLD 134TH

Our God Has Made us One

* Benediction Rev. Clore

* Benediction Response

The Chancel Choir

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

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* Postlude

Mr. Council

Recessional

Handel, arr. Samuel Walter

(from Water Music Suite)

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Today's meditation was copied from *Call to Worship*, PAM, Louisville, KY, 2016.

Sunday, September 17

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship

Budget Distributed

4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells

5:15 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Finance Meeting 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

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10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

4:30 p.m. Children's Handchimes, Grades 1-5 5:00 p.m. Melody Makers, Ages 4 - 1st grade Young Musicians, Grades 2-5

5:45 p.m. Covered Dish Meal

6:30 p.m. Church Conference, Prayer Meeting,

Book Study, Godly Play Children's

Program

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 24 Vote on Deacons & Budget

Deacons of the Week

Emory Worley / Merle Worley

September Missions

NC Missions Offering School Supplies



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