

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

September 20, 2020

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

Greeting and Invocation

Rev. Eddie Fort

Prelude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
arr. Norman Johnson

Hymn of Praise, No. 30

Stand Up and Bless the Lord
(stanzas 1, 3-5)
(Please see page 4.)

OLD 134TH

Prayer Litany for Servants

Congregation

Leader: Lord, thank you for bringing us together in service today. As we prepare to serve, we remember you are the model of serving others. Lord, we ask you to help us put aside thoughts of our own comfort or status in order to focus on the needs of others.

People: **Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

Leader: Lord, we admit that we often feel uncomfortable in unfamiliar situations. Help us to forget our discomfort and become focused on you and immersed in serving others as we claim your promise to be among us. Thank you for calling us to be your hands and feet in the world.

People: **Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

Leader: We see your hand in our lives and feel your care and abiding presence each day. Help us to serve joyfully, to see others with your compassionate eyes, and to live each day with a servant heart.

People: **Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

Leader: Gracious God, give us your words to sustain the weary who are among us today. Help us to listen fully to the people in this place as they speak. Give us servant ears and hearts to help us learn everything that you want us to take away from this experience.

People: **Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, we want to be your agents of justice in a hurting world. Help us to hold nothing back from serving others today. As we serve in your name, help us to be open about praising you and giving you the glory for the actions that we will do in your name.

People: **Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

Leader: Take our attention away from ourselves so we can focus on you and on the needs of those we serve. Some of us may be tired or sad today. Be with us and help us to provide encouragement for each other. Give us your strength so that we can be energetic and enthusiastic in our service.

People: **Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

Leader: Lord God, we ask you to bless this community in which we serve.

People: **Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.**

Leader: Lord, we want to be your servants, bringing about a better world for everyone. You have asked us to follow you. We want to follow you with lives of faithfulness and obedience to do your will. Lord, be present with us at this time in this sacred space as we play a small part in helping to bring about your kingdom on earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Hymn Response *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* ST. BRENDAN'S
(Please see page 5.)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Todd

Worship Through Song Adult Ensemble
We Will Rejoice and Be Glad Mark Patterson
(Psalm 118:24)

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The Gospel Reading John 12:20-36 Rev. Wallyce Todd

Sermon Lead With A Servant Heart Rev. Todd

Hymn No. 611 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY (abridged)
(Please see page 6.)

Benediction Rev. Todd

Postlude Mrs. Slomanski
On Jordan's Stormy Banks *American Melody*
arr. Norman Johnson



The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Marion Davis, Sr.
and Marion Davis, Jr., by Mrs. Doris Davis.

The Flower Committee wishes to thank Mr. Michael Memory for supplying plants
in the sanctuary during the pandemic and as needed.

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.

Today's Prayer Litany for Servants was copied from
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Stand Up and Bless the Lord

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Stand up and bless the Lord your God — Nehemiah 9:5 KJV

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, All peo - ple of His choice;
2. Tho' high a - bove all praise, A - bove all bless - ing high,
3. O for the liv - ing flame From His own al - tar brought,
4. God is our strength and song, And His sal - va - tion ours;
5. Stand up and bless the Lord; The Lord your God a - dore;

Stand up and bless the Lord your God With heart and soul and voice.
Who would not fear His ho - ly name, And laud and mag - ni - fy?
To touch our lips, our minds in - spire, And wing to heav'n our thought!
Then be His love in Christ pro - claimed With all our ran - somed pow'rs.
Stand up and bless His glo - rious name, Hence - forth for - ev - er - more.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551 Edition; adapt., William Crotch, 1775-1847

This tune in a higher key, No. 623.

OLD 134TH
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They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love 284

By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:35

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, We are
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, We will
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, And all

one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all
walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll
work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each one's
praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son, And all praise to the

Refrain

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
spread the news that God is in our land:
dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride: And they'll know we are Chris-tians
Spir - it, who makes us one:

by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes; based on John 13:35

ST. BRENDAN'S
Irregular meter

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611 Let Your Heart Be Broken

Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead — James 2:17 NIV

1. Let your heart be bro-ken For a world in need — Feed the mouths that
 2. Here on earth ap - ply - ing Prin - ci - ples of love — Vis - i - ble ex -
 3. Add to your be - liev - ing Deeds that prove it true — Know - ing Christ as
 4. Let your heart be ten - der And your vi - sion clear — See man - kind as

hun - ger, Soothe the wounds that bleed, Give the cup of wa - ter And the loaf of
 pres - sion God still rules a - bove, Liv - ing il - lus - tra - tion Of the Liv - ing
 Sav - ior, Make Him Mas - ter, too: Fol - low in His foot - steps, Go where He has
 God sees, Serve Him far and near; Let your heart be bro - ken By an - oth - er's

bread — Be the hands of Je - sus, Serv - ing in His stead.
 Word To the minds of all who've Nev - er seen and heard.
 trod, In the world's great trou - ble Risk your - self for God.
 pain, Share your rich re - sourc - es — Give and give a - gain.

WORDS: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1931-
 MUSIC: James Mountain, 1844-1933

WYE VALLEY (abridged)
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 20

- 10:00 a.m. Combined Sunday School in the fellowship hall, teacher—Willis Pinnell
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Budget Distributed

Monday, September 21

- 9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting

Monday, Sept. 21—Friday, Sept. 25

Absentee Deacon Election Ballots Available in the Church Office (All ballots must be in by 12:00 p.m. Friday, September 25)

Wednesday, September 23

- 11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Church Conference in the Sanctuary
Budget Discussion Only
Nominating Committee Report

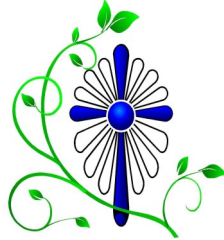
Sunday, September 27

- 11:00 a.m. Deacon Election
Budget Vote (no discussion)
Communion

Deacons of the Week

- 9/20 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley
- 9/27 Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson
- 10/04 Coburn Powell / Brad Johnson
- 10/11 Sandra Floyd / Haywood Corbett

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