

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

September 3, 2017

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 3, 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

In the flaming bush
you promised deliverance to your people, O God,
and in the cross of Jesus
you embraced our suffering and pain.
In times of misery,
show us the transforming power of your love
that we may know the hope of your glory. Amen.

Prelude

Petit Prelude

Mr. Jim Council
Joseph Jongen

Call to Worship

Congregation

Leader: God is in this place. This sanctuary is a symbol of his creative power working among us. Through these windows the clean white light of his Holy Spirit diffuses to glowing color, reminding us of his infinite mercy and grace.

People: Strength and wisdom are in these walls; they rest on the cornerstone of our love for his blessed Son, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Enter in reverence. This is a house of communion and prayer. All earthly din, struggle and tension shall yield to quietness and peace.

People: We shall find guidance and we shall know the wonder of God's eternal truth proclaimed in word and in song.

Leader: We come to learn friendship and understanding, and to follow Jesus, our Savior and friend.

People: God is in this place. He calls us, he calls us to serve a world outside. Strong in hope, renewed in faith, we shall strive to build Christ's kingdom here on earth.

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Let our hymn of praise resound!

* Hymn of Praise, No. 638 NUN DANKET
Now Thank We All Our God

Invocation Rev. Clore

Old Testament Reading Exodus 3:1-15 Mr. Stephen Prince

Hymn Response, No. 224 *Holy Ground* HOLY GROUND

Epistle Reading Romans 12:9-21 Mrs. Bobbye Suggs

* Offertory Hymn, No. 470 BEECHER
Once to Every Man and Nation

* Offertory Prayer Mr. Bobby Hensley

Offertory Mr. Jim Council
Meditation Religieuse Alexander Schreiner

* 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
Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You Jay Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you;
no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone,
where, then, shall I go? Oh, Lord.

Lord, I give my soul to you;
I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need
but those from you above.

Lord, I ask you; give me faith,
and help me understand.
And Lord, when I this life shall leave,
just hold me in your hand.

Lord, I stretch my hands to you;
no other help I know,
if you should leave me all alone,
where, then, shall I go?
Oh, Lord, I stretch my hands to you.

New Testament Reading Matthew 16:21-28 Rev. Clore

Sermon	Pulling Jesus Aside	Rev. Clore
* Hymn of Commitment, No. 494		QUEBEC
	<i>Take Up Your Cross</i>	
* Benediction		Rev. Clore
* Benediction Response		The Chancel Choir
	<i>A Moravian Blessing</i>	arr. Peggy Pellett
* Postlude		Mr. Council
	<i>March in G Major</i>	arr. Samuel Walter

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the team responsible for organizing the Godly Play program.

Today's meditation was copied from *Call to Worship*, PAM, Louisville, KY, 2016.
Grand Rapids, MI, 2004.

Today's Responsive Reading was copied from *The Worshiping Church Hymnal*,
Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL, 1990.

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4

- Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- 4:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

Wednesday Night Kick-Off, September 6

- 4:30 p.m. Children's Handchimes, Grades 2-5
- 5:00 p.m. Melody Makers, Ages 4 - 1st grade
- Young Musicians, Grades 2-5
- 5:45 p.m. Welcome and Prayer by Pastor Clore
- 5:50 p.m.- Dinner, Bouncy house, Games,
- 6:30 p.m. Activities, Pick up books and t-shirts
- 6:30 p.m. Pie the Pastor
- 7:00 p.m. Godly Play Tours
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 10

- Deacon Nominations
- 3:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Deacons of the Week

John Sauls / Kirby Sanderson

September Missions

NC Missions Offering
School Supplies



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