

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

September 8, 2019

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 9, 2019**

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o' clock**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Rev. Eddie Fort

**Meditation**

God of wisdom and providence,  
our future is in your hands.  
Teach us to take up the cross  
and follow Christ, our Savior,  
so that we might be true disciples  
of the one who gave all for us  
and for the world your love.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

The threefold bell toll represents the doctrine of the Trinity:  
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Prelude**

*Allegretto in D minor*

Mr. Jim Council  
Antonio Vivaldi

**Call to Worship**

*Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord*

Chancel Choir  
Randy Edwards

**Invocation**

Rev. Clore

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 70**

*How Great Our God's Majestic Name*

DUKE STREET

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 23-24

Congregation



**Leader:** O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People:** Even before a word is on my tongue O LORD, you know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**All:** *Sing response.*

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

People: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

**All:** *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

**All:** *Sing response.*

Epistle Reading	Philemon 1-21	Mrs. Wendy Hensley
* Offertory Hymn, No. 494	<i>Take Up Your Cross</i>	QUEBEC
* Offertory Prayer		Mr. David Carter
Offertory	<i>Adagio</i>	Mr. Council Antonio Vivaldi
* Offertory Response	<i>Doxology</i>	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. Amen.	
Children's Sermon		Mrs. Sandi Floyd
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Clore
Worship through Song	<i>I Will Rejoice and Be Glad</i>	Chancel Choir Joseph Martin
The Gospel Reading	Luke 14:25-33	Rev. Clore
Sermon	Deer In Headlights	Rev. Clore
* Hymn of Commitment, No. 294	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i>	ADELAIDE
Benediction		Rev. Clore

**\* Benediction Response**

*Grace, Love and Peace Abide*

Chancel Choir  
MERIDIAN

**\* Postlude**

*All Praise to Thee*

Mr. Council  
George Fredric Handel



The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 90+ members with a big “Thank You” for all you have done for our church by Fred and Martha Senter.

The meditation was copied from *Call to Worship*, PAM, Louisville, KY, 2015.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, September 8**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children’s Worship  
Deacon nominations during the morning worship
- 4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells
- 5:20 p.m. Youth Choir

**Monday, September 9**

***Committee Reports Due***

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting

**Wednesday, September 11**

- 5:00 p.m. Young Musicians & Children’s Handchimes
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play Children’s Program
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Deacons of the Week**

Buster Carter / Betty Jo Prevatte



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