

A WORD ABOUT FBC

First Baptist Memphis is a Midtown congregation that seeks to follow Christ by practicing hospitality, community, dialogue, and service.

- We value diversity in our membership and believe it enriches our journey and ministry.
- We strive to be a family of faith where all can belong.
- We value the voice of every child of God and strive to hear the voice of God in one another.
- What we do inside our walls prepares us to share God's love across the street and around the world.

The Radio Bible Class (10:30 am) and this service (11:00 am) are broadcast live on radio stations ESPN 680 AM, and ESPN 92.9 FM. Sermons are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org.

Announcements

Pecan Pick-up

Linda Marks will be available today to pay for and pick-up your pecan orders. Thank you for your support of Family Promise!

Missions Offering

Our Missions Offering to date is \$18,805.00. Our goal for 2018-2019 year is \$25,000.00.

Help us Decorate the Sanctuary, Nov. 27, 6-8 pm

It's time to prepare our space for Advent and Christmas. Join us November 27, from 6-8 pm, to help decorate the Sanctuary and Welcome Center. Pizza will be provided. We can't do it without you!

Finance Budget Meeting, Nov. 28, 6 pm, CR

The Finance Committee will meet at 6 pm Wednesday November 28.

Churchwide ADVENTure, Dec. 2, 4-6 pm

Why do we spend four weeks preparing for Jesus' birth? Why do we spend time singing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" instead of skipping right to "Joy to the World?" All ages are invited to go an ADVENTure together as we wonder about this season of preparation and waiting. We will begin with a brief time of corporate worship and then we will disperse to move through a variety of stations, as we wonder in different ways, participating in activities designed for all of God's children. Today is the last day to RSVP to Brittany (bstillwell@fbcmemphis.org) for this event.

Poinsettia Order Form

Beautiful poinsettias will again grace our Sanctuary and Welcome Center in December. Plants are \$20 and may be ordered through December 12.

Name: _____ No. Plants _____

Memory: _____

Honor: _____

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, November 25

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Designing the Advent Table, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Missions

Monday, November 26

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Tuesday, November 27

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
- 6:00 p.m. Decorate for the Season, Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 28

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal, Caritas
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, CR
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 29

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor

Friday, November 30

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Volunteers

Extended Care

Next Sunday, December 2

- Threes/Fours: Tara Burton, Holly Hatton
- Floater: Susan Weaver

Welcome Desk at Worship

- November 25: Mark Smith

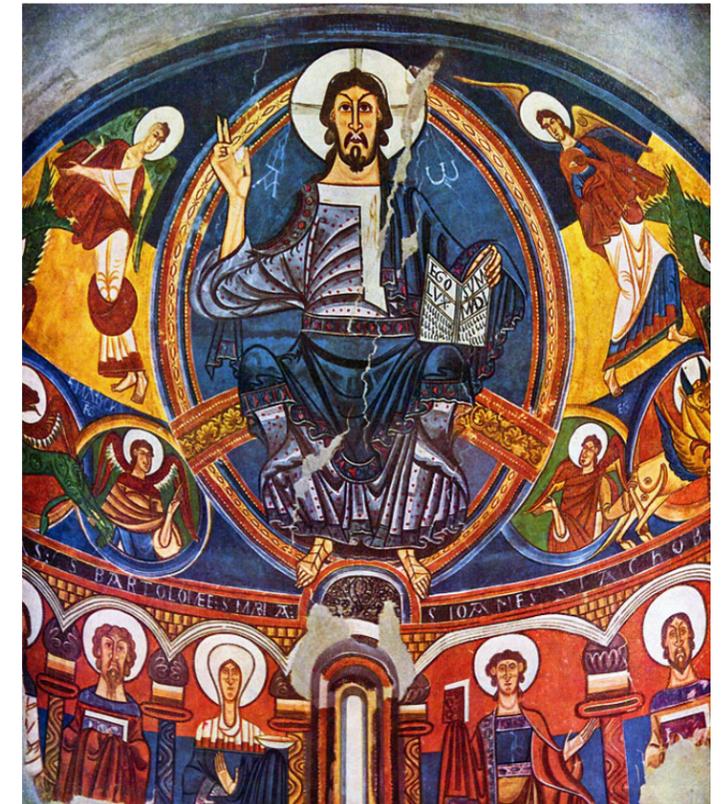
Receptionists

- Mon, Nov. 26: Trudy Hatton/
Valerie Brenner
- Tues, Nov. 27: Kathleene Sims/
Jim Donnell
- Wed, Nov. 28: Gayla Foscue/
Sammy Rich
- Tues, Nov. 29: Bill Wilson/
Valerie Brenner

FBC in Prayer

New Concerns

- Lora Jobe Burke
- Brant Butler
- Anson Purdy
- Jean Rose Raney
- Milton & Frances Ray
- Frances Walker



Christ in Majesty, 12th century fresco, Museu d' Art de Cateonia, Spain.

Reign of Christ

November 25, 2018

Consider this: Paul says that to follow Jesus is to orient one's life in a new way. Paul's insistence that in Christ all things hold together is another way to say that. Our faith in Christ gives us a worldview that is both large enough and consistent enough to address the myriad questions and problems that confront human life. To proclaim Christ as King is to acknowledge his lordship over all of life, all of creation.

—Neta Pringle, Feasting on the Word



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Reign of Christ the King

GATHERING

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. David Baroni
Julia Aguayo, *pianist*

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

One: Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end.

Many: This is our God—the One who loves us, and who gave himself for us; who gathers us together in this place, and bids us seek his face.

All: Let us worship God together!

Invocation Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Greeting

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: And also with you!

* Hymn of Praise 197 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL

Recognition of Ann George Mary Ann Rogers

LISTENING

Epistle Reading *Colossians 1:9-19* Bobby Rogers

One: This is God's Word for us today.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Prayer 178 *He Is Lord* HE IS LORD

(As we sing the chorus a second time, the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

Children's Sermon Jennifer Kellett

1 Based on Revelation 1:4-8.

Prayers of the People Rev. Brittany Stillwell

(When prompted the congregation will respond with "may your kingdom come." The congregation will say the Lord's Prayer in unison at the conclusion of the prayer.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Prayer Marc Pendley

Offertory *Jesus, Lord of Lords* Gaye Sikes
Sanctuary Choir

* Congregational Response 253 OLD 100TH

Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PROCLAIMING

* Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge and Congregation

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

A Center Which Holds

Colossians 1:9-19

(pages 1019-1020 in the pew Bible)

* Hymn of Response 296 *Jesus Is Lord of All* LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

* Benediction Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

* Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* arr. Peter Benjamin
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's worship participants are Mary Ann Rogers, a preschool Sunday School teacher and our nursery supervisor, Bobby Rogers, a member of the Connect 4 Sunday School Class and a deacon, Jennifer Kellett, a member of the Connect 4 Sunday School Class and the Sanctuary Choir, and Marc Pendley, a member of the Religion 101 Sunday School Class and a deacon.

Our offering bearers are assisted by Peter Locke and Allie Rose Sorenson.

THE REIGN OF CHRIST

Today marks the last day of the Christian Year, connecting the end of the year to its beginning and foreshadowing the role of the Messiah for whom we wait. On this day, as on all days, we proclaim Christ as the ruler over all; the one to whom we pledge our allegiance and seek to follow. On this Sunday before the season of Advent, we are reminded under the reign of Christ, for which we wait, peace and justice rule.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST

We are so glad you decided to worship with us today. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor's Card in the pew rack in front of you. You can place these in the offering plate during the offertory. Consider lingering after worship so that our members might have a chance to greet you. Our ministers will be in the Welcome Center after worship and would love to meet you.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Church. They are valuable members of our faith family and we welcome them into this house of worship. Our nursery is open during worship for infants and toddlers. The nursery is located out the doors to the left of the pulpit and down the hall. Our nursery workers will be happy to assist you. Extended Care is for children ages 3-4 and for 5-year-olds who have not entered kindergarten. These children will sit as a group with our Extended Care leaders on the first pew in the right section. All children through 5th grade are invited to the front of the Sanctuary to participate in our Children's Sermon. Our preschoolers will leave for Extended Care after this.