

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.

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

Ash Wednesday Service, March 6, 6:15 pm, Chapel

Join us as we start off our Lenten Journey with a service of prayer and reflection.

Children's Missions

Children's Missions meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 4-5 pm. If you are interested in teaching a session of our Children's Missions program, please email Holly Hatton (hhatton@fbcmemphis.org). This semester we will combine the Sr. Kindergartner – 5th-grade groups.

Family Play Day, March 9, 12-2 pm, Fourth Bluff

Join us Saturday, March 9 from noon-2 pm at Fourth Bluff Mississippi River Park. Bring a picnic and a kite for some family fun down by the riverside.

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, February 24

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
4:00 p.m. Children's Missions
5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, February 25

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
7:00 p.m. Youth Committee, H. Hatton's Home

Tuesday, February 26

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Wednesday, February 27

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper, Caritas
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 28

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

Friday, March 1

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program



Germany's Children Are Starving by Käthe Kollwitz

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 24, 2019

*Let us prepare to eat and drink as Jesus taught us:
inviting the stranger to our table and welcoming the Poor ...
And may their presence help transform us into
the Body of Christ we share.*

—adapted from the Didache and based on Micah 6:6-8

Volunteers

Extended Care

Next Sunday, March 3

Threes/Fours: Tara Burton, Shawn Hawkins
Floater: Susan Weaver

Welcome Desk at Worship

February 24: Jack Taylor

Receptionists

Mon, Feb. 25: Trudy Hatton/
Volunteer Needed
Tues, Feb. 26: Kathleene Sims/
Jim Donnell
Wed, Feb. 27: Betty Wilson/
Sammy Rich
Thurs, Feb. 21: Bill Wilson/Carolyn
Bynum

FBC in Prayer

New Concerns

Rob Bruno
Brant Butler
Margot Weslee Cronk
Dallas Foscue
Linda Haywood
Maggie Jordan
Anson Purdy
Jean Rose Raney
Milton & Frances Ray

Sympathy

To Maggie & Warren Jordan, in the death of Richard Murray.



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.
Supply Pastor

David Dennis, D.M.A.
Music Ministry Interim

Holly Hatton
Interim Children & Youth
Ministry Coordinator

Kristin Zapien
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

PREPARATION

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

Prelude *L'harmonie des Anges* Burgmüller
Julia Aguayo, *pianist*

Greeting Rev. Dr. Courtney Pace

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: **And also with you!**

Invocation

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship *Lead Me Lord¹* Samuel Wesley
The Sanctuary Choir

* Hymn of Praise 60 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession Cherish Mathis

All: *Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son².*

1 based on Psalm 5:8

2 from the *Book of Common Worship* Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993

* The congregation will please stand, as you are able.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Who is in the position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Friends, believe the good news!

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

* Congregational Response 252

GLORIA PATRI

*Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Richard Wright

Hymn of Prayer 388 *Our God Has Made Us One* OLD 134TH
(As we sing the last verse, the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon

Holly Hatton

Offertory Prayer

Carson Wright

Offertory *If Ye Love Me*
The 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.*

Old Testament Reading *Micah 6:6-8* Sharon McCall

One: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.

* Prayer of Preparation

Rev. Dr. Courtney Pace
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. Courtney Pace

What Does God Want From Us?
Micah 6:6-8
(page 806 in the pew Bible)

RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response 613 *The Servant Song* BEACH SPRING

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Courtney Pace

* Postlude *Praeludium in F Major* J. S. Bach
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's worship participants are Cherish Mathis, the chair of the Missions Committee and a member of the Faith Element SS Class, Richard Wright the chair of the Personnel Committee and a deacon, Carson Wright a member of the Youth Group, Sharon McCall, chair of the FBDS Committee and a member of the First Friends SS class.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

We find ourselves in the season of the Christian Year known as Ordinary Time. This season is named, not because it is somehow less special, but because of how it is counted using ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). This season of the Christian Year is marked with the color green because it is set aside as a season of growth and transformation. The plant and runner on the altar table represent life and growth while the Christ Candle and Bible remind us of the central role the light of Christ and the Word of God in Scripture play in our transformation during these "Great Green Growing Days." A special thanks to Trudy Hatton who created the runner and stoles.

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 deacons will be in the Welcome Center after worship and would love to meet you.

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