

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 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.

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 station WMC 790 AM. Sermons are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org.

Announcement

Children's Valentine Art Fundraiser, Feb. 10

Love-themed art, made by our Children's Missions groups, will be available for sale Feb. 10. Proceeds from the art sale will go to missions.

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, February 3

9:00 a.m. First Cup Gathering
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 4

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Tuesday, February 5

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Wednesday, February 6

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

Thursday, February 7

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

Friday, February 8

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Volunteers

Extended Care

Next Sunday, February 10

Threes/Fours: Jenny Pendley,
Laura Locke

Floater: Tiffany Wright

Welcome Desk at Worship

February 3: David Hankins

Receptionists

Mon, Feb. 4: Trudy Hatton/
Volunteer Needed

Tues, Feb. 5: Lora Leonard/
Jim Donnell

Wed, Feb. 6: Betty Wilson/
Sammy Rich

Thurs, Feb. 7: Bill Wilson/
Carolyn Bynum

FBC in Prayer

New Concerns

Valerie Brenner
Rob Bruno
Margot Weslee Cronk
Dallas Foscue
Trudy Hatton
Linda Haywood
Anson Purdy
Jean Rose Raney
Milton & Frances Ray



Ordinary Time by Emanuele Campostrini

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2019

...there are some things more important than being right or powerful or honored. If those within the church do not do what they do in a spirit of love, then all religious talk, knowledge, piety, and sacrificial giving add up to nothing. Without love, Christians are like the salt Jesus described as having lost its savor and not good for anything except being "thrown out and trampled under foot" (Matt. 5:13). Those who think they have gained everything by standing on principle, dominating others, or by being right, have lost it all.

—Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

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

Prelude *Close to Thee* arr. Silas J. Vail
Julia Aguayo, *pianist*

Call to Worship *Psalm 71:1-6* Edens Richardson

* Hymn of Praise 395 CWM RHONDDA
God of Grace and Glory of God

* Invocation Rev. Richard Wright

Greeting

One: The Lord be with you!
Many: **And also with you!**

LISTENING

Gospel Reading *Luke 4:21-30* Warren Jordan, Jr.

One: This is God's Word for us today.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession Paula McPeak

One: Love is patient; for our quick-temperedness:
Many: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**
One: Love is kind; for our indifference towards others:
Many: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**
One: Love is not envious; for our petty jealousies:
Many: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**
One: Love is not boastful; for our pretentiousness:
Many: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**
One: Love is not arrogant; for our opinionated views:
Many: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**
One: Love is not rude; for our crass behavior,
Many: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

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

One: Love does not insist on getting its own way;
for our false sense of our own importance:

Many: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

One: Love is not irritable; for our resentful behavior:

Many: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

One: Loves does not rejoice in wrong doing;
for our rejoicing in all the wrong things:

Many: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

One: May God show us mercy as we silently confess those sins
which we choose not to say aloud. (moment of silence)
Forgive us our sins against love and lead us to life that lasts.

Many: **Amen¹.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: As our Scripture affirms, "If we confess our sins, [God] is
faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from
all unrighteousness."

Many: **Thanks Be To God!**

Hymn of Prayer 568 *Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak* CANONBURY
(As we sing the last verse, the children are invited
to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

GIVING

Prayers of the People Rev. David Weatherspoon

Offertory *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson
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.

¹ posted by Steve on OpenSourceSpirituality,
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/01/confession-based-on-1-corinthians-13.html>

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.

PROCLAIMING

* Prayer of Preparation Dianne McNary 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 Dianne McNary

Send Us Friends
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
(page 996 in the pew Bible)

RESPONDING

* Hymn of Response 277 HENDON
Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

* Benediction Dianne McNary

* Postlude *Agincourt Hymn* John Dunstable
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's worship participants are Edens Richardson, a member of the Youth group, Richard Wright, a member of the Connect 4 Sunday School Class and chair of the Personnel Committee, Warren Jordan, Jr., an Adult 6 Sunday School teacher and member of the First Friends School Class and a deacon, Paula McPeak a member of the Women of Faith Sunday School Class and a member of the Missions Committee, David Weatherspoon a member of the Faith Element Sunday School Class.

Our offering bearers are assisted by Peter Locke.

Our guest preacher today is Dianne McNary. Dianne was born in Little Rock, AR and grew up in Benton, AR. She received her BS in Nursing from University of AR Medical Sciences in 1986 and worked as a registered nurse in a variety of specialties prior to appointment to mission field in 2004. Dianne is married to Shane McNary and they have two adult children, Taylor and Allie. Dianne and Shane are CBF Global Field Personnel serving among the Romani peoples in Slovakia & Czech Republic. Dianne utilizes the Community Health Evangelism (CHE), an asset based community development approach in Slovakia. Dianne provides health education to Roma in a number of communities in Slovakia. She also leads an English language discussion club to help Slovaks improve their language skills as well as hosting and coordinating dozens of short term mission teams from the US and Europe.

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