

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

We find ourselves in the season of the Christian Year known as Ordinary Time. This season of the Christian Year is marked with the color green because it is set aside as a season of growth and transformation. Our ministers' stoles and runner on the altar table represent life and growth while the candles 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."

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 and interim 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 stations ESPN 680 AM, and ESPN 92.9 FM. Sermons are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org.

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, February 2

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

Monday, February 3

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Tuesday, February 4

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Volunteers

Welcome Desk Deacon Greeter

February 2 Scott Malone

Sanctuary Foyer Greeters

February 2 Jan Jones, Katharine Sorenson

Receptionists (8:30 am - 12:30 pm)

Mon, Feb 3: Trudy Hatton

Tues, Feb 4: Lora Leonard

Wed, Feb 5: Betty Wilson

Thurs, Feb 6: Bill Wilson

Extended Care

Next Sunday, February 9

Threes/Fours: Laura Locke, Jenny Pendley

Floater: Tiffany Wright

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Kathleen Feaster
Linda Haywood



Connected, Marianne Angeli Rodriguez

Youth Sunday

February 2, 2020

*Teenagers who do not go to church are adored by God,
but they don't get to meet some of the
people who love God back.*

—Anne Lamott



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.
Interim Pastor

Rev. Dennis McDuffie
Music Ministry Interim

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Children & Youth
Ministry Coordinator

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Youth Sunday

PREPARATION

Welcome Holly Hatton

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: **And also with you!**

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

Prelude *Prelude in G Minor* J.S. Bach
John Michael Pfrommer, *organist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Millie Malone

One: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored.

Many: **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

One: We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride

Many: **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Invocation Millie Malone

* Hymn of Praise 208 *Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER
John Michael Pfrommer, *organist*
(Stanzas 1-3)

* Prayer of Confession Olivia Hankins

One: Oh Mighty God, we are distracted. We allow so many things to get between our relationship with you.

Many: **Forgive us, Father.**

One: We are slow to show gratitude, yet quick to show disapproval. We are quick to doubt Your sacred plan for our lives, yet slow to ask You for comfort. We find it difficult to trust in what we cannot see.

Many: **Forgive us for our blindness, Father. Blindness to You and Your unconditional love, blindness to the needs of Your people, blindness to Your purpose for our lives. Allow us to see, hear, and feel Your presence in everything we do, Lord. Allow our prayers to set us free. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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

* Assurance of Pardon Olivia Hankins

One: Even when we do not realize it, the Lord is with us. We can have the reassurance that He is alongside us, giving us strength in times of weakness, giving us peace in times of turbulence, and guiding us through our daily trials.

Many: **Thank you, merciful God.**

One: You forgive, love, and support without end.

Many: **Without You, we can do nothing. But through you, we can do anything. Give us peace through this knowledge. Allow us to be more like You each day, and shine Your light to each person that we encounter. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

* Congregational Response 208 BEECHER

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
**Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**
(As we sing, the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Catherine Kellett and Edens Richardson

Gospel Reading *Luke 2:22-40* Gabrielle Cathey
(pages 887-888 in the pew Bible)

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Preparation Abigail Kellett 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 *Connected* Abigail Kellett

RESPONSE

Special Music *The Servant Song* Richard Gillard
Millie Malone, Abigail Kellett, Olivia Hankins

Offertory Prayer Allyson Vogel

Offertory *German Dance* Franz Joseph Haydn
Dylan Hatton, *pianist*

* Congregational Response 253 *Doxology* OLD 100TH

**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. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Natalie Austria

The Lord's 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 those who 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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate communion by coming to the Table. When we do this the body of the church acts together, moving as a community toward the table. When you approach the table take a piece of bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink it. Communion servers may offer words of affirmation such as "The bread of life given for you" or "The cup of salvation." When receiving the elements you may remain silent or offer "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." A gluten-free option will be available on the organ side. A deacon will bring communion to those who cannot come forward.

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

* Hymn of Response *They'll Know We Are Christians* ST. BRENDAN'S
(The hymn can be found on the insert)

* Benediction Emmy Ruth Burton

* Postlude *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS
John Michael Pfrommer, *organist*

An offering will be received at the doors for our Benevolence Fund.

Today's Youth worship participants are John Michael Pfrommer, an eighth-grader; Millie Malone, a seventh-grader; Will Wright, a ninth grader; Olivia Hankins, an eleventh grader; Catherine Kellett, an eighth-grader; Edens Richardson, a eighth-grader; Gabrielle Cathey, a seventh grader; Abigail Kellett, a tenth-grader; Isabel Sorenson, an eighth-grader; Allie Rose Sorenson, a sixth-grader; Dylan Hatton, a sixth grader; Allyson Vogel, a freshman; Natalie Austria, a eleventh grader; and Emmy Ruth Burton, a seventh-grader.

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.

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52 WEEKS & 52 WAYS TO CHANGE MEMPHIS
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