

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Today's worship participants are Carol Richardson, a deacon and member of First Friends SS class; Laura Stephens-Reed, our Transitional Facilitator; Kelly Pfrommer, a member of the Missions committee and a member of the Connect 4 SS class; Julie Richardson, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and a member of the Youth committee; Gayla Foscoe, a Children's Department SS teacher and the chair of the Endowment Trustees; Ray Hatton, a member of First Friends SS class and a member of the Senior Adult committee.

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.

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 26, Chapel, 6:15 pm

We will gather together for a special service in the Chapel at 6:15 pm that launches us into the season of Lent. At this time we will be reminded that from dust we have come and to dust, we will return. Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde will preach the first sermon in his new sermon series, *What Jesus Said*.

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, February 23

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 p.m. Congregational
Conversation, FH
12:30 p.m. Kids' Missions
5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, February 24

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
10:00 a.m. Needlework Group, FLC
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, CR

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper
6:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service,
Chapel

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Volunteers

Welcome Desk Deacon Greeter

February 23 John McCall, III

Sanctuary Foyer Greeters

February 23 Paula McPeak,
Amy Greer

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

Mon, Feb 24: Trudy Hatton

Tues, Feb 25: Kathleene Sims

Wed, Feb 26: Betty Willson

Thurs, Feb 27: Bill Wilson

Extended Care

Next Sunday, February March 1

Threes/Fours: Hayley Isaacs, Tara
Burton

Floater: Shawn Hawkins

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Brant Butler
Linda Haywood



The Transfiguration, Byzantine mosaic

Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2020

*In the midst of hunger and war
we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.*

*In the midst of oppression and tyranny
we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.*

*In the midst of doubt and despair
we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.*

*In the midst of fear and betrayal
we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.*

*In the midst of hatred and death
we celebrate the promise of love and life.*

*In the midst of sin and decay
we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.*

*In the midst of death on every side
we celebrate the promise of the living Christ.*

—Celebration of Life



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.
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Rev. Dennis McDuffie
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Transfiguration 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 *Thais Meditation* Jules Massenet
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed

One: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

Many: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

One: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Many: Out of the cloud God speaks...

One: This is my beloved Son; listen to him.

All: Let us listen to God as we worship!

Invocation Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed

* Hymn of Praise 16 *O Worship the King* LYONS
(Stanzas 1-3)

* Call to Confession Kelly Pfrommer

One: God alone is righteous. God alone is perfect. God alone is judge. Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us from our sins. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us make our confession.

* Prayer of Confession

All: God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon Kelly Pfrommer

One: Our God comes and does not keep silent; God speak to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

* Congregational Response 16 *O Worship the King* LYONS

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.*

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

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading *Matthew 17:1-9* Julie Richardson
(pages 849-850 in the pew Bible)

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *You Are the Light* Tom Fettke

The Sanctuary Choir

You are the Light we see.

You are the Truth we know.

You are the Life we live.

You are the Hope,

You are the Joy,

You are the Song we sing.

Living God, loving God,

We glorify Your name.

High and Holy One come down,

We lift our hearts in praise.

Prince of Peace, Immanuel,

Jesus, Lord of Love.

Within our hearts, Your light.

Within our minds Your truth.

Within our lives Your love;

Living Your hope spreading Your joy,

Singing Your beautiful song;

Singing Your beautiful song, Your song.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed 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. Laura Stephens-Reed

The Difficulty of Discernment

RESPONSE

* Hymn of Prayer 483 *Footsteps of Jesus* FOOTSTEPS

Offertory Prayer Gayla Foscue

Offertory *Deep River* George M. Vail
Aaron Foster, *organist*

* 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 Rev. Ray Hatton

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.

* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

* Hymn of Response 123 ST. CATHERINE
Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

* Benediction Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed

* Postlude *Dawn Theme* arr. Dennis Janzer
Aaron Foster, *organist*