

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION

Welcome Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

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

Prelude *Title* arr
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Fling wide the temple gates! Open up the ancient doors!

The mighty and glorious One is coming.

Who is this mighty and glorious One?

This is the Lord, for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in God!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise *Title* arr.
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Call to Confession Kelly Pfrommer
God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people.

Yet we remain shrouded in sin—we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name.

Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our redeemer, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Kelly Pfrommer

The one who is seated on the throne says: See, I am making all things new. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:1-13

Special Music *Title* arr
Gayla Foscue, *soloist*

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

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. Randy L. Hyde
A Gentle Providence

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation Music *Title* arr
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH
Aaron Foster, *organist*

*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 Rev. Ray Hatton

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.

A Word of Encouragement Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
(If you are called to make a Decision of Faith or have questions about church membership, please speak with Rev. Hyde following worship.)

Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Postlude arr. Mary McDonald
Title
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Per the Shelby County Health directive masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times in the building. Please do not linger to chat, but exit the building at the conclusion of worship. Thank you.

Today's worship participants are Kelly Pfrommer, a member of the Missions committee and the Connect 4 SS class; Jenny Pendley, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and a member of the Religion 101 SS class; Gayla Foscue, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and a Children's SS department teacher; and Ray Hatton, a member of the Senior Adults committee and the First Friends SS class.

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 the 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."

Announcements

Temple Under the Trees, Sundays, 3-4 pm

Our children, ages 3-10, will meet for an hour on Sundays from 3-4 pm in an outdoor classroom. Please bring a chair or a blanket to sit on, and space yourselves 6-feet apart. We'll divide into two groups, Preschool through 1st Grade, and 2nd-5th grades. Parent/guardians will need to accompany our 3s, 4s, and 5-year-olds in case they need assistance.

The hour will be divided into two sessions: I will lead a 30 minute Children's Worship session, and a volunteer will lead a 30 minute Kid's Missions session. We will rotate between the two groups. —Holly

Final (virtual) congregational conversation for the transition facilitation process, Nov. 8, 5-6:30 pm

While we cannot gather in person for our final congregational conversation of the transition facilitation process, we can be together by phone and internet. On Sunday, November 8, from 5:00-6:30 pm, you can participate by going to this link on your smartphone, tablet, or computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89752299789?pwd=UnNBZUN2cmdwL3JneGc5bGgrQ0w1UT09> or dialing 312-626-6799 on your phone and entering meeting ID 897 5229 9789 and passcode 936503 when prompted.

The congregational conversation will include presentations from the transition team as well as discussion time in small groups (using Zoom breakout rooms) and prayer together for the next chapter in FBC's ministry. Please bring a card or paper and a pen/marker/crayon with you so that you can be ready to write a note or draw a picture for the yet-to-be-called settled pastor. Note that all information discussed during the congregational conversation will be (or will have been) included in the October, November, and December editions of Together.

Committee Interest

Are you interested in using your gifts on one of the following committees or task forces? A list of each committee/task force is below.

If you are interested in serving on a committee please prayerfully consider in what way you can serve. Please send your interests to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org) or contact a member of Committee on Committees (David Richardson, Mary Ann Rogers, Courtney Pace or Shawn Hawkins.)

Committees:

Missions	Finance	Personnel	Children/Preschool
Youth	Day School	Senior Adults	Committee on Committees
Property	Public Relations		

Task Forces:

Churchwide Fellowships	Flower Coordinator	Care and Share	Baptism & Lord's Supper
Weddings	Greeting and Security	Church Archives	Memorial Prayer Garden Board
Broadcast Media and Technology			

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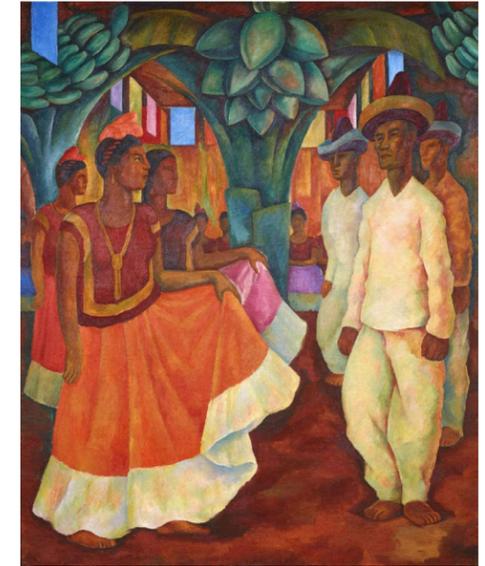
First Baptist Memphis is a Midtown congregation that seeks to follow Christ by practicing hospitality, community, dialogue, and service.

- 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.

The service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page, and is available in recorded form on Facebook and our YouTube channel, as well as the church's website (www.fbcmemphis.org/online-worship).

Sermons and worship services are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons.



Dance in Tehuantepec, Diego Rivera

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*"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us;
 The shout of rampart guards surround us:
 "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"*

*Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
 Their urgent summons clearly spoken:*

"The time has come, O maidens wise!

Rise up, and give us light;

The Bridegroom is in sight.

Alleluia! Your lamps prepare and hasten there,

That you the wedding feast may share."

—Phillip Nicolai and Carl P. Daw, Jr.



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