

## Announcements

### Music Ministry Update

First Baptist Family, we wanted to share with you an update on our Interim Music Ministry.

Rev. Dennis McDuffie's last Sunday with us as Music Ministry Interim is today. Dennis has served in this role since May of 2019. We are grateful for his leadership and ministry these past 22 months.

We are excited to announce that Rev. Ray Hatton will step into the Music Ministry Interim role. Ray previously served First Baptist Church as Minister of Music and Minister of Administration and Senior Adults before his retirement at the end of 2017.

Please continue to keep your church, ministers, and the pastor search committee in your prayers.

### Giving Options

FBC has several ways for you to keep up with your giving schedule.

You can mail your offering to the church: First Baptist Church, 200 E Parkway N., Memphis, TN 38112.

You can donate online via our website: [www.fbcmemphis.org/giving](http://www.fbcmemphis.org/giving)

Or, you can email Lisa Butts to learn how to set up automatic recurring offering withdrawals set up from either your bank account or credit card. Recurring payments can be set up weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. This system gives you several options for setting up your gifts to FBC, and the best part is that with automatic withdrawal, there is no more worry with remembering to write the check or submit the payment through your bank or credit card.

For more information about any of the available giving options, contact Lisa via her email [lbutts@fbcmemphis.org](mailto:lbutts@fbcmemphis.org). She'll explain the process and help you get started.

## 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.

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](http://www.fbcmemphis.org/online-worship)).

Sermons and worship services are available online at [www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons](http://www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons).



*Seed Corn Must Not Be Ground* by Käthe Kollwitz

## Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

*Why do the babies starve / When there's enough food to feed the world  
Why when there're so many of us / Are there people still alone*

*Why are the missiles called peace keepers / When they're aimed to kill  
Why is a woman still not safe / When she's in her home*

*Love is hate / War is peace  
No is yes / And we're all free*

*But somebody's gonna have to answer / The time is coming soon  
Amidst all these questions and contradictions  
They're some who seek the truth*

*But somebody's gonna have to answer / The time is coming soon  
When the blind remove their blinders;  
And the speechless speak the truth*

—Tracy Chapman

## FBC in Prayer

### Current Concerns

Ginger Bethany  
Valerie Brenner  
Nancy Burch  
Brant Butler  
Chatham Family  
Anita Cobb  
Nancy Cooper  
Linda Haywood  
Harold Weaver



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.  
Interim Pastor

Rev. Dennis McDuffie  
Music Ministry Interim

Holly Hatton  
Children & Youth  
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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Second Sunday in Lent

### 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 *May The Mind of Christ My Savior* A. Cyril Gould  
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

### ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

From water to wilderness,  
On stone and in hearts,

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up . . .

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path, for where he is, we would be also.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise *More Love to Thee, O Christ* Albin C. Whitworth  
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Call to Confession Rev. Ray Hatton

Trusting in God's promise of salvation,  
let us confess our sins and repent.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.

We claim to follow Jesus  
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.

We profess to be disciples,  
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.

We affirm the virtue of self-denial,  
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Ray Hatton

Hear the good news:

God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus  
has been raised from the dead for our salvation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

### PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

Solo Richard Rogers & Oscar Hammerstein  
*You'll Never Walk Alone*  
Courtney Pace, *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 Hyde

*Run, Run, Run*

### RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation *Guide My Feet While I Run This Race* SPIRITUAL  
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 David Richardson

The Lord's Prayer David Richardson

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 *Praise to the Living God* Edward Boughton  
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 Ray Hatton, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and First Friends SS class; Courtney Pace, a member of the Connect 4 SS class and Committee on Committees; and David Richardson, a deacon and member of the Connect 4 SS class.

### THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Lent is a season of repentance, confession and examination. During these formative forty days we are gifted with time to take a closer look at our lives and are participation in the building of the kingdom as Christ's disciples. We are also given the opportunity to consider the many new possibilities offered to us as disciples of Christ. May we walk together through this season with intentionality and care.