

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday in Eastertide

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 *Higher Ground* Jenifer Cook
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Peace be with you.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise *Low in the Grave He Lay* Lani Smith
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Call to Confession Betty Wilson

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit,
with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood,
yet we struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on us; forgive us.

Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Betty Wilson

We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous one—who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.

This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading *John 20:19-31* Bill Wilson

Choral Worship *A Foundation, A Future* Ray Hatton
Ensemble

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

Be Careful What You Ask For

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation *Dedication* Enrique Granados
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 Julie Richardson

The Lord's Prayer Julie 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 arr. Clarence Kohlman

The Church's One Foundation

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 Betty Wilson, a member of the First Friends SS class and a member of the Day School committee; Bill Wilson, a member of the First Friends SS class; and Julie Richardson, a member of the Connect 4 SS class. Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Ray Hatton, Trudy Hatton, Jason Sullivan, and Cathy Wilhelm.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

The resurrection of Jesus is, for Christians, the heart of history; the flash point from which everything is reordered. It is the beginning of the new thing that God is up to, defeating death and initiating the new Creation, which God will bring to full fruition in God's own time. The season of Eastertide lasts 50 days, because importance of the resurrection is too vast to be contained within one day.

Announcements

Happy 182nd Birthday

On Sunday, April 7, 1839, a group of eleven Baptist settlers in the frontier town of Memphis became charter members of the new First Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee. At the end of that service, the group moved to the river to baptize their first convert.

As the church celebrated our Dosquicentennial (175th year) in 2014, Ray Hatton, our Minister of Music, composed an anthem for the event. "A Foundation, A Future" was premiered on that Sunday in April. This Sunday, April 11, as we remember our 182nd birthday, the Ensemble will sing that anthem, which incorporates the lyrics to the old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." Among the other lyrics are these words which ring true for us today: "We praise You, God, for a firm foundation, for the saints who went before us in this place. We thank You, God, for a hope-filled future, and for Your gift of grace. For You are the God of our past and present, and God of our future, too. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow are Yours. We lift our praise to You." Let us celebrate 182 years of ministry to Memphis!

Together Deadline, April 14

The Together deadline for May is April 14. This edition of Together is also our graduation edition. Please email graduation information for high school and college students to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org). Thank you!

Youth Sunday, April 18

Our youth will lead worship on April 18. We hope you will plan to join us either in-person or through our live stream for this meaningful and special hour of worship.

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

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. She'll explain the process and help you get started.

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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).

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

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Ginger Bethany
Valerie Brenner
Nancy Burch
Brant Butler
Chatham Family
Anita Cobb
Nancy Cooper
Ken Haywood
Linda Haywood
Ken Miller

Sympathy

To April Blankenship in the death of her grandmother.



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Interim Pastor

Rev. Ray Hatton
Music Ministry Interim

Holly Hatton
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Christ shows himself to Thomas by Rowan and Irene LeCompte

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But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

—John 20:31

