

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

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.

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
Chatham Family
Anita Cobb
Nancy Cooper
Sara Cunningham
Ken Haywood
Willena Highsmith
Ken Miller
Robin Miller



Jesus' Hand Reaches Out to the Children

Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

April 25, 2021

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he[a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

—1 John 3:1-7

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth 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 *God, Our Father, You Have Led Us* Crystof Clay
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He lays down his life for his sheep.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He knows us, and we belong to him.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Worship in Song *My Father Watches Over Me* Charles H. Gabriel
Cathy Wilhelm, *soprano*

Parent/Child Dedication Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde and Holly Hatton
(See Insert)

Call to Confession Nancy Austria

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us.
But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts;
and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace.
Therefore, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us.
We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

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

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Nancy Austria

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ,
the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.

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 *1 John 3:1-7* Jan Vogel

Choral Worship *By Our Love* Christy Nockels
Ensemble

*Brothers, let us come together, walking in the Spirit: there's much to be done.
We will come, reaching out from our comforts, and they will know us by our
love. Sisters, we were made for kindness; we can pierce the darkness as He shines
through us. We will come, reaching with a song of healing, and they will know us
by our love. The time is now: come, Church, arise! Love with His hands, see with
His eyes. Bind it around you, let it never leave you, and they will know us by
our love! Children, you are hope for justice; stand firm in the Truth now, set your
hearts above. You will be reaching long after we're gone, and they will know you
by your love. And they will know us by our love.*

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

What We Will Be

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation *Nocturne No. 9* F. Chopin
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

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 *Christ the Lord Has Risen* Tom Birchwood
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 Nancy Austria, a Preschool SS teacher and a member
of the Connect 4 SS class; and Jan Vogel, a member of the Connect 4 SS class and a
member of the Day School committee.

Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Ray Hatton, Trudy Hatton, Jason
Sullivan, and Cathy Wilhelm.

a different way to be Baptist

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

FOR

SEREN FOSTER PACE-OWEN

Introducing the Family

Holly Hatton

Life Scripture

Micah 6:8

Holly Hatton

Words of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Pastor: When a child comes into our world we are filled with joy. Then, as she grows physically and develops her own personality, our gratitude grows with her, for we are thankful to God for the gift of the Creator's unique design.

People: **Courtney and Michael, your daughter Seren Foster first came into your world, and then you introduced her to ours. We happily celebrate her life as we anticipate a wonderful future together, filled with hope and faith in the good things that are yet to be.**

Pastor: Seren, this is the place where you will hear about Jesus. You will meet and come to know people who are committed to Christ through the ministry of this church. Learn from them, and in turn they will learn from you, for we all know that children are teachers as well.

People: **And when that day comes that you affirm Christ as your Lord and Savior, we will celebrate with great joy the gift of eternal life that began even when you took your first breath.**

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Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Presentation of Gift

Holly Hatton

Blessing of the Child

Jesus Loves Me

David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

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