

Announcements

In-Person Sunday School Returns

Sunday School returned to First Baptist after more than a year's hiatus. We also have small groups who have started meeting at the church again during the week.

We are also seeing an increase in our attendance for worship services on Sundays. This is certainly a blessing as we move back to being able to do those things we have missed being able to do! We are still observing our protocols of masking while inside the church and social distancing with our seating in the sanctuary.

At this time, we are allowing each Sunday School class to determine the best time for them to return to meeting regularly at the church. When your Sunday School class is ready to return to church on Sunday mornings, the teacher should send an e-mail to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org) letting us know the date you would like to return. We'll provide you with any necessary information to ensure the return of your Sunday School class will be as safe as possible. Thank you for your patience and your dedication and prayers for our church.

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.

Summer Youth & Children Activities

Beginning in June Youth will meet up on Wednesdays for Friends-day Wednesdays. A sign-up sheet will go out for backyard hosts. In June kids will have the option of attending Temple on Sundays at either 10 am in person or 3 pm via Zoom. Keep an eye out for Kid's Pop-Up Play Days throughout the summer.

Other June events include the Youth Senior Celebration on June 5; June 19: Vacation Bible SWIM @Wilson's 1-3 pm; and June 21-27: Youth Beach

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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

Nancy Burch
Chatham Family
Willena Highsmith



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.
Interim Pastor

Rev. Ray Hatton
Music Ministry Interim

Rev. Holly Hatton
Children & Youth
Ministry Coordinator

Stacey Graves
Director, First Baptist Day School

Aaron Foster
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The Vision of Isaiah, Manuscript Illustration

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

O Light!

*Divine and one Holy Trinity, we born of the earth,
glorify you always together with the heavenly hosts.*

*At the raising of the morning light
shine forth upon our souls your intelligible light.*

—Matin hymn, Armenian Sunrise Office



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Trinity Sunday

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 *Adagio BWV 974* J. S. Bach
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: Jesus said, the way to experience God's eternal grace is to be born from above by the Spirit.

Many: We accept that gift available to us today and always.

One: You are made whole through Christ's redeeming love.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Worship in Song *There Is a Redeemer* Keith Green
Gayla Foscue, *soprano*

Call to Confession Dylan Hatton

One: Let us confess our sins to the One who gives life eternally.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear.

We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again.

Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Dylan Hatton

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of bondage, but rather the spirit of adoption.

Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out, for you are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved, and free.

May God's peace be with you.

Many: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION

Hymn of Prayer *Face to Face* Todd Kendall

Aaron Foster, *organist*

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

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Reading of the Word *Isaiah 6:1-8* James Aycock

Choral Worship *Here Am I, Send Me* John Purifoy
Sanctuary Ensemble

Here am I, send me. Here am I, Lord, send me. Unto thee, willingly, yielded I come. Show the path that I must walk, compel me then to go, and if I stray, bring back the light of day, for here am I, send me I pray. Send me to be what's created in me. Formed in your image, I stand. Turn my weakness into your power, power to be at last all I'm able to be. Here am I, send me. . . .

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

Out of the Ordinary

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Marilynn Ham
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. Holly 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 *Festive Postlude* Richard A. Williamson
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Per the policy of FBC, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose while entering and exiting the Sanctuary and moving throughout the building. In accordance with CDC recommendations, masks will not be required while seated in the sanctuary if you are fully vaccinated. Thank you.

Today's worship participants are Gayla Foscue, a Children's SS department teacher and member of the Sanctuary Choir; Dylan Hatton, a member of the Youth group; and James Aycock, a member of the Connect 4 SS class and chair of the Missions committee. Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Ray Hatton, Trudy Hatton, Jason Sullivan, and Cathy Wilhelm.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Trinity Sunday marks the transition between Eastertide and Ordinary Time. On this Sunday, we highlight the doctrine of the Trinity. This doctrine affirms that God is complete and that all existence proceeds from the fullness of God. For many years the early church resisted celebrating Trinity Sunday because the Trinity in its fullness should be honored every day. Because the doctrine of the Trinity is so crucial and often misunderstood, however, this celebration was later added to our Christian Year as a way to remind us to take seriously this teaching and to joyously give thanks to a Triune God who has been at work throughout the entire story of the Christian Year.

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

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.