

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twelfth 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 *Nocturne No.2* Frederic Chopin
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Many: to teach us his ways, feed us with his flesh and blood,

One: and fill us with the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

* Responsive Reading 197 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Charles Wesley
The text is found in the hymnal. Everyone read stanza one; men read stanza two; women read stanza three; and everyone read stanza four.

Call to Confession Carolyn Bynum

One: Let us confess our sins to the all-wise God who is gracious and merciful and keeps covenant with us.

Prayer of Confession

All: All-knowing God, we are your children, but we have turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own ways.

We have lived carelessly and squandered time.

We have been foolish and failed to understand your will.

We have been drunk with the wine of this world and corrupt with our own desires.

Purge us from evil and fill us with your Spirit.

Clear our minds from clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Carolyn Bynum

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful! God shows great and steadfast love to us through Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life.

By his flesh and blood our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life. Alleluia!

Many: Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Reading of the Word Bobby Rogers
1 Kings 3:5-14; Ephesians 5:15-20
(pages 296 and 1015 in the pew Bible)

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 *Wisdom* Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation *Whispering Hope* arr. Jenifer Cook
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

* Congregational Response *Doxology* Thomas Ken
**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.**

SENDING

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

* Responsive Reading 348 *In Heavenly Love Abiding* Anna L. Waring
The text is found in the hymnal. Everyone read stanza one; women read stanza two; and everyone read stanza three.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

* Postlude *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Robert J. Hughes
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Per the policy of FBC, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times in the building. Thank you.

Today's Sanctuary flowers are from the Memorial Service of Jim Donnell on August 14.

Today's worship participants are Carolyn Bynum, a deacon and co-chair of the Senior Adult committee; and Bobby Rogers, a deacon and a member of the Connect 4 SS class. Our ensemble consists of choir members, Doris Gill, Trudy Hatton, Paul Martin, Jenny and Marc Pendley, Tom Pitman, and Cathy Wilhelm.

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 plant and 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

Changes to Worship and FBC's Mask Policy

The Re-Opening Task Force met Wednesday, August 11 and recommended changes to FBC's worship service and mask policy. These changes were approved by the Deacon Body Thursday, August 12.

Effective Sunday, August 15, masks are required for everyone, ages two and older (including those fully vaccinated) while in the building. This includes moving throughout the building, in the Sanctuary, and in Sunday School classes. Until further notice, we will not have solos or congregational singing in worship. Ministers and lay worship leaders may remove their masks while speaking from the pulpit and put their masks back on before being seated. Children will remain with their families for the Children's Sermon which will be delivered from the podium microphone. We will also discontinue passing the offering plate. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the piano and organ sides of the chancel as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

The church-wide events on August 22, August 29, and September 5 have been canceled. We are disappointed that we cannot honor the Hydes and welcome the Kimmels in the ways we had planned but are working on creative alternatives for them.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please keep you church, its leaders, our city, and our nation 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; 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. 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.

On the Move: Together with Hope

First Baptist Memphis is participating in the On the Move: Together for Hope to raise awareness and money for Together for Hope (a CBF missions project that ministers to the poorest counties in the US) and to encourage all of us to MOVE more. This is a virtual project concludes August 15. For \$30 you can sign up at <http://cbfky.org/Tchaikovsky-virtual-walk-run-swim-ride>.

You will get more info (and a cool t-shirt) when you sign up. Gayla Foscue (gayla.foscue@gmail.com) will be happy to answer questions. Donations are accepted. Checks payable to First Baptist Church with "Together for Hope" on memo line.

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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.

This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, August 15

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Messy Games

Thursday, August 19

- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, CR
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

- Ginger Bethany
- Nancy Burch
- Isaac Chatham
- Anita Cobb
- Patsy Donnell
- Ken & Shelby Haywood

Sympathy

- Family of Marie Nagle



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... giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

—Ephesians 5:20



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