

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Acolyte is bringing in the light of Christ.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Mark Hayes
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Call to Worship April Blankenship

Leader: This is the place and this is the time; here and now, God waits to break into our experience:

All: To change our minds, to change our lives, to change our ways;

Leader: To make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light:

All: To fill us with hope and joy for the future.

Invocation April Blankenship

Old Testament Reading April Blankenship

Deuteronomy 11:18-19

(page 166 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

* Responsive Reading 350 Samuel J. Stone

The Church's One Foundation

The text is found in the hymnal. Everyone read stanza one; women read stanza two; and everyone read stanza three.

Moment of Confession April Blankenship

Leader: Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned.

All: We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows: the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have gotten used to them. Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: Hear the good news! God is sheer mercy and grace; slow to anger, rich in love. As high as heaven is over the earth, so

strong is God's love. And as far as sunrise is from sunset, God separates us from our sin.

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Meditation *How Big is God?* Stuart Hamblen
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

* Response *Doxology* Thomas Ken

As the Organist plays, please pray the words silently.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Matthew 7:24-29

(page 839 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

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. Kathryn Kimmel

The End is the Beginning

Musical Meditation *Jesus Loves Me* William Bradbury

David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Prayers of the People Rev. Holly Hatton

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Holly Hatton

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.

* Response 252 *Gloria Patri*

As the Organist plays, please pray the words silently.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Hymn of Response 406 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

The Organist will play the last hymn as a solo as we meditate on the words, especially the refrain.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.

Commission and Blessing April Blankenship

Leader: This is the place as are all places; this is the time as are all times.

All: Let us leave this place praising God.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

The Acolyte is taking the light of Christ into the World.

* Postlude Michael Burkhardt

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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 flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of First Baptist's new pastor, Kat Kimmel.

Today's worship participant is April Blankenship, a member of the Connect 4 SS class and the Preschool/Children committee. Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Doris Gill, Trudy Hatton, Marc Pendley, Sammy Rich, 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 runner on the altar table represent life and growth while the Christ Candle 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

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 29 and September 5 have been canceled.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please keep your 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.

Promotion Sunday, September 12

On Promotion Sunday, our Kindergartners will promote to the 2nd floor for Temple. As is our tradition, the Kindergartners, 3rd Graders, and 6th Graders will be presented with new Bibles during the worship service.

Welcoming the Kimmels: Small Group Activities

We are thrilled to welcome Kat and Tom and want everyone to have an opportunity to get to know them. We will celebrate the Kimmels throughout this month with a series of small group events hosted by Sunday School classes. *(Please note that, for everyone's health and safety, some events are intended to be small, private gatherings. If you do not have a Sunday School class, this is a good time to join one!)*

September 5: Co-Ed Class—Senior Adults will host the Kimmels for breakfast from 9:30-10:30 am in the Parlor

September 8: First Friends—First Friends will meet Kat and Tom for dinner at 6 pm

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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.

Two brethren went to an elder who lived alone in Scete. And the first one said: Father, I have learned all of the Old and New Testaments by heart. The elder said to him: You have filled the air with words. The other one said: I have copied out the Old and New Testaments and have them in my cell. And to this one the elder replied: you have filled your window with parchment. But do you not know Him who said: The kingdom of God is not in words, but in power? And again, Not those who hear the Law will be justified before God but those who carry it out.

— The Desert Fathers, Thomas Merton

This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, August 29

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Thursday, September 2

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
Ken Haywood
Scott and Abby Linder



Rev. Kathryn Kimmel, D.Min.
Senior Pastor
Rev. Ray Hatton
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Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

—Matthew 7:24

