

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte Bringing in the light of Christ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude “Spring” from “The Four Seasons” Antonio Vivaldi
Dylan Hatton, *pianist*

Call to Worship Cherish Mathis
from *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Leader: All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small, all things wise and wonderful;

All: Our Father made them all.

Leader: Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings;

All: God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.

Leader: Cold wind in the winter, pleasant summer sun, ripe fruits in the garden;

All: God made them, every one.

Leader: God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell.

All: How good is God our Father who makes all things well!

Invocation Cherish Mathis

* Hymn of Praise 44 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX
The Sanctuary Ensemble

Gospel Reading Cherish Mathis

John 1:1-5
(page 918 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.

Children’s Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Presentation of Bibles Rev. Holly Hatton

Kindergarten: Ellie & Megan Pendley; 3rd Grade: Jennings Callahan;
6th Grade: Emerson Callahan, Janie Hatton, and Anna Wilson

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Offertory *Morning Has Broken* arr. Mark Hayes
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

* Response Doxology OLD 100TH
The Sanctuary Ensemble

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

Old Testament Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Psalm 8
(page 470 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

Speaking Into Being

Musical Meditation arr. William Croft

Creator God, Creating Still

The Pianist will play this hymn as a solo as we meditate on the words.

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*
The Sanctuary Ensemble
*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 27 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Creatures of Our God and King
The Sanctuary Ensemble

Commission and Blessing Cherish Mathis
Leader: All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small, all things wise and wonderful;

All: Our God made them all.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Acolyte Taking the light of Christ into the World

* Postlude *Lead On, O King Eternal* Greg Sewell
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 worship participants are Dylan Hatton, a member of the Youth group and Cherish Mathis, a member of the Connect 4 SS class. Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Gayla Foscue, Doris Gill, Trudy Hatton, Tom Kimmel, Paul Martin, Tom Pitman, 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

Narrative Lectionary

Today we will begin our walk through the Narrative Lectionary. This list of scripture readings is a four year cycle of texts that “follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church.” Each year explores new stories and a different gospel. We will spend the Fall making our way through stories of the Old Testament before delving into the Gospel of John this Spring.

You can find out more about this lectionary at workingpreacher.org. You can read ahead or follow along, accessing the readings for each week, along with podcasts and commentaries that explore each story.

Changes to Worship and FBC’s Mask Policy

- Masks are required for everyone, ages two and older while in the building.
- Until further notice, we will not have congregational singing in worship.
- Children will remain with their families for the Children’s Sermon which will be delivered from the podium microphone.

Welcoming the Kimmels: Small Group Activities

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 12: *Children and Families*—FBC kids and their families are invited to hang with Pastor Kat at the Crosstown Concourse splash pad from 3-4 pm. Kids need to wear their swimsuits and bring a towel.

September 17: *Women of Faith*—Women of Faith will gather at 7 pm for a time of fellowship with the Kimmels.

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, September 12

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Promotion Sunday
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Children & Kimmels Outing
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Thursday, September 16

- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, CR
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. FBDS Committee Meeting, CR

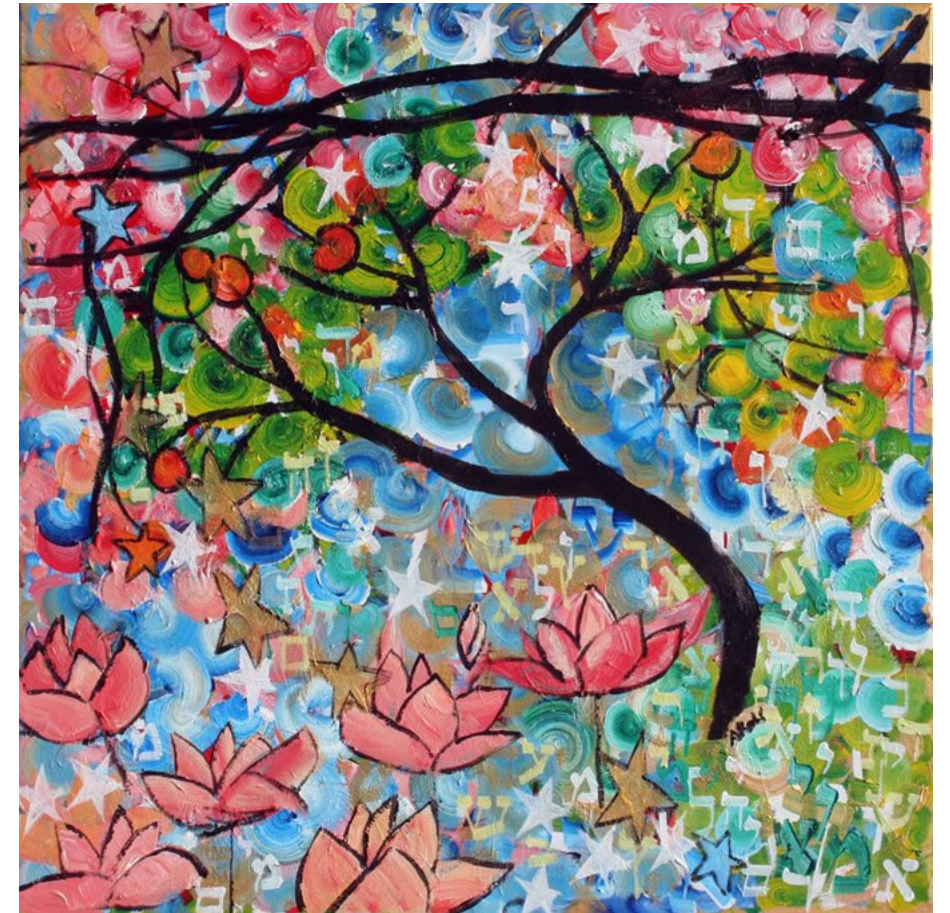
Friday, September 17

- 6:00 p.m. Women of Faith Host the Kimmels

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

- Madge Baker
- Nancy Burch
- Sandy Chandler
- Isaac Chatham
- Ken Haywood
- Scott and Amy Linder
- Marc Pendley



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*Even after all this time, the sun never says to the earth,
“You owe me.” Look what happens with a love like that—
it lights the whole world.*

—Hafiz



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