

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte Bringing in the light of Christ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude *Like a River* arr. Jenifer Cook
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Call to Worship Edens Richardson
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 Edens Richardson

* Hymn Reading 492 Fannie Estelle Davison
Purer in Heart, O God
The text is found in the hymnal. Everyone read stanza one; women read stanza two; and everyone read stanza three.

New Testament Reading Edens Richardson
Acts 4:32-37
(page 946 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

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Meditation *Arietta* arr. E. Grieg
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

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

* Response *Doxology*
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.*

New Testament Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel
Acts 5:1-10
(page 947 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
Truth and Trust

Hymn Meditation 640 Katherine K. Davis
Let All Things Now Living
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Communion Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel
Leader: God has made us a people,
All: We have been shaped by God's will.
Leader: Jesus calls us together,
All: We meet in Jesus' name.
Leader: The Spirit binds us together,
All: And leads us into truth.

Prayers of the People Rev. Ray Hatton

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ray 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.*

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.

* 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 411 William Kirkpatrick
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
The Organist will play the last hymn as a solo as we meditate on the words.

The Welcoming of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

Commission and Blessing Edens Richardson
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

* Acolyte Taking the light of Christ into the World

* Postlude Robert. W. Thygeron
Postlude Fantasia
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 participant is Edens Richardson, a member of Youth group. Our ensemble consists of choir members, Doris Gill, Gayla Foscue, Trudy Hatton, Tom Kimmel, 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."

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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.

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

September 10: *Connect 4*—Connect Four will host a Levitt Shell meet-up for Kat and Tom to see Don Bryant and the Bo-Keys perform live at 7 pm in Overton Park

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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, September 5

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Kimmels join Coed SS
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, September 6

Holiday—Church office closed

Wednesday, September 8

- 6 p.m. First Friends SS class hosts the Kimmels

Thursday, September 9

- 10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor

Friday, September 10

- 7 p.m. Connect 4 SS class hosts the Kimmels

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Ginger Bethany
Nancy Burch
Isaac Chatham
Ken Haywood
Scott and Amy Linder
Marc Pendley



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The Opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty.
—Anne Lamott



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