

The First Baptist Church at Worship
20th Sunday After Pentecost / Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2019 10:00 AM

The Gathering

The congregation is invited to meditate and contemplate during the Prelude.

THE PRELUDE R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

“A Mighty Fortress,” Fugue in C Major, and Canzonetta
Dietrich Buxtehude

“A Mighty Fortress”
Johann Pachelbel

In Praise to the Lord

ACOLYTES BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY
TO LIGHT THE CANDLES

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT *This Is the Day*
Everett Williams

This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen

*WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #418 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
EIN' FESTE BURG

This hymn is often referred to as “the battle hymn” of the Reformation. Many stories have been relayed about its use. Albert Bailey writes, “It was, as Heine said, the Marseillaise of the Reformation...It was sung in the streets...It was sung by poor Protestant emigrants on their way to exile, and by martyrs at their death...Gustavus Adolphus ordered it sung by his army before the battle of Leipzig in 1631...Again it was the battle hymn of his army at Lutzen in 1632...It has had a part in countless celebrations commemorating the men and events of the Reformation; and its first line is engraved on the base of Luther’s monument at Wittenberg...An imperishable hymn! Not polished and artistically wrought but rugged and strong like Luther himself, whose very words seem like deeds.” As you can see, this is a hymn close to the hearts of Protestants and Lutherans, a source of assurance in times of duress and persecution. The text is not restricted, however, to times of actual physical battles. In any time of need, when we do battle with the forces of evil, God is our fortress to hide us and protect us, and the Word that endures forever will fight for us.

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (SEE INSERT) *I Feel Jesus in This Place*
CARMAN LICCIARDELLO

**I feel Jesus, I feel Jesus, I feel Jesus in this place.
Yes, my soul does burn within me, I feel Jesus in this place.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Rev. Alspaugh

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
So let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Alspaugh

Loving God,
you are faithful and forgiving;
help us now to grasp the greatness of your love.
Help us to pray honestly
as we make our confession and seek your forgiveness.

Silent Reflection

Where we have failed to love, and have loved to hurt:
God, have mercy.

Where we have scorned difference
and have been indifferent to those in need:
God, have mercy.

Where we have spoken harsh words to others,
and have been quick to take offense ourselves:
God, have mercy.

Where we have prayed and sung about injustice,
and have ignored the injustice around us:

God, have mercy.
Merciful God, unlike us, you are true to your word.
When we cry to you in sorrow and repentance,
you hear our cries and are swift to forgive.
For your faithful love we praise you.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Alspaugh

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west:
so far God removes our transgressions from us.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. AMEN.

*PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Alspaugh

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please register your attendance by filling out a yellow card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag later in the service.)

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand,
and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Reading & Proclaiming God’s Word

PSALTER LESSON Rev. David Coggins

Psalm 84: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my

flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON Bill Gruszecki

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.
People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Luke 18:9-14: He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.
People: Thanks be to God.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #504 *I Am Thine, O Lord*
I AM THINE

I Am Thine, O Lord is one of many hymns written by [Fanny Crosby](#), a prolific American hymn writer. The melody was composed by [William Howard Doane](#). The former was talking with the latter one night about the proximity of God and penned the words before retiring for the night. It has also been reported that Fanny Crosby, though blind, had a sunset described to her in words before writing the lyrics.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Debby Menzel

(Following the message, children in preK-5 grades will be led downstairs for Sunday School. PreK-1 graders will be in Rm. #4. Grades 2-5 will be in Rm. #3B. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER #392 *Open Our Eyes*
OPEN OUR EYES

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors) Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian arr. Moses Hogan

*Lord I want to be a Christian, in my heart. Lord I want to be more loving,
in my heart. Lord I want to be more Holy in my heart.*

THE SERMON Rev. Alspaugh

"The Meeting House"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

What a Fellowship arr. Gilbert Martin

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning
on the everlasting arms. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning
on the everlasting arms, oh how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #672 (vs.4) *All Things Are Yours* GERMANY

**All things are Yours: we make that true
when we return our gifts to You;
and so we give, and so we share,
in Christ's strong name expressing care.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Bill Gruszecki

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Dr. Berghuis

(Persons wishing to make known a decision to follow Christ as Lord or to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by transfer of letter, statement of faith, or baptism. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

ACOLYTES ENTER ON LAST VERSE OF HYMN

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #323 *How Great Thou Art* HOW GREAT THOU ART

Stuart K. Hine was a British Methodist missionary on a mission trip in Ukraine when he heard the Russian translation of a German song inspired by Carl Boberg's poem *O Great God*. Hine began to translate the song to English and added several verses. The third verse was inspired by the

conversion of villagers in Russia who cried out to God loudly as they repented and realized God's love and mercy: *And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.* Stuart Hine and his family left Ukraine as famine and World War II began and settled in Somerset, Britain where he continued to serve as a missionary to Polish refugees. The forth verse of *How Great Thou Art* was inspired by displaced Russians who experienced great loss and looked forward to seeing their loved ones again in heaven: *When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation to take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.* The final English version of *How Great Thou Art* was published in 1949 and quickly spread among Britain, Africa, India, and America.

ACOLYTES EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT AND LEAD THE PASTORS OUT,
SYMBOLICALLY CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (INSERT) *Always Remember* André Crouch

**Always remember Jesus, Jesus; always remember Jesus, Jesus,
always keep Him on your mind.**

*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

"A Mighty Fortress" Jan Bender

(* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!



*The chancel flowers today are given by Linda Ginter-Brown
in honor of Don's birthday.*

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

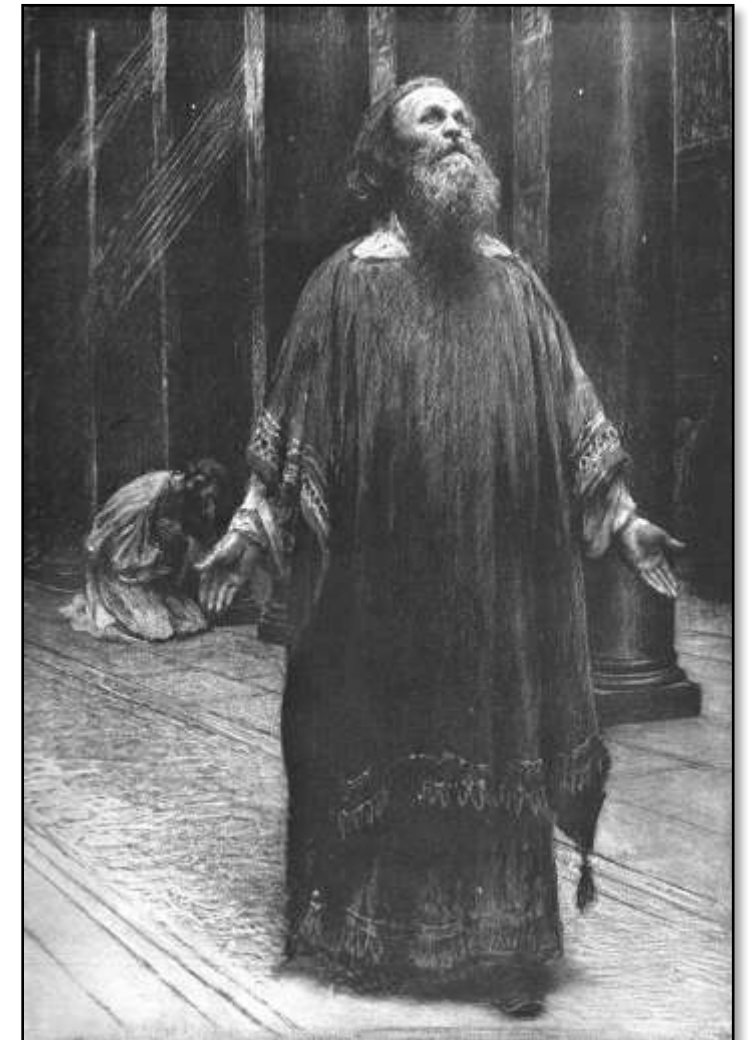
(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Sharon Appelt	Florida Dixon	Ron Petry
Kenneth Barger	Herbert Downs	Ron Pipenger
Rebecca Bauer	Jim Earnest	Susan Reichard
Marlen Berghuis	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Ken Gordon	Ed Soloski
Braden Family	Bev Harrell	Emily Taylor
Don Brown	Linda Haskin	Torrey Thrash
Jessica Brown	Barbara Jett	Jim & Anne Veghte
Robert Brown	Judy Kelly	Waldrop Family
Lynn Chadbourne	Lenore Kimbrough	Dr. Williams Family
Sydney Chadbourne	Anna Frances Lasley	Peggie Worthey
Tami Malone Charles	Vincent Liss	
Andy Collier	Tim Meador	Military Duty:
Hannah Craig	Arthur Merkle	Sebastian Ewald
Marilyn Craig	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Pamela Cress	Rose Peacock	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

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The Pharisee and Tax Collector, by Eugène Burnand, 19th c.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers
in Jesus Christ through worship, education,
fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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