Worship for Homecoming Sunday

October 7, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Community Gathers Before God

Music for Brass and Organ

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound The Church's One Foundation God of Grace and God of Glory

setting by Anne A. Davis setting by Hal Hopson setting by Paul Manz

Greeting Austin Carty

Call to Worship Rodney Norvell

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

So teach us to number our days, that we apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord be upon us.

- from Psalm 90

+Hymn 563

In Unity We Lift Our Song

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+Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Sabrina Smith

+Act of Praise Jamaican folk song



All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;

Come, you heavens and powers that be, praise the Lord and his majesty: **REFRAIN**

Hills and mountains, now sing God's worth, all you green things that grow on earth,

Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: REFRAIN

Come, humanity, sing along, sing, you people of God, a song,

All God's servants, your Lord now bless, join you spirits and souls at rest: REFRAIN

- Stephen Starke

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon

Pat Parkey & Lauren Tipton

Psalm 90 setting by Hal Hopson



Lord, You have been our dwelling place from past to coming age the same;

The mountains rise to greet Your face, the earth proclaims the Maker's name. REFRAIN

Each generation fades as grass, and flesh as dust returns to sod;

A thousand years spent here below are but as yesterday to You. REFRAIN

Teach us to measure all our days, that wisdom may our purpose be;

Each moment guide with righteousness, and fill with fervent praise to You. REFRAIN

- Michael Morgan

The First Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

Joseph Northcutt

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Anthem

Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us

by Robert Hobby

Clouds of witnesses surround us, saints whose heritage we claim.

Christ's own love has bought and bound us one with all who bear his name.

Here, within this congregation, trusting Your strong Word alone,

Help us build on this foundation: Christ, the living cornerstone.

Holy Spirit's fire falling where Your faithful people pray:

Fall on us, expectant, calling, gathered in Your name today.

Come, through word of mystic power; come, through water, bread and wine.

Gifts of grace upon us shower; Christ's pure light among us shine.

Send us where Your people languish, lost in depths of sin, despair.

Send us where they lie in anguish, wounded, wasted, bowed with care.

Lord, Your Gospel's word of freedom let our lives, our lips reveal

Till the long awaited kingdom comes this broken world to heal.

Help us, as the saints before us, bear with faithfulness Your name,

Till we join the mighty chorus singing hymns of glad acclaim:

Praise the Lamb, once slain, victorious over death forevermore.

Father, Spirit, ever glorious, Triune God whom we adore.

- Herman Stuempfle, Jr.

The Second Lesson

James 2:14-18

Sabrina Smith

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Future"

Barry Howard

The Community Responds to the Word of God

+Hymn

Lord, We Celebrate Your Presence

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If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

Lord, we celebrate Your presence; Christ, our Light, our Truth, our Way.

God, Who calls us to remember, lead us on new paths, we pray.

Blend our voices, tune our praises, Alleluia! Glory divine!

Different gifts, but one the journey; bind us with Your love sublime.

Let Your light of love shine thro' us like the dawn breaks through the night.

Give us eyes to see each other born as children of the Light.

As Your hands: embrace the lonely, lift the broken, fill the need.

Move our hearts with great compassion, help us live as mercy freed.

Lord, accept our lives as vessels, guide us as we seek Your truth.

Cleanse us with unbounded mercy, live in us, as we in You.

Use us, Lord, to spread Your message; send us, filled with wind and flame.

Many hands, but one in vision we would glorify Your name.

- Lynne Robinson

+Offertory Prayer

Rodney Norvell

Loose change received in October will benefit First Baptist Church's Shoebox Ministry to children in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky, distributed through Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

God Has Called Us

by Robert Hobby

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit's gift?

God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.

God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?

God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

- Susan Palo Cherwien

Prayers of the People

Austin Carty

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.

+Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Community Goes Forth to Serve God in Mission

+The Peace Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

And also with you

+Hymn 267 Blest Be the Tie DENNIS

+Acclamation Austin Carty

For the past, present, and future members of the First Baptist Church of Corbin, Kentucky, we give thanks, O God. In memory of those who once served, in appreciation of those who now work, and in hope of future reaping from our sowing:

To God be the glory: in the name of Jesus, through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and unto the communion of the saints. Amen.

Organ Postlude

For All the Saints

setting by Wilbur Held

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist Carolyn Garr, cantor

Joe Jordan & Justin Byrd, trumpets Steven Sudduth & Shawn Sudduth, trombones

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of all the saints of First Baptist Church by Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Woods and family

Elements in our worship service have particular historical significance: "God of Grace and God of Glory" and "The Church's One Foundation" were part of the Ninetieth Anniversary Celebration on April 28, 1985. Psalm 90 and "Amazing Grace" were included in the Centennial Celebration on April 9, 1995. Also part of that service was Lynne Robinson's hymn, "Lord, We Celebrate Your Presence," which alludes to the theme for the centennial: *One Vision – Many Hands*. For many years, "Blest Be the Tie" was the hymn that concluded Lord's Supper observances, and "For All the Saints" has been sung each year on All Saints Sunday. The Acclamation is adapted from "The Dedication," by Haskell Bolding, which was written for the November 22, 1964 dedication service for the Educational building.