

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 23, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

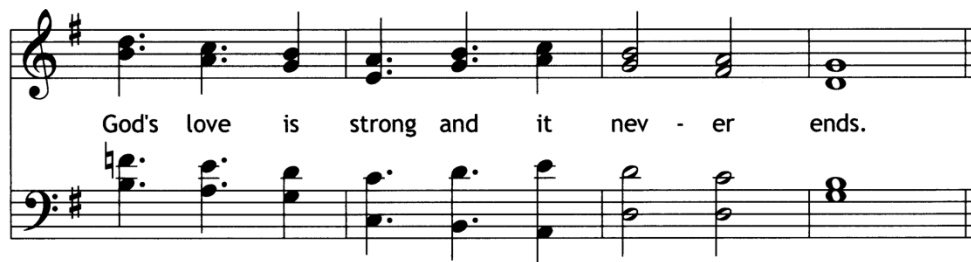
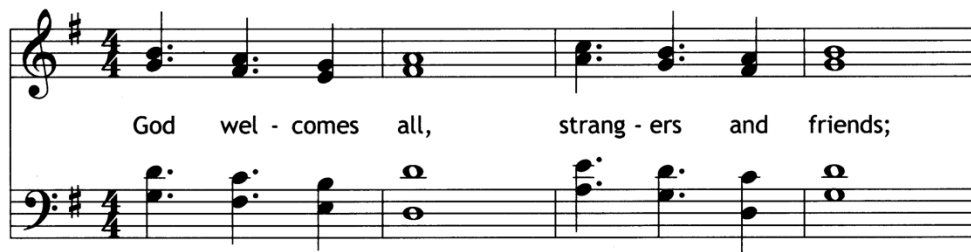
Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

South African song



- John Bell

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

Who is the greatest among us?

Who is the most righteous?

Who is the most precious?

These are earthly questions, human questions.

In God's eyes, all are precious.

Through the work of Jesus, all may be made righteous.

In the humility of the Spirit, all may find true greatness.

Great God, all righteous and most precious, receive our worship.

Lead us to a deeper understanding of You as our Creator

And of ourselves as Your creation.

+Hymn 52

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

O Worship the King

LYONS

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

+Response

LYONS

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.*

- Robert Grant

The Word

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

Psalm 27

setting by Vera Lyons



My God is my light and my sal - va - tion. Whom shall I fear?

*Lord, You protect me from all danger. **I will never be afraid.***

*Even if a whole army surrounds me, **I will not be afraid.***

*In times of trouble, **You shelter me and keep me safe.** REFRAIN*

*One thing I ask, O Lord: **to live in Your house all my days.***

*Teach me Your way, O God. **Lead me along a safe path.***

*With shouts of joy **I will sing to You!** REFRAIN*

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 5:6-14

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 96

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 9:30-37

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“But They Did Not Understand What He Was Saying”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 662

The Mission God Has Given

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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.

+Offertory Prayer

J. Bill Sosh

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

Offertory Anthem

The Servant Song

setting by David Schwoebel

If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all.

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,

Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

If anyone would be first, they shall be the last; be the servant of all.

- David Gillard

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.

Sending

+The Peace

Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

by Wendell Whalum



I'm gonna work.... I'm gonna pray.... I'm gonna sing....

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

Paul says the fruit of the Spirit is

***Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Goodness,
Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. May we live by the Spirit.***

Organ Postlude

God Is My Strong Salvation

setting by Gordon Young

God is my strong salvation: what foe have I to fear?

In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near.

His might my heart shall strengthen, his love my joy increase;

Mercy my days shall lengthen; the Lord will give me peace.

- James Montgomery

+all who are able may stand

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