

First Baptist Church at Worship

January 8, 2017
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

God Welcomes All

South African song

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of D major. The first staff has a treble clef and the second has a bass clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics.

- John Bell, 21st century

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

The One who granted us the breath of life is present here to greet us.

Praise God for the gift of life and the linking of our lives with one another.

God's own Spirit rests upon us, drawing us into the family of faith.

We have been baptized into Christ and share in the mission entrusted to Jesus.

Come together, then, to remember Jesus' baptism and to ponder its implications for us.

Open up Your heavens to us, O God, and we will praise Your name.

+Hymn 299

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

OLD 134TH

stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Merciful God,

You have come to us in Christ Jesus, promising forgiveness of sin and newness of life.

But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges.

We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness.

In Your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin.

Remind us of the promises You have made us in baptism

so that we may live as Your people, claimed in the waters of promise.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+Response

by Hal Hopson



- 20th century

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 29

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, awirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!

A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir: Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- David Gambrell, 21st century

First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 246

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Second Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“And Do You Come to Me?”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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

Lindsay Lowe

Loose change received in January will support the work of CBF Field Personnel Scarlette Jasper, who works in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky through Olive Branch Ministries and Together for Hope.

Offertory Anthem

Be Not Afraid

by Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you; be not afraid: I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;

You are mine, you are precious in My sight.

My love for you is everlasting; My love for you shall have no end.

- from Isaiah 43; 20th century

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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.

+Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

+Commission

Austin Carty

The One who granted us the breath of life has baptized us with water and Spirit.

We are supported and strengthened by God's love

and by the family of faith of which we are a part.

Carry forward the mission that Christ entrusts to us:

proclaim peace to all people everywhere.

The truth of God has been real to us here;

we go out to witness to our faith.

Amen.

Organ Postlude

To Worship, Work, and Witness

setting by Dennis Johnson

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

E. R. Hopper, Jr.

in commemoration of his January 6 birthday

by

Agnes Young

and

in memory of

Bill and Ruby Cobb

Peggy Cobb Moore

by

Tom Moore, Kellie Moore Steely, and Kristi Moore Whitehead