

# First Baptist Church at Worship

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2016

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## *Gathering*

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

Jamaican folk song



*Faithful God, You have been our guide, year by year walking by our side,*

*Blessing challenge and healing strife, leading us on the way of life. **REFRAIN***

*You have called us to be a light, sign of justice and truth and right.*

*You have made us a rainbow sign, colors showing Your peace design. **REFRAIN***

*God, whatever the future holds, keep us faithful as life unfolds.*

*Write Your covenant on our hearts; send the gifts that Your love imparts. **REFRAIN***

*- Ruth Duck, 20<sup>th</sup> century*

Call to Worship

Larry Gray

*The Lord declares, "I will make a new covenant with you."*

***It is unlike the old covenant, written on stone.***

*The Lord assures, "I will put my teaching within you  
and write it on your hearts."*

***The new covenant shall never be broken.***

*The Lord promises, "I will be your God and you will be My people."*

***Praise the Lord of promise and forgiveness!***

+Hymn 565

*God of Past, Who by Your Spirit*

HYFRYDOL

stanzas 1 and 2

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

+Response

HYFRYDOL

***God of hope, to Whom our service is entrusted for the day***

***When Your kingdom is established and all people know Your way,***

***By the leading of the Spirit guide us now, new faith instill,***

***That we face the future boldly for the doing of Your will. Amen.***

*- Milburn Price, 20<sup>th</sup> century*

# *The Word*

Children's Sermon

Larry Gray

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 31:27-34

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 119:97-104

setting by Hal Hopson



O Lord, You have the words of \_\_\_ life; O \_\_\_ teach me Your ways.

*Lord, I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long.*

***Your commandments are always with me; they make me wiser than my foes.***

*I avoid walking the path of evil in order to keep Your word.*

***Because You have taught me, I do not turn away from Your truth. REFRAIN***

*Lord, because I meditate on Your decrees, I have gained more understanding than my own teachers.*

***Because I keep Your commandments, I understand more than those of old age.***

*Your words are sweet to my taste.*

***My wisdom comes from Your precepts; therefore, I despise the way of evil. REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles: II Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Austin Carty

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 641

*Higher Ground*

HIGHER GROUND

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 18:1-8

Paul Sims

*The gospel of our Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Sermon

“Be Persistent Whether the Time Is Favorable”

Austin Carty

## *Responding*

+Hymn 249

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

AZMON

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

Nancy Rich

Loose change received in October will benefit our Shoebox ministry,  
which will be distributed through Operation Christmas Child and Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

*Write Your Blessed Name*

by K. Lee Scott

*Write Your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved*

*That no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from Your love.*

*Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,*

*And a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life.*

*O Jesus, my only Savior!*

*Write Your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved*

*That no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from Your love. Amen.*

- Thomas à Kempis, 15<sup>th</sup> century

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*

+Hymn 637

*Guide My Feet*

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+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

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

setting by Paul Manz

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

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