

First Baptist Church at Worship

November 19, 2017
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

+Gathering Song

SOON AND VERY SOON

*Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King;...
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the King.
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King;....
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King;....
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King;....*

- Andraé Crouch

+Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Make ready – for the day of the Lord is at hand!
Let us live as children of light.
The great day of the Lord is near – near and hastening fast.
Let us watch and wait – in faith, hope, and love.*

+Hymn 299

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

OLD 134TH

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*Almighty God, You have named us and claimed us and made us children of light.
Yet we reside in the darkness.
We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home,
where our talents may be tucked away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed.
You call us to live in faith, investing in the world You made –
to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing them.
Have mercy on us, Lord; have mercy.
Help us understand Your will for us. Teach us what You desire.
Give us courage to be good stewards with the gifts You have given us,
until that day when we hear the blessed words: "Well done."*

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Sims

This is our assurance: God forgives us.

This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.

This is our truth: God is with us always.

We will speak the truth, live the hope, and share the forgiveness.

Thanks be to God.

+Response

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God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;

Then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

- James Montgomery

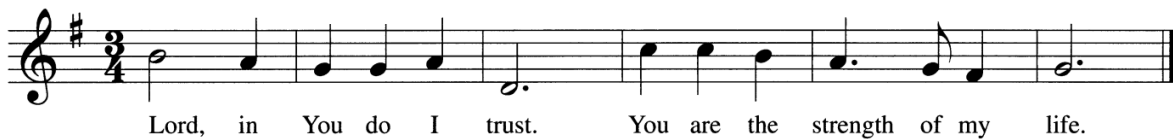
The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

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***

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***

Our mornings may You fill with love, and show Your grace when day is past;

*That all our life may favor find, till we shall be with You at last. **REFRAIN***

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Epistles: I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn

As Sons of the Day and Daughters of Light

LYONS

***As sons of the day and daughters of light, no longer we sleep like creatures of night,
For Jesus has died that with him we may live; by all he has given we learn how to give.***

One body in Christ, let all play their part: the lazy be warned, the timid take heart;

Let those who are hurt never pay back with wrong, but serve one another: together be strong!

May God who first called, gave peace and made whole, preserve us from fault in body and soul;

Our Lord Jesus Christ keep us firm in his grace until at his coming we meet face to face.

- Christopher Idle

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 25:14-30

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Well Done”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 671

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

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

Olivia Gregory

Loose change received in November will benefit the Disaster Relief Ministries of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. For more information, visit www.cbf.net.

Offertory Anthem

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

by Kathleen Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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.

+Hymn 587

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

stanza 1 – all in unison

stanza 2 – female voices

stanza 3 – male voices

stanza 4 – all in parts

stanza 5 – all in unison

+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

Now Thank We All Our God

setting by Claude Means

from Bach Cantata No. 79: *Nun danket alle Gott*

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

Elizabeth Reese, cantor

Cierra Ledford, Casie McBurney, and Lexie Petrey, readers

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of our parents

Arnold and Evelyn Disney

by

Linda and Bobby McBurney and family