

# First Baptist Church at Worship

November 26, 2017  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

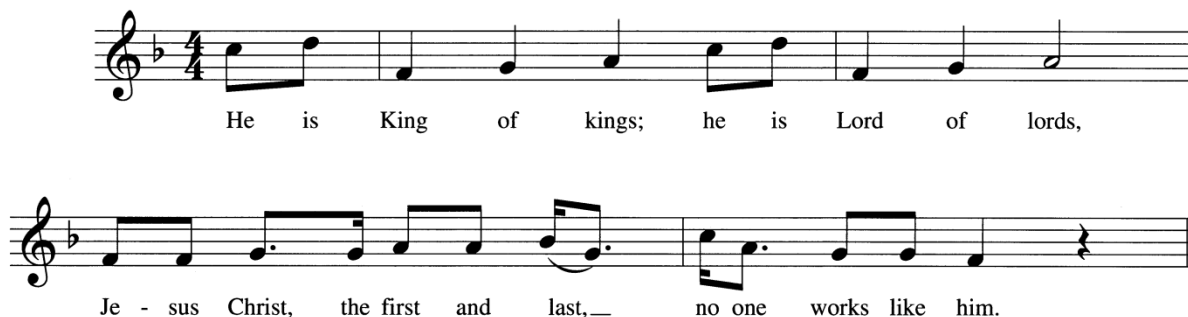
## THE REIGN OF CHRIST

### *Gathering*

Gathering Song

*He Is King of Kings*

setting by Melva Costen



*He built his throne up in the air, no one works like him,*

*And called his saints from everywhere, no one works like him. REFRAIN*

*He pitched his tents on Canaan ground, no one works like him,*

*And broke oppressive kingdoms down, no one works like him. REFRAIN*

*I know that my Redeemer lives, no one works like him,*

*And by his love sweet blessing gives, no one works like him. REFRAIN*

- African-American spiritual

+Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*O come, let us sing to the Lord;*

***Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!***

*Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;*

***Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!***

*For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

- Psalm 95:1-3

+Hymn 223

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Sims

*God searches for the lost,  
and finds us;  
God invites the hungry to the table,  
and feeds us;  
God sends Jesus,  
and frees us from death's prison;  
God forgives our sins,  
and heals us with mercy and grace.*

+Response

HYFRYDOL

*I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me:  
How he left his home in glory for the cross of Calvary.  
I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,  
Threw his loving arms around me, drew me back into his way.*

- Francis Rowley

## *The Word*

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Alex Lockridge

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 95:6-7a

*O come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
And we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand.*

Hymn 405

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 25:31-46

Paul Sims

*The Gospel of our Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Sermon

“The Sheep Pen(cil)”

Alex Lockridge

# 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

Alex Lockridge

Loose change received in November will benefit the Disaster Relief Ministries of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. For more information, visit [www.cbf.net](http://www.cbf.net).

Offertory Anthem

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

setting by John Innes

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name:  
In pastures green he makes me feed beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways;  
And leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay;  
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

- from Psalm 23; Isaac Watts

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 657

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

GERMANY

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*... may we rejoice in his peace, glory in his justice, and live in his love. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

setting by Matt Limbaugh

+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*

David Burton

*by*

*JoAnn Burton*

Next Sunday Evening at Six O'clock

## Advent Family Dinner

*please bring a covered dish and join us as we celebrate the season of Advent*