

# First Baptist Church at Worship

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

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

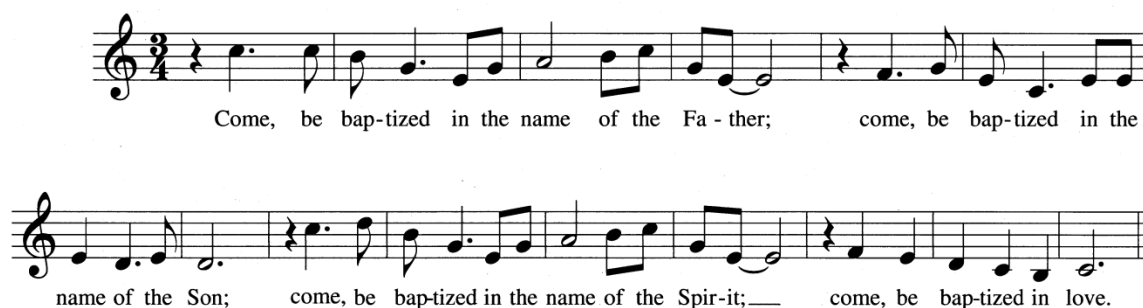
## *Gathering*

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

COME, BE BAPTIZED



*Come as a child, come to the waters; to the family of God, come, sons and daughters.*

*Come to the river, the Lord, the life-giver; wash in the love that is sent from above. **REFRAIN***

*Come as a child, come, sons and daughters, draw from the well life-giving waters.*

*Drink of the river, the Lord, the life-giver; feel how it pours out the life that is yours. **REFRAIN***

- Gary Alan Smith

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*Every good gift belongs to us, and we belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.*

***Praise God, in whom we live and move and have our being.***

*Praise the Lord!*

***The Lord's name be praised!***

+Hymn 310

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

stanzas 1, 2, and 4

+Opening Prayer

Austin Carty

*... that we may live as Your children who testify to Your all-inclusive love. **Amen.***

+Act of Praise

HYMN TO JOY

***Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,***

***Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!***

***Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother – all who live in love are Thine;***

***Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.***

- Henry van Dyke

+Exhortation

Paul Sims

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.  
Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. God showed  
God's love for us by sending his only Son into the world,  
so that we might have life through him.*

***This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God,  
but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the means  
by which our sins are forgiven.***

*We are sure that we live in union with God and that God lives in  
union with us, because God has given us the Spirit.*

***If anyone declares that Jesus is the Son of God, that one  
lives in union with God and God lives in union with him.***

*We love because God first loved us.*

***The command that Christ has given us is this:  
those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.***

- from I John 4

The Baptism of Lucas Tremaine

Alex Lockridge

Hymn 449

*Baptized in Water*

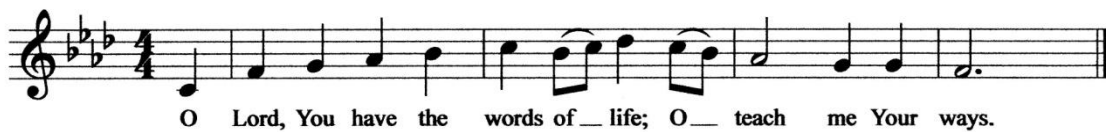
BUNESSAN

during the singing of the hymn, children (ages 4 through 8) are invited  
to meet their Children's Church leaders at the door near the baptistery.

*The Word*

Psalm 119:33-40

Casie McBurney and Alexia Petrey



*Teach me, Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I will always follow them.  
Help me know Your law and how to understand it with all my heart.  
Guide me in the path of Your commandments; may it be my delight.  
Turn my heart to Your laws, and away from selfish gain. **REFRAIN**  
Lord, turn my eyes from the lure of vanities, and let me live by Your word.  
Keep Your promise, the promise given to all who revere You.  
Spare me from the insults that I fear. How good are Your commands!  
Lord, You know that I want to do what is right; help me live by Your justice. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles: I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Austin Carty

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 507

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 5:38-48

Paul Sims

*The Gospel of our Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Sermon

“If You Love Those Who Love You”

Austin Carty

## *Responding*

+Hymn

*To Love Just Those Who Love You*

AURELIA

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.

***To love just those who love you is rarely hard to do.***

***For even unbelievers love those who love them too.***

***But you must love, said Jesus, those you don't care about,***

***And feed them if they're hungry though you must do without.***

***To laugh with those who please you and share a simple joy***

***Is different from enduring the people who annoy;***

***And those you hate, said Jesus, or wound you deep within,***

***Are still your Father's children and must be claimed as kin.***

***Since Christ is Truth and Teacher, the Daystar and the Day,***

***The Life and our Life-giver, Wayfarer and the Way,***

***If you would come, said Jesus, and my companion be,***

***In love and joy and suffering you'll walk God's path with me.***

- Rae E. Whitney

+Offertory Prayer

Nancy Rich

Loose change received in February will support the Youth Mission Trip to Managua, Nicaragua this June.

Offertory Anthem

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

by Gilbert Martin

text is that of hymn 248

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 HUNDREDETH

*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*

## +Sending Song

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

by Wendell Whalum

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime; ....*
2. *I'm gonna work so God can use me, ....*
3. *I'm gonna pray so God can use me, ....*
4. *I'm gonna sing so God can use me, ....*

- 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.*

*Amen.*

## Organ Postlude

*The Church's One Foundation*

setting by John Innes

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

*Sanctuary flowers are given in celebration of the birthdays of*

*Mollie Daniel and Kevin Pace*

*by*

*Mark and Jenny Daniel*

*Daniel, Lindsay, Harrison, and Jackson Lowe*

*Sue Mills and Sherry Pace*