# First Baptist Church at Worship

#### The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

# Gathering

**Organ Voluntary** 

Fairest Lord Jesus\*

setting by Dale Wood

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!
- Richard Storrs Willis

#### Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

And also with you.

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Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Jesus Christ, who rules over all things, gathers us in love.

Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!

+Hymn

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

\*LYONS

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol, his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh; his presence we have;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

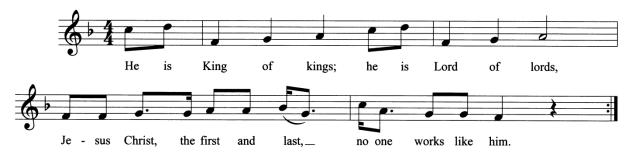
- Charles Wesley

+Confession of Sin Paul Sims

Gracious God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment, we confess that we easily set our hopes on uncertain riches, harmful desires, and senseless things. Failing to pursue godliness and discounting the gift of contentment, we soon wander from the ways of faithful obedience and neglect those with whom we might share Your plentiful gifts. Forgive us, O God, and inspire us anew to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, that in storing up eternal treasure and building on a good foundation for the future, we may take hold of the life that really is life,

for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

+ Act of Praise HE IS KING



He built his throne up in the air; and called his saints from everywhere. REFRAIN

He pitched his tents on Canaan ground; and broke oppressive kingdoms down. REFRAIN

I know that my Redeemer lives; and by his love sweet blessing gives. REFRAIN

- African American spiritual

# **Proclaiming**

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Psalm 146

setting by Mason Martens



Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them, who keeps promises forever,

who gives justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. REFRAIN

 ${\it The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;}$ 

God sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. REFRAIN

#### A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Alex Lockridge

I Timothy 6:6-19

+Hymn 223

Crown Him with Many Crowns

**DIADEMATA** 

#### A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

- Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

"Even If Someone Rises from the Dead"

Alex Lockridge

# Responding

+Hymn 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

**CWM RHONDDA** 

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in September will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden, which provides fresh vegetables to the patrons of our Food Pantry.

Offertory Anthem

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

by Theron Kirk

The Sanctuary Choir
Donna Davis, accompanist

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Take no thought of what to eat, take no thought of what to drink,

Take no thought for the morrow. He knows all your needs.

- from Matthew 6

Remembering Our Past

Wes Tipton

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 Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 622 He Lives ACKLEY

+Commission and Blessing Jeremiah Banks, Alex Lockridge, and Paul Sims

Go from this place and take hold of the life that really is life. Shun the eagerness for money, but be rich in good works.

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

And may God be your refuge and fortress, may Christ Jesus free you from all that ensnares you, and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. **Amen.** 

Organ Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

setting by Anna Laura Page

+all who are able may stand

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Edmond and Edith Wyatt
Ray Tipton
Coy B. and Opal Lee Hammons
by
Lauren Rae and Vance Rose

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

\*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III