

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 23, 2009

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Gathering

Gathering Songs

from the 1940 Broadman Hymnal

"We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"

by William Miller

The Men of the Summer Choir

*O land of rest, for thee I sigh! When will the moment come
When I shall lay my armor by and dwell in peace at home?
To Jesus Christ I fled for rest; he bade me cease to roam,
And lean for succor on his breast till he conducts me home.
I sought at once my Savior's side, no more my steps to roam:
With him I'll brave death's chilling tide, and reach my heavenly home.
We'll work till Jesus comes, and we'll be gathered home.*

— Elizabeth Mills, 19th century

"Our Best"

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Greeting and Call to Worship

John Hewett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

— from Psalm 136

+ Hymn 16

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

DUKE STREET

+ Invocation

Paul Sims

+ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session

+ Affirmation of Faith

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*We believe God has made us a people
to invite others to follow Christ,
to encourage one another to deeper commitment,
to proclaim forgiveness of sins and hope,
to reconcile people to God through word and deed,
to bear witness to the power of love over hate,
to proclaim Jesus the Ruler of all,
to meet the daily tasks of life with purpose,
to suffer joyfully for the cause of right,
to the ends of the earth,
to the end of the age,
to the praise of Christ's glory.*

Celebration of Christian Baptism

John Hewett

The baptism of Ria Edwards

The Word

Psalm – “A Simple Song”

by Leonard Bernstein

sung by Paul Sims

*Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laudé.
Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laudé.
Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things,
For God is the simplest of all.
I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing His praises while I live all of my days.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him.
Lauda, Lauda, Laudé – and walks in His ways.
I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laudé.
For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,
And the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laudé,
And walks in His ways.
Lauda, Lauda, Laudé, all of my days.*

A Reading from Second Thessalonians

Babs Simpson

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Dog Days of Faith”

John Hewett

Responding

+ Hymn

“As Sons of the Day and Daughters of Light”

HANOVER

First Baptist Church of Monroe welcomes all persons to participate in the full range of our services, programs, ministries and mission activities. Membership is open to anyone professing faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Persons may offer themselves as candidates for membership by profession of faith and baptism, by statement of previous conversion and baptism, or by transfer of membership from another church. Membership may be requested in writing or during regular worship services. If you wish to present yourself for membership today, come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and our minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

*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!*

*Be constant in prayer, at all times rejoice,
In all things give thanks – let God hear your voice!
Alive to the Spirit, alert to the word,
Test all things, and hold to what pleases the Lord.*

*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, 20th century

+ Offertory Prayer

Carol Tyson

All loose change received in August will benefit Restoration House, a local residential program whose purpose is to reach out to lost and broken people. Please give as you are able.

Offertory

“God Has Called Us”

by **Robert Hobby**

The Summer Choir

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God’s praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit’s gift?

God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.

God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?

God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God’s praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives!

– Susan Palo Cherwien, 20th century

Stewardship Journey

Jim and Sara Spahr Stubbs

+ Act of Consecration

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel

+ Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Sending

+ Commission

David Mosely and Fred Simpson

*Till all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled;
Till no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled;
Till age and race and gender no longer separate;
Till pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate:*

God has work for us to do.

*In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill,
In boardroom and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still,
In classrooms, church, and office, in shops or on the street;
In every place where people thrive or starve or hide or meet:*

God has work for us to do.

*By sitting at a bedside to hold pale trembling hands,
By speaking for the powerless against unjust demands,
By praying through our doing and singing though we fear,
By trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near:*

God has work for us to do.

+ Closing Song

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“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

ENVIADO

Organ Postlude

*Choral Improvisation on
“Now Thank We All Our God”*

by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

+ Those who are able may stand

Personal Listening Devices are available for worship. Request one from an usher.

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~ All worshipers are encouraged to complete the Attendance Register located at the end of each pew. ~

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

John H. Hewett, Senior Minister

Paul M. Sims, Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Guest Organist

David Mosely, Ministry Intern

Carol Tyson, Deacon

Fred and Babs Simpson, Reader

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

Christina Kale, David and Brenda Lowery

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by the parents
of Katie Alice Cox and Drew Walker
to the glory of God and in loving honor of their marriage
in our sanctuary yesterday*

This Week at FBC

Sunday, August 23

- 9:00 AM** Summer Choir
- 9:45 AM** Sunday School
- 10:45 AM** Preschool Extended Session
- 11:00 AM** Service of Worship
- 6:00 PM** Messy Marvin Party

Monday, August 24

- 6:30 PM** TOPS

Tuesday, August 25

- 9:30 AM** Craft Club

Wednesday, August 26

- 6:00 PM** Capital Projects Committee
Choir Room

Thursday, August 27

- 6:00 PM** Weekday Preschool Orientation
- 6:30 PM** Weekday Preschool Open House

Community Disaster Response Team Food Trailer

Did you know that we have a crisis here in Union County? With the down turn in the national and local economies we have many families that are hungry and in need of food. Most of our local crisis ministries are running low and donations are slow. The Community Disaster Response Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte and the Service Ministry Team at First Presbyterian Church (FPC) are partnering to collect food for these agencies.

For the month of September, a 28-foot enclosed trailer will be placed in the parking lot of FPC located at 302 E. Windsor Street to collect non-perishable foods. This includes items such as canned goods, boxed dinners and any other non-perishable food items, such as peanut butter. At the end of four weeks the food will be divided between Loaves and Fishes and Crisis Assistance Ministry, two local assistance agencies. In the past 12 months Loaves and Fishes has spent \$32,000 on food compared to \$17,000 in the previous 12 months. This trailer will be staffed by members of FPC and will be open on:

Wednesdays: 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Sundays: 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.

If any further information is required, please call First Presbyterian Church at 704.289.2574. It is our prayer to fill this trailer and to help fill these pantries to overflowing.

Summer Picnic

The annual Summer Picnic will be held at Belk Tonawanda Park on Wednesday, September 2. We will be joined by members of Wingate Baptist and First Baptist Marshville. Music will be provided by the Norris Family. Those preparing food need to know how many will attend. Sign up in your Sunday School class or call the church office if you plan to attend.

Alarm System

The security alarm system is now installed and activated. If you need to get into the buildings after office hours, you must call and inform the church office. If you come into the buildings (this includes ALL doors) without a code, the alarm will go off and the police department will be notified.

Book Drive

The Weekday Preschool is seeking donations of gently used or new children's books. This can include picture books, nonfiction children's books, poetry books, audio books and multicultural books. Place donations in the marked container in the Gathering Area.

Baptism Class

Dr. Hewett will be teaching a class for children ages 8-12 entitled "Baptism: A Road Map for Young Disciples." It will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 beginning September 16. This will be a seven-week class. To register, call the church office or email Dr. Hewett.

Book Club

The Faith in Fiction Book Club will meet Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Participants will review and discuss Ken Follett's book World Without End. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the discussion. Members invite you to join them the first Thursday of each month.