

# First Baptist Church at Worship

August 30, 2009

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

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## Gathering

Gathering Song – *“Guide My Feet”*  
please see page 7

setting by Wendell Whalum

Greeting

John Hewett

*The Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Organ Voluntary

*“Berceuse”*

by Louis Vierne

Call to Worship

David Mosely and Paul Sims

+ Hymn 363

*“God of the Ages”*

BUNESSAN

+ Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

*God of the ages and of this present moment, forgive us.*

*We confess that too often we live by tunnel vision,  
failing to see beyond tomorrow's deadline.*

*We become immersed in our little worlds,*

*and let an entire world pass by, unnoticed and unloved.*

*Frustration overcomes patience, and anxiety replaces faith.*

*Your promises come easily to our lips, but are more difficult in our lives.*

*We confess our sins, Lord, asking that in your forgiveness  
we may receive a wider vision, a sense of history and future  
much larger than our tiny moment in time.*

*Grant us faith to accept your word;*

*grant us hope that comes from your presence in our lives.*

+ Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:*

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+ The Peace

John Hewett

*The peace of the Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

+ 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

**The Word**

Psalm 66

setting by Hal Hopson



Praise the Lord! Lift every voice! Al - le - lu - ia, sing, re-joice!

*Make a joyful noise to God! All creation join the song!  
See God's wonders here displayed, unexcelled for ages long.  
Glorious is God's sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.*

**REFRAIN**

*Come and see what God has done: great the blessings to the just;  
Walked the chosen through the sea; brought their mighty foes to dust.  
Let us lift a thankful voice; praise God's mercies, sing, rejoice!*

**REFRAIN**

*Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our song of praise be heard!  
By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.  
When our days on earth are past, God will guide us home at last.*

**REFRAIN**

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Joshua 3:1-5

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

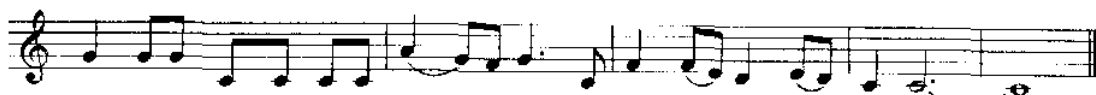
Canticle – “The First Song of Isaiah”

setting by Jack Noble White

The Choral Scholars and the Congregation



Sure ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav ior.

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*

**REFRAIN**

*Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.*

**REFRAIN**

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

**REFRAIN**

Sermon

*“Back to the Future”*

John Hewett

*A Divine Indicative  
A Decisive Imperative  
A Daring Initiative*

**Responding**

+ Hymn

*“Rejoice! Our Loving God”*

MARION

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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.

+ Offertory Prayer

Melody Hawkins

*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 of Grace and God of Glory”* setting by Paul Langston

The Summer Choir

*God of grace and God of glory on Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour!  
Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days!  
Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not man nor Thee!*

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 20<sup>th</sup> century

Concerns of the Congregation

John Hewett

The Discipline of Silence

# Prayers of the People

sung prayer:

*O God, your constant care and love are shed upon us from above,  
Throughout our lives in every stage, from infancy to later age.  
We thank you, Lord, for dreams of youth, for wisdom leading on to truth.  
For memories gathered through the years, and faith that grows from joys and tears.*



All time is yours, O Lord, to give. May we, in all the years we live, find that each day of life is



new. a cel-e-bration, Lord, with you. Let not the pas-ing of the years rob us of joy or cause us



fears. and may our faith, O Lord, hold true, that we may al-ways rest in you

spoken prayer:

## 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

*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		Paul Sims
+ Hymn 634	<i>"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"</i>	CWM RHONDDA
+ Benediction		John Hewett
Organ Postlude	<i>"Festive Voluntary on CWM RHONDDA"</i>	by Paul Manz

+ Those who are able may stand

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

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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*

*Jessica Bachelder, Cantor*

*Jiu Stubbs, Soloist*

*Taylor Vancil, Guitarist*

*Lindsay Harris, Percussionist*

*Melody Hawkins, Deacon*

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

*Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Brenda Lowery and Lauren Lowery*

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by the Mills Family  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Mills*

## *This Week at FBC*

### **Sunday, August 30**

- 9:00 AM** Summer Choir
- 9:45 AM** Sunday School
- 10:45 AM** Preschool Extended Session
- 11:00 AM** Service of Worship
- 12:00 PM** College Lunch in Multipurpose Room
- 12:00 PM** Board of Missions in Choir Room

### **Monday, August 31**

- 9:00 AM** Weekday Preschool Begins
- 10:30 AM** Song Service at Brian Center
- 6:30 PM** TOPS

### **Tuesday, September 1**

- 9:30 AM** Craft Club
- 6:30 PM** Coordinating Committee and  
Capital Projects Committee

### **Wednesday, September 2**

- 5:30 PM** Picnic at Belk Tonawanda Park

### **Thursday, September 3**

- 7:00 PM** Faith in Fiction Book Club in Parlor