

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2010

Ten Forty-five O'Clock in the Morning

Assemble In God's Name

Greeting

John Hewett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Organ Voluntary

"Variations on 'Nettleton'"

by Undine S. Moore

Call to Worship

Lauren and Hannah Echols

*God, whose steadfast love fills the universe,
rejoices in our presence here.*

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

*God breaks through the silences of our lives
and calls us by a new name.*

With you, O God, is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

Let us worship God.

+ Hymn 20

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ODE TO JOY

+ Confession and Assurance

Paul Sims

+ Response

by Hal Hopson

All, unison

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for giv en. We are for-
giv - en. Thanks be to God. — Thanks be to God.

+ 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 after a time with Mr. David

Proclaim God's Word

The First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

John Hewett

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36

setting by Hal Hopson

Refrain

Sing! Sing! Lift ev - 'ry voice! Sing to the
Lord; O sing, re-joice! Let your songs ring out! Lift
ev - 'ry voice! Let your songs ring out! O sing, re-joice!

Your gifts, O Lord, surpass the heavens, your faithful ways, the clouds above.

How matchless are your righteous ways; how dear is your redeeming love. REFRAIN

Beneath the shadow of your wings, your people banquet at your board;

They drink the cup of pure delights and taste the pleasure of the Lord. REFRAIN

God is the well-spring of my life, and in God's light, I light shall see.

The pure of heart true favor find, and in God's law their liberty. REFRAIN

The Second Lesson

John 2:1-11

Sarah Poindexter

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*"Who Are You, Really?"
You Are God's Delight*

John Hewett

Anthem

*"And the Father Will Dance"
The Choral Scholars*

by Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom he loves.

Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God himself is exulting o'er you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God, for God has answered all my cries.

His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored!

Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!

—from Zephaniah 3 & Psalm 34

Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

| Hymn 45

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

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

Gerhard Ungerer

All loose change received in January will benefit our Weekday Preschool's Scholarship program -- providing assistance for parents who have recently become unemployed. Please give as you are able.

Offertory

“As the Bridegroom to His Chosen”

setting by Jane Marshall

The Chancel Choir

*As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm,
As the keepunto the castle, as the pilot to the helm, so, Lord, art thou to me.
As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark,
As the treasure in the coffer, as the manna in the ark, so, Lord, art thou to me.
As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal,
As the medicine to the fainting, as the cup unto the meal, so, Lord, art thou to me.
As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb,
As the light within the lantern, as the parent in the home, so, Lord, art thou to me.
As the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass,
As the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew upon the grass, so, Lord, art thou to me.*

John Tauler, 14th century

Prayers of the People

John Hewett

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*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.*

Go In God's Name

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

Go forth with praise on your lips.

The steadfast love of God will light your paths.

We want to offer light and hope to others.

Daily, we will seek inspiration for this joyous task.

Reach out as listening, caring, healing people.

Your love will become a miracle for someone in need.

We pray that God will keep us open to further learning.

May our humble witness attract others to Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn 514

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

ASSURANCE

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

"Toccata on 'Hymn To Joy'"

by Mark Thallander

† 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, Organist

Sarah Poindexter and David Mosely, Ministry Interns

Chuck Zolovitz, Tenor

The Chancel Choir

The Choral Scholars

Gerhard Ungerer, Deacon

Hannah and Lauren Echols, Readers

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Denise Hopper

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Mr. and Mrs. Lance Dunn
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cory Dunn*