

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

First Baptist Church at Worship

November 1, 2009

Ten Forty-five O'Clock in the Morning

ALL SAINTS

Assemble In God's Name

Gathering Songs

Sarah Levering and the "Scholars" Quartet

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?

When shall my sorrows have an end? The joys, when shall I see?

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye

To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land;

O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!

In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest;

And our spirits shall sorrow no more – not a sign for the blessing of rest.

In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;

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Thy saints are crowned with glory great; they see God face to face;

They triumph still, they still rejoice: most happy is their case.

Face to face with Christ my Savior, face to face – what will it be

When with rapture I behold him, Jesus Christ who died for me?

Face to face I shall behold him, far beyond the starry sky;

Face to face in all his glory, I shall see him by and by.

Greeting

John Hewett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Call to Worship

Taylor Vancil

Come, people of God –

God is here in our midst, inviting us into a new place.

Who can climb the mountain of our God,

who can dwell in God's holy place?

The God who offered a land flowing with milk and honey

offers a new heaven and a new earth, a holy city, a place of God's presence.

Who can climb the mountain of our God,

who can dwell in God's holy place?

God calls us to cleanse our hearts,

to offer ourselves to God with all our beings.

Let us climb the mountain of our God;

let us dwell in God's holy place!

+ Hymn 335

"Great Is the Lord Our God"

TERRA BEATA

stanzas 1 and 3

+ The Peace

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

John Hewett

+ Gloria Patri

*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.*

GREATOREX

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session after a brief prayer with Dr. Hewett

Proclaim God's Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

Sara Spahr Stubbs

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

Psalm 24 – “*My God Is An Awesome God*”

by Keith Hampton

sung by the Chancel Choir
Brooke Blevins and Chuck Zuloovitz, soloists

*My God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let's give him the praise.
My God is an awesome God. His wondrous acts let us proclaim.
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.
My God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let's give him the praise.
God sent me to a distant land, and he showed his greatness and majesty.
I was an empty cup and he made me full, and he ordained me to do his will.
God is good; he's always right on time. Let's take the time to glorify the Lord.
Hold on and never let go. He is our friend indeed. Let's tell the world that he is our God.
For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
Oh, my God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let's give him the praise.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of glory shall come in!
The Lord is strong and mighty in battle. Send me. Anoint me. Use me, Lord.
My God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let's give him the praise.*

Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6a

Fred Simpson

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

Sermon

“*All Things New*”

John Hewett

Give Thanks To God

+ Hymn

“*Shall We Gather at the River?*”

HANSON PLACE

please see insert

Remembrance and Thanksgiving

John Hewett and Sara Spahr Stubbs

Betty Brantley	Pauline Hinde
Virginia Cash	Billie Kerr
Reba Fitzgerald	Johnsie Montgomery
Ed Gaskins	Harry Sherwood
Maurice Haigler	Addie Bell Smith

Anthem

“In Remembrance”
The Chancel Choir
Sarah Poindexter, conductor

by Jeffrey Ames

*Let light eternal shine on them, O Lord.
Turn to me and be gracious for my heart is in distress.
Oh God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
My tears linger at night, but joy comes in the morning light.
Lord, in your infinite mercy, grant them rest. Rest forevermore.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

John Hewett

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

+ Hymn 751

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

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

Harvey Whitley

All loose change received in November will benefit Change for Children, an organization that helps build schools and provides supplies and necessities for children in Hairobi, Kenya. Please give as you are able.

Organ Offertory

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

setting by George Shearing

+ 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 and Blessing

John Hewett

*Go from this place to continue the work
of making our world new with the Spirit of Christ.
Where there is hurt, and tears are falling,
we will be God's comfort.
Where there is anger, and violence reigns supreme,
we will be God's peace.
Where there is neglect, and loneliness abides,
we will be God's love.
Go as saints of this generation who are
the love of God,
the incarnation of Christ,
and the friendship of the Spirit.
Amen.*

Organ Postlude

“Improvisation on SINE NOMINE”

by Timothy Belflowers

+ 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

David Mosely, Ministry Intern

Sarah Poindexter, Ministry Intern

Taylor Vancil, Ministry Intern

The Chancel Choir

The Choral Scholars

Harvey Whitley, Deacon

Fred Simpson, Reader

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Jane Hawkins and Lisa Davis

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Joy Shute and children
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kurt Shute*

Something New For This Year's Fall Bazaar

The annual Fall Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 7. Invite someone to attend with you. Items available for sale will include all types of casseroles, homemade cakes/pies/candy/cookies/breads, etc., craft items, Christmas decorations and so much more. Something new for this year -- Santa will be at the Bazaar! Parents, bring your children and camera. You can take your child's picture with Santa for a donation of your choice. Proceeds will be given to Crisis Assistance Ministry.

Mission Blitz - Saturday, November 14

Sign up on the Missions Board across from the Choir Room to help with one of the projects for this one-day mission blitz in our community. A **Celebration Feast** will follow on Sunday, November 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Faith in Fiction Book Club

You are invited to join the members of the Book Club for their meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Pat Conroy's book *South of Broad* will be reviewed and discussed.

Chancel Ringers

Chancel Ringers will begin this Sunday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. (Snack Supper at 6:30). Membership is open. Contact Paul Sims for more information. Also, several people have indicated an interest in starting a new handbell group on Wednesday evenings (6:15-7:15). If interested, contact Paul Sims at paul.sims@monroefirstbaptist.org or 704-219-1440.

Called Church Meeting

There will be a Called Church Meeting on Sunday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m. Purpose is to consider a proposal to reduce the 2009-10 Operating Budget.

