

# ***you will be my witnesses***

-- (Acts 1:8)

**First Baptist Church at Worship**

***Christ the King***

November 22, 2009

Ten Forty-five O'Clock in the Morning

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## **Assemble in God's Name**

Organ Voluntary      *"Meditation on 'We Gather Together'"*      arranged by John Ferguson

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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*The Lord has said, "Zion is my resting place forever;  
for I have desired it.*

***"I will abundantly bless its provisions;  
I will satisfy its poor with bread.***

*"Its priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and its faithful will shout for joy."*

—from Psalm 132

+ Hymn      *"All People that on Earth Do Dwell"*      OLD HUNDREDTH

The Chancel Choir, the Choral Scholars and the Congregation

***All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him, and rejoice.***

***The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.***

*O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.*

***To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.***

— William Kethe, 1560

+ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Paul Sims

+ 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

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

Revelation 1:4b-8

Nancy Sumrow

Psalm 100 — “*Jubilate Deo*”

sung by the Chancel Choir

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;  
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;  
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise;  
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;  
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
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.*

setting by Glenn Rudolph

Second Lesson

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

John 18:33-37

John Hewett

Sermon

“*Not from Around Here*”

John Hewett

## Give Thanks to God

Anthem

“*My Song Is Love Unknown*”  
The Chancel Choir

by Edwin Childs

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their king.  
Then “Crucify” is all their breath and for his death they thirst and cry.  
Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight.  
What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.  
Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores.  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like yours!  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

— Samuel Crossman, 1664

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 262

*“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

DARWALL

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

Nathan Hopper

*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 Nairobi, Kenya. Our Girls’ Mission Group has been studying this organization. Please give as you are able.*

Offertory

*“Antiphon”*

by R. Vaughan Williams

Paul Sims

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.  
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly:  
The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.  
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.*

– George Herbert, 1633

Concerns of the Congregation

John Hewett

Prayers of the People

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

– The Venerable Bede, 8<sup>th</sup> century

## Sending

+ Commission

Paul Sims

+ Hymn 92

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

DIADEMATA

stanzas 1 and 4

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

*“Processional on ‘Praise to the Lord the Almighty’”*

by Martin Shaw

+ 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*

*Timothy Belflowers, Organist*

*The Chancel Choir*

*The Choral Scholars*

*Nathan Hopper, Deacon*

*Nancy Sumrow, Reader*

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

*Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Annette Kilby and Ann Handy*

*The Thanksgiving arrangement in the Sanctuary today is given by*

*Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Tim McBride, Boe and Nolan McBride, and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mills*

*to the glory of God and in loving memory of*

*Mr. and Mrs. James Pearle Springs, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. James Edward McBride, and Mr. Kevin Gordon  
and in loving honor of Tim McBride*

*Teresa and Lance Dunn are celebrating the renewal of their wedding vows and wish to thank each person here for  
their support. They ask that everyone take an orange rose as they exit today as a gift to show  
positive feelings of love and compassion for each other.*

## **Community Thanksgiving Service**

Join us for a Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 in the sanctuary. FBC members are asked to use a digital camera or camera phone to take photos to complete this sentence: *"I thank God for ..."*. Then, email them to the church office: [kathy.cole@monroefirstbaptist.org](mailto:kathy.cole@monroefirstbaptist.org). These photos will be displayed during the service.

## **Season of Advent**

The Season of Advent will begin next Sunday, November 29. Dr. Hewett will lead adult Bible Fellowship classes at 9:30 in the Multipurpose Room. Darcy and Boyce Duncan will light the Hope Candle in the Advent Wreath. Dr. Hewett will begin the sermon series, "Christmas is a Verb," with the message, "Expect," from Luke 21:25-36.

## **Week of Prayer Luncheon**

This year's Week of Prayer Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 3 at 12:00 noon in the Multipurpose Room. Guest speaker will be Pam Caskey, director of Union County's United Family Services. The lunch is for both women and men. Reservations can be made in your Bible Fellowship Class or by calling the church office. Cost is a donation of your choice, which goes to missions.



