

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

-- (Acts 1:8)

## **First Baptist Church at Worship**

November 8, 2009

Ten Forty-five O'Clock in the Morning

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### **The Gathering**

#### **Gathering Song**

***"One God and Father of Us All"***

by Kyle Matthews

The Choral Scholars, David Mosely, soloist

*All the gifts that God has given by his grace to everyone*

*Were meant to give us each a place to serve.*

*And if we will come together to see his will be done,*

*We will share in blessings more than we deserve.*

*There is one God and Father of us all, above all and through all and in all.*

*In the bond of holy unity with our spirits joined as one,*

*Let us live lives worthy of the call of the one God and Father of us all.*

*There are differences among us God can use to make us strong.*

*Our tapestry, his living work of art.*

*In the love that unifies us by the faith that leads us on,*

*We can follow with one purpose and one heart.*

***There is One God and Father of us all, above all and through all and in all.***

***In the bond of holy unity with our spirits joined as one,***

***Let us live lives worthy of the call of the one God and Father of us all.***

#### **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.***



*What does our God ask of us in this time and place?*

***To worship God with our whole hearts.***

*What does our God seek in our lives?*

***To care for one another with compassion and mercy.***

*What service does God invite from us?*

***To give what we have, with open hearts.***

*What blessing does God seek for the world?*

***That we share in raising up the poor, the lost and the broken.***

*Let us worship God here, that we might grow in love and service everywhere.*

#### **+ Hymn 103**

***"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"***

HANOVER

#### **+ 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 brief prayer with Dr. Hewett

## The Service of the Word

### Psalm 146

HYFRYDOL

*Bless the Lord, give praise and honor unto God who lends me breath;  
May my tongue God's greatness never cease to tell before my death.  
And in songs of sovereign goodness, let me sing beyond the grave;  
God, whose grace my life to ransom, God, whose will my soul to save.*

*Blest are they whose hope is vested in the God of Israel;  
In the hour of deepest anguish, God's provisions will not fail;  
Freedom for the shackled spirit, strength and stay to those who fall;  
Blessings offered without measure, righteousness enough for all.*

– Michael Morgan, 20<sup>th</sup> century

### A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 12:38-44

John Hewett

*The Gospel of our Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

### Sermon

*“For the Sake of Appearance”*

John Hewett

## The Act of Ordination

### Hymn

*“Lord, When I Came into This Life*

LAND OF REST

*Lord, when I came into this life, you called me by my name;*

*Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith as member of your cast,*

*I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.*

*In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,*

*Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.*

*So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:*

*Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.*

– Fred Kaan, 20<sup>th</sup> century

### Faith Stories

Annette Kilby

Rebecca Mills

### Ordination Vows

John Hewett

*Annette, Rebecca – are you willing to be ordained as deacons?*

*We are.*

*Do you welcome this responsibility because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus,  
to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?*

*We do.*

*Will you serve God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love,  
relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in God's promises through Jesus Christ our Lord?*

*We will.*

*Do we, the family of faith at First Baptist Church, accept Annette Kilby and  
Rebecca Mills as deacons, chosen of God and appointed by this church to  
guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?*

*We do.*

### Ordination Prayer

Gerhard Ungerer

### Laying on of Hands

Covenant

Congregation

*Reaffirming our faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, we gladly receive Annette and Rebecca as servant leaders in our life together. We covenant to support them with our prayers, encouragement and respect. We celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibility for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church. Praise be to God.*

## The Service of Thanksgiving

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 644

*"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

BEACH SPRING

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

Paula Lee

*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. Please give as you are able.*

Offertory

*"God Has Called Us"*

by Robert Hobby

The Chancel 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.*

— Susan Palo Cherwien, 20<sup>th</sup> century

+ 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.*

## The Sending

+ Commission and Blessing

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*Restored in spirit,*

*may we take new risks in service.*

*Renewed in body and mind,*

*may we join God in creating justice for all.*

*Secure in new hope,*

*may we live with joy into the future.*

*Go in love to give birth to love,*

*carrying hope into all the world.*

*Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*"Psalm XIX"*

by Benedetto Marcello

+ 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*

*The Chancel Choir*

*The Choral Scholars*

*Gerhard Ungerer, Chair of Deacons*

*Paula Lee, Deacon*

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

*Christina Kale, Robin Haas, and Susie Echols*

## **Mission Blitz - Saturday, November 14 - 9:00 a.m.**

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. We need donations of lawn and leaf trash bags, light bulbs, glass cleaner and paper towels. We also need volunteers to bring rakes, paint brushes and "squiggees." A **Celebration Feast** consisting of a Neighborhood Hot Dog and Chili Supper will follow on Sunday, November 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room – \$4.00 for members, free for guests.

## **Called Church Meeting**

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

## **Brownbag Service**

The monthly Brownbag Service will be held this coming Wednesday, November 11 from 12:00-12:50 in the Multipurpose Room. Bring a lunch and a friend and join us for fellowship, devotion and prayer. Beverages will be provided.

## **CROP Walk**

The annual Monroe/Union County CROP Hunger Walk will be held in downtown Monroe on Sunday, April 18, from 2:00-4:00. If you would like to be part of the planning team, come to a meeting at First Baptist Church on Sunday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m.

