

# First Baptist Church at Worship

"You Will Be My Witnesses" (Acts 1:8)

October 11, 2009

Ten Forty-five O'Clock in the Morning

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## Gathering

### Greeting

*The Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Paul Sims

### Organ Voluntary

*"Meditation on 'I Love to Tell the Story'"*

by Dale Wood

### Call to Worship

*When work lays claim to us, and busy-ness seduces,*

*Jesus says to put first things first.*

*When we put pressure on ourselves to be more, better, faster,*

*Jesus says to put first things first.*

*When decisions loom and choices multiply,*

*Jesus says to put first things first.*

*When worries wake us up at night,*

*Jesus says to put first things first.*

*When faith makes its claim upon our time, ourselves, our lives,*

*Jesus says to put first things first.*

*Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Sara Spahr Stubbs

### + Hymn 86

*"We Come, O Christ, to You"*

DARWALL

### + Confession of Sin

*Life-giving God,*

*giver of every good and perfect gift,*

*we have misused and misunderstood your blessings.*

*We stuff our lives with possessions,*

*our schedules with busy-ness,*

*our bodies with excess,*

*but these things leave us empty.*

*Distracted by the immediate,*

*we overlook the eternal.*

*In our pride we try to manufacture our fulfillment*

*rather than receive it as your gift.*

*In your mercy, Lord, forgive us.*

*Satisfy our hungers with the bread of heaven;*

*slake our thirsts with your living water.*

*Satisfy us with your love,*

*that obeying your will and serving your glory*

*may fill us till we want no more,*

*we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

Paul Sims

### + Assurance of Forgiveness

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

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

1 The Peace

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

Sara Spahr Stubbs

+ 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.*

GREATOR EX

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session after a brief prayer with Mr. Seth

**The Word**

First Lesson

Hebrews 4:12-16

Susanne Ungerer

Psalm 25

setting by Hal Hopson



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

*Make me know your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.  
Guide me along the path in your truth, for you are my God and Savior.  
All day long I hope in you because you are my God.  
Your mercy and truth are sure, for they are old as time itself.*

**REFRAIN**

*Do not remember the sins of my youth, in your love remember me.  
The Lord is upright and good; God shows the path to those who stray.  
God directs the humble along the right path, God teaches the oppressed the way.  
All of God's ways are love and truth, for those who keep covenant and the word.*

**REFRAIN**

Second Lesson

Mark 10:17-31

Richard Poindexter

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

Song

*"All Dressed in Fair Linen"*

by Sydney Carter

sung by David Mosely and Jim Stubbs

*All dressed in fair linen and spangled with jewels, he knelt at the feet of the Lord.  
"O tell me, O tell me what's wrong with my life: I'm empty and restless and bored," he said;  
"I'm empty and restless and bored."  
"The ancient commandments you know," Jesus said. "You'll live if you keep all of these."  
"God's laws I have followed through all of my years, but still in my heart there's no peace," he said;  
"But still in my heart there's no peace."  
Then Jesus looked into his questioning eyes and spoke to his struggling heart.  
"The way will be stony, but this you must do: with all of your wealth you must part," he said;  
"With all of your wealth you must part."  
"Come follow, O follow; do not be enslaved by treasures that rust and decay.  
Go with me where people are poor and oppressed and give all your riches away," he said;  
"And give all your riches away."  
"It's only in giving at last you'll receive and only in dying be born.  
Then life you'll discover more precious than gold, more lasting than gems that adorn," he said;  
"More lasting than gems that adorn."*

- Herman Stuempfle, 1997

**Responding**

## + Hymn 648

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

ANGEL'S STORY

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

Jimmy Taylor

*All loose change received in October will benefit the YWCA and their many helping-hand programs that have served 25 million people in 122 countries around the world. Please give as you are able.*

## Offertory

*"I've Just Come from the Fountain"*

setting by Daniel Kallman

*I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.*

*O brother, do you love Jesus?*

*Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.*

*O sister, do you love Jesus?*

*Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.*

*O sinner, do you love Jesus?*

*Yes, yes I do love my Jesus.*

*I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.*

– African American Spiritual

## Concerns of the Congregation

Sara Spahr Stubbs

## The Discipline of Silence

## 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

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.*

**Sending**

## + Commission

Paul Sims

## + Hymn 498

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

HANKEY

+ Benediction

Sara Spahr Stubbs

Organ Postlude

*"Sortie' from Twelve Miniatures"*

by Noel Rawsthorne

† 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:

*Paul M. Sims, Minister*

*Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister*

*Timothy Belflowers, Organist*

*Richard Poindexter, Pulpit Guest*

*David Mosely Ministry Intern*

*Chuck Zolovitz, Cantor*

*The Chancel Choir*

*Jimmy Taylor, Deacon*

*Susanne Ungerer, Reader*

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

*Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Judy Edwards*

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Emagene Griffin*

*to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brooks Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Griffin*

*Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Griffin, and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGibony*

## **Visitors and Guests**

You are cordially invited to join our pastor, Dr. John Hewett, for coffee and light refreshments this coming Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Church Parlor. This will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about First Baptist Church. Please join Dr. Hewett for this informal time of conversation and fellowship.

## **Trunk or Treat**

On Saturday, October 31, 5:30 p.m., we hope to fill our parking lot with cars and kids for this year's Trunk or Treat. More volunteers are needed to provide their car trunks (decorated ... or not!) filled with candy for the children. Other volunteers will be needed to help throughout the event (contact Pat Herrell). We also need a lot of candy to be donated (place in marked bin in the Gathering Area). Bring a lawn chair - there's no need to stand throughout the event. Last year we had around 800 people for Trunk or Treat. What a wonderful outreach opportunity. There's something each of us can do.

## **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. Proceeds will be given to Crisis Assistance.