

# First Baptist Church at Worship

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

October 18, 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.**

John Hewett

### Organ Voluntary

*"Meditation on 'Peace in Our Time, O Lord'"*

by Peter Stearns

### Call to Worship

*God of grace, who leads us into the challenges of everyday life,*

**Refresh us with your mercy.**

*God of love, who calls us out of trouble into peace,*

**Refresh us with your mercy.**

*God of the lost, the hurt, the oppressed,*

**Refresh us with your mercy.**

*God of our successes and our struggles,*

**Refresh us with your mercy.**

*God of mystery, who calls us always into the unknown,*

**Refresh us with your mercy.**

*Let us worship God.*

Sara Spahr Stubbs

### + Hymn 70

*"God Is Love. Let Heaven Adore Him"*

ABBOTS LEIGH

### + Confession of Sin

*Lord Jesus Christ, servant of all,*

*How embarrassed we are when you call us to be servants!*

*We work very hard to get our own way.*

*We want to sit in the best seat and be respected by everyone.*

*Even when we try to follow you, we think about how good we will look.*

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**In the power of your Spirit, transform us.**

**Shape us into people who can love and serve others.**

Paul Sims

### + Assurance of Forgiveness

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

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### + 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

# The Word

Psalm 104

setting by David Haas



Lord, send out your Spir - it, and re -  
new the face of the earth; Lord, send out your  
Spir - it, and re - new the face of the earth.

*O bless the Lord, my soul, O Lord, how great are your ways!  
How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your glory!*

## REFRAIN

*You take back your spirit, we die, returning to the dust.  
You send forth your spirit, we are created, you renew the face of the earth.*

## REFRAIN

*May the glory of God be forever, may the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to God, I find my joy in the Lord!*

## REFRAIN

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

Jason Barrios, Leslie Gordon  
David Hatchell, Zack Morris

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

Gospel Song

"Are You Able?"

BEACON HILL

*"Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"  
Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow Thee."*

## REFRAIN



"Lord, we are a - ble," our spir - its are Thine, Re - mold them,  
make us like Thee, di - vine: Thy guid - ing ra - diance a bove  
us shall be A Bea - con to God, to faith and loy - al - ty.

*"Are ye able?" still the Master whispers down eternity.  
And heroic spirits answer, now, as then in Galilee.*

REFRAIN

Sermon

*"Improving Your Serve"*

John Hewett

**Responding**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

+ Hymn

*"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"*

ST. PETER

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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

Frances Knight

*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

*"My Song Is Love Unknown"*

by Edwin Childs

The Chancel Choir

*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! Yea 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, 17<sup>th</sup> century

Concerns of the Congregation

John Hewett

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 72

*"To God Be the Glory"*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

*"Trumpet Tune"*

by Marc-Antoine Charpentier

+ 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 Bellflowers, Organist*

*The Choral Scholars*

*The Chancel Choir*

*Frances Knight, Deacon*

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

*Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Joyce Forbes, Anita Gross*

**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.