

# First Baptist Church at Worship

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

September 27, 2009

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

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## Assemble in God's Name

### Greeting

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*The Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*We lift them to the Lord.*

### Gathering Songs

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,  
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus came to show the way we can have new life today;  
God fulfilled that loving plan, made for us when life began.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

### Call to Worship

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*In the midst of our busy lives,*

*God calls us to community.*

*In the rush of work, family, and our friends,*

*God calls us to community.*

*With those who are lovely and those who are difficult,*

*God calls us to community.*

*With those who are known and with those who are strangers,*

*God calls us to community.*

*With people all around the world,*

*God calls us to community.*

*Let us worship God.*

### + Hymn 40

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

LLANFAIR

please sing stanzas 1, 2 & 4

### + Invocation

Paul Sims

### + 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 Mr. David

## Proclaim God's Word

### Psalm 8 – “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

setting by Tom Fettke

sung by the Chancel Choir

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers: the moon and stars suspended in space,  
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation:  
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.*

*But what is man, that you are mindful of him?*

*O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.*

*O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia.*

### A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 10:13-16

Julia Wall

*The Gospel of our Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

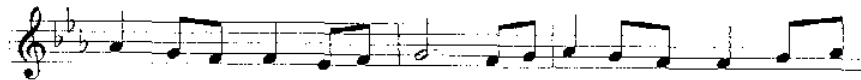
### Hymn

### “Like A Child”

LIKE A CHILD



1. like a child love would send to re-veal and to mend, like a
2. like a child we will meet, rag-ged clothes, dirt y feet, like a
3. like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a



child and a friend, Je-sus comes. like a child we may find claim-ing  
child on the street, Je-sus comes. like a child we once knew com-ing  
child here to stay, Je-sus comes. like a child we re-ceive all that



heart, soul, and mind, like a child strong and kind, Je-sus comes.  
back in to view, like a child born a-new, Je-sus comes.  
love can con-ceive, like a child we be-lieve, Je-sus comes.

### Sermon

### “Imagine That”

Becky Hartzog

## Give Thanks to God

### Hymn

### “Let the Children Come”

BEACH SPRING

*Eager to believe in magic, starlit words of fairy tales –  
Children trust in happy endings, bright with love that never fails.  
“Let the children come,” said Jesus, gath’ring them upon his knees.  
“All who wish to enter heaven must become like one of these.”*

*Quick to share both tears and laughter as excited hopes take wing –  
Children’s voices lead the chorus, teaching all our hearts to sing.  
“Let the children come,” said Jesus, gath’ring them upon his knees.  
“All who wish to enter heaven must become like one of these.”*

Mary Louise Bringle, 2001

### + Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

## 1 Assurance of Forgiveness

*When we come as children, acknowledging our dependence on God for life and all that sustains it, we recognize that loving arms surround us, and hands of blessing rest on our lives.*

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

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

## The Celebration of Communion – Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

music during Communion:

### *“In the Singing”*

by Carlton Young

*In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,*

*In the blessing, in the breaking, in the presence at this table*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*

*In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,*

*In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people --*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*

Shirley Erena Murray, 1996

### *“Beautiful Savior”*

setting by F. Melius Christiansen

The Choral Scholars; Sarah Levering, soloist

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:*

*Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the sorrowing spirit sing.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man!*

*Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!*

– from *Gesangbuch*, 1671

## The Peace

Paul Sims

*The peace of the Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

## 1 Hymn 353

### *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

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## + Offertory Prayer

Nancy Thomas

*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.*

## Organ Offertory

+ 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

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*On our hearts and on our houses,*

***The blessing of God.***

*In our coming and our going,*

***The peace of God.***

*In our life and our believing,*

***The love of God.***

*At our end and new beginning,*

***The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen.***

Organ Postlude

+ Those who are able may stand

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

*Paul M. Sims, Minister*

*Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister*

*Timothy Belflowers, Organist*

*Rev. Becky Hartzog, Pulpit Guest*

*The Choral Scholars*

*The Chancel Choir*

*David Mosely, Ministry Intern*

*Nancy Thomas, Deacon*

*Julia Wall, Reader*

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

*Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Susanne Ungerer*

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Martha Parris  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steddy Parris*