

A Service of Worship

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

11:00 a.m.

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With Hearts and Voices

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

The Church at Work

Prelude *Toccata in G* Reger
Baxter Jennings, organ

*Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Gather us this Reformation Sunday, O God, to commemorate those who came before us who knew your people must be both steady in faith and changing in practice.

People: Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past, as well as those doing the work of God today.

Leader: May the conviction of your grace written on the hearts of our foremothers and forefathers be the same grace that leads us to new places in your name today.

People: Inspire us to continue reforming our own ways to be your ways, so that all may be saved by your grace.

*Invocation & 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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

*Hymn 568 *Take My life and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON
(See back page)

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:27-34 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson John 8:31-36
The Gospel of our Lord; **praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please stand as you are able

Call to Prayer *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Scott
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, My God,
thy will see; open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Morning Prayer Dr. Grammer

With Open Hands

*Hymn 43 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG
(See back page)

*Prayer of Dedication Dr. Grammer

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

With Minds Prepared

Solo *How Can I Keep from Singing* Lowery
Janet Boucher, Soprano

Sermon *Faithful Change* Dr. Grammer

With Obedient Feet

*Hymn 555 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE
(See back page)

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Benediction Response *Threefold Amen* Traditional

Postlude *Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise* Pachelbel

Today is Reformation Sunday, which is celebrated on the last Sunday of October, commemorating the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. The liturgical color of the day is red, which represents the Holy Spirit and the Martyrs of the Christian Church. Red is also the liturgical color for anniversaries and festival days of the churches.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Annie Lee Ferrell's 100th birthday, given by her family.

In Christian Sympathy to the family of David Doss who passed away on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. A graveside was held at Oakwood Cemetery on Friday, October 23, 2020. A link to a recording of the

service has been emailed, or if you would like a DVD of the service, please contact the church office.

Prayer Reminder

CHURCH FAMILY: John Abbott, Jim Barnett, Alice Bowman, Martha Clifton, Martha Drane, Jean and Boyd Gray, George Lester, Gene Medley, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny and Betty Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 25

9:00 a.m. The Open Church-Front Plaza
9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Virtual
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship-Virtual & In-person
12:30 p.m. Business Meeting-Virtual

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting-Virtual

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 p.m. Midweek Check-in-Virtual

Thursday, October 29

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Virtual
8:00 p.m. Journey Small Group-Virtual

Friday, October 30

12:15 p.m. FBC & ELC- Trick or Treat Parade-Parking Lot

October Birthdays: 2 Ron Austin, 4 Morton Lester, Ronnie Garren, 8 Linda Penta, 17 David Collins, 20 John Collins, 23 Frances Weaver, **24 Annie Lee Ferrell-100th!**, Steven Ball, 31 Mary Frances Gibbs, Joe Hundley.

We welcome Janet Boucher as our soloist today.

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda-TODAY at 12:30-Virtual

1. Approval of Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports
4. Present 2021 Budget for approval, 5. 2021 Nominating Committee Report. 6. 2021 Deacon Selection Committee Report.

Pastor Appreciation Month: October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries, and religious workers.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee and the Congregation of First Baptist Church, we take this opportunity to thank you, Dr. Grammer for your service. By working as a pastor, you not only practice your faith but also share it with the entire community. Thank you for working for a mission greater than yourself and being an outstanding leader of integrity in the community. You bring the gift of faith into the hearts of everyone in this congregation. Thank you for fulfilling your role as pastor and know that First Baptist Church and the entire community will always stand with you.

We all appreciate your hard work!

Announcements continued on the back page.

*Hymn 568 *Take My life and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love,
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

*Hymn 43 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth
his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can
endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*Hymn 555 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee:
hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek, give what is best;
this all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Through all that life may bring- joy, grief or pain,
work out perfect plan- true heavenly gain;
only create in me more love, O Christ, to thee
More love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!

IN APPRECIATION: GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Bob Canupp by Elizabeth Miers. Gifts have been given in memory of Ann Owen by King's Grant and Bill and Susan Sapp. **MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** Gifts have been given in memory of David Doss by Cliff and Jean Rood and Roy and Nancy Thomas.

Our Journey Small Group and the Missions Committee invite you to join us as we volunteer with the MHC Emergency Feeding Program packing boxes with donated food to be handed out to those in need. We need a group of 10 or more to pack for two hours on the following days: **Saturday, November 21st**, 3pm to 5pm, and **Saturday, December 5th**, 3pm to 5pm. If you feel comfortable coming out to volunteer (masks and social distancing required), please call or email the church office to let us know you're coming!

A Trick or Treat Parade will be held this year instead of our Trunk or Treat. This parade will be for all FBC and ELC kids in our church parking lot on Friday, October 30, 2020 from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm.

We need your help! Can you decorate a candy station or help set up/take down? Can you provide baggies of candy (no nuts)? Can you take photos or video? And your kids and grandkids are welcome—this is for FBC families and ELC kids and their families. Come join in on the fun!

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes with instructions are available for pick up in the church Narthex. Fill the shoebox and return it by Sunday, November 15th.

Daylight Savings time ends next Sunday, November 1, 2020. Fall back one hour!

Grace Network October-December 2020 Food Assignment
Corn Bread Mix (i.e.: Jiffy)
Please drop the food off at the church.

Deacons of the Month
Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

October Deacons of the Month: **Stephens Turner**
Bill Sapp



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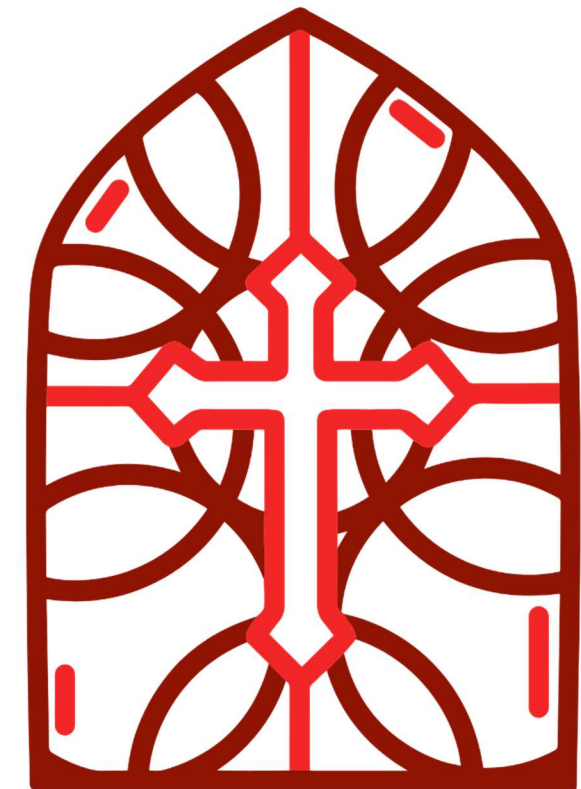
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Mission Statement:

The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Consistent with the Great Commission, we will share our spiritual gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.



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