

A Service of Worship

Commitment Sunday

November 15, 2020

11:00 a.m.

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With Hearts and Voices

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

The Church at Work

Prelude *Allegro from Concerto in G Major* Bach
Kelly Grooms, organ

*Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Come, let us bow down to the Lord; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

People: In ancient times, God had mercy on Israel and led them through the desert to a new land.

Leader: This day the Lord is showering us with mercy, bringing us hope and peace.

People: We long to feel these showers of hope and mercy.

Leader: Lord, guide our feet as we run this race of faith together for the sake of your Kingdom.

People: Lord, open our hearts as we reach out to others in compassion, sharing all we have for your work in this world.

*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 649 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN
(See back page)

Old Testament Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:19-21, 24
The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please stand as you are able

Children's Worship Pastor Libby

*Praise & Worship (See back page)
Knowing You; Lord, Be Glorified; Make Me a Servant

With Generous Commitment

Litany of Dedication Dr. Grammer

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

People: It is in God that we live and move and have our being.

Leader: We now dedicate in worship our whole selves – our talents, our time, our resources. May all those who present their pledges of financial support to the ministries of this church and God's Kingdom work in this place now dedicate their whole selves along with these financial pledges.

People: This we do because Christ is Lord, because the church is his bride, and because God has given us all good things, both great and small. God has given abundantly more than we can ask or imagine – life, hope, redemption, and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

Leader: And so, in this moment, may we offer our pledge back to our God, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, our Savior and Redeemer, our Strength and Hope.

People: In hope and thanksgiving, we offer here a thankful response to all we have by dedicating a portion of our talents, time, and resources. We commit ourselves to the God who has entrusted so much to us, trusting that in doing so, we are blessing others in Christ's name through worship, study, love, service, and so much more.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Dr. Grammer

With Minds Prepared

Sermon *The Treasure of Generosity* Dr. Grammer

With Obedient Feet

*Hymn 566 *Take My Life, Lead Me Lord* LANGLEY
(See back page)

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Benediction Response Amen Jester Hairston

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Walther

This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year. Having celebrated the "birthday of the church" through the giving of the Holy

Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission.

Today is Commitment Sunday at First Baptist Church. During the service, in addition to blessing our tithes and offerings, our church family prayerfully presents their financial pledges to God and the ministries of this church for the coming year. (If you haven't had a chance to mail yours in yet, please make your heart dedication today and mail your pledge card this week to the church office).

We Welcome Kelly Grooms today as our guest organist.

Rev. Dr. Kelly Grooms is a partner with her husband, George Payne, in Grooms & Payne, Ltd., pipe organ builders of Louisa, Virginia. She currently cares for over 100 organs in 5 states, including the one here at First Baptist. Kelly received her Doctor of Ministry degree from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond in 2016. She earned the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from Indiana University, Bloomington in 2004. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance from Mars Hill College. She was ordained in 2012 as a minister in the Disciples of Christ Church.

In Christian Sympathy to Jean Gray and her family, on the loss of her husband, Boyd Gray, who passed away on November 5, 2020. A graveside service was held on Saturday, November 14, 2020.

Prayer Reminder

CHURCH FAMILY: John Abbott, Jim Barnett, Alice Bowman, Martha Clifton, Martha Drane, Jean 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, Ken Winters

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 15

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Virtual

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship-Virtual

Tuesday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Virtual

8:00 p.m. Journey Small Group-Virtual

Saturday, November 21

3:00 p.m. MHC Emergency Feeding box packing

November Birthdays: 1 David Lewis, 2 Jay Frith, Suzanne Martin, 5 Julie Hall, Don Martin, 9 Cliff Rood, Steve Anderson, 10 Jim Barnett, 15 Anne McDaniel, 16 Neville Frith, 17 Gene Medley, Jimmy Sexton, 18 Chuck Martin, 21 Roslyn Wingett, 22 Joe Engle, 24 Helen Wright, 25 Danny Winn, 29 Libby Grammer

*Hymn 649 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be:
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lone and fatherless is angels' work below.
The captive to relieve, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
And we believe thy word, through dim our faith may be:
what-e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

*Hymn 566 *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord* LANGLEY

Take my life, lead me, Lord, take my life, lead me, Lord,
make my life useful to thee; take my life, lead me, Lord,
take my life, lead me, Lord, make my life useful to thee.
Take my life, teach me, Lord, take my life, teach me, Lord,
make my life useful to thee; take my life, teach me, Lord,
take my life, teach me, Lord, make my life useful to thee.
Here am I, send me, Lord, here am I, send me, Lord,
make my life useful to thee; here am I, send me, Lord,
here am I, send me, Lord, make my life useful to thee.

Knowing You

Kendrick

All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

Refrain: Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know you more
To be found in you and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness (*Refrain*)

Oh, to know the power of your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like you in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die (*Refrain*)

Lord, Be Glorified

GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

Make Me a Servant SERVANT

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;
and may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.

IN APPRECIATION: GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Ann Owen by John Healy and Owen and Patricia Brodie. Gifts have been given in memory of David Doss by Howard and Elaine Fringer and George and Lee Lester. A gift has been given in memory of George Winston and Virginia Katherine Nelson by Virginia Dira Nelson Ensminger. A gift has been given in memory of Phyllis Abbott and in honor of John Abbott by David Philpott. **MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** Gifts have been given in memory of David Doss by David and Dottie Lewis, Steve and Joan Haynes, and Roslyn Wingett. **GRACE NETWORK:** A gift has been given in memory of David Doss by Marie Lannom.

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda- Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 12:30 pm-Virtual

- 1. Approval of Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports, 4. Vote on the new sign for the church entrance.

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!**

Deacons of the Month

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

**November Deacons of the Month: Jean Rood
Cliff Rood**



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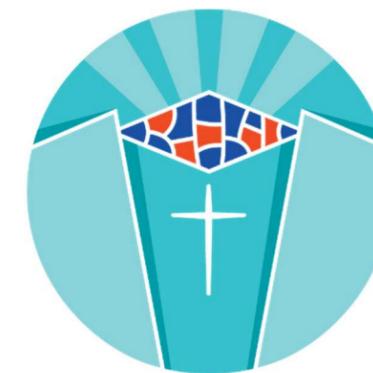
Becky Collins
Minister of Music

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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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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