

The First Baptist Church at Worship

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 13, 2011

10:30 AM

"Only the cross as God's truth about us makes us truthful. Those who know the cross no longer shy away from any truth. Those who [stand beneath] the cross can do without the oath as a commandment establishing truthfulness, because they exist in the perfect truth of God. There is no truth toward Jesus without truth before other people. Lying destroys community. But truth rends false community and founds genuine fellowship. There is no following Jesus without living in the truth unveiled before God and other people."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

Immortal, Invisible Welsh Melody
All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus Thoro Harris
The Unveiled Christ N. B. Herrell
You Can Experience Something Wonderful Otis Skillings
Prelude settings by Bill Fasig & John Innes

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

We Have Come to Join in Worship Holy Manna

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#700 *We Are God's People*
SYMPHONY

Bryan Jeffery Leech set these words to the familiar Brahms theme in 1976. The first verse exclaims that we are God's people being born of God's spirit. The following verses remind us of what we are as people of God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God
(#320 Celebrating Grace Hymnal)

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry in the high - est!

To God be glo-ry for e-ver! To God be glo-ry for e-ver! - Al-le-lu-iah a-men.

Al - le - lu - ia a - men, Al - le - lu - ia a - men, Al - le - lu - iah a - men!

*WELCOME & PASSING OF PEACE

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

(Please register your attendance by filling out a YELLOW CARD from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag this morning.)

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand, and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE PSALTER LESSON

Allyson Black

Psalm 119:1-8: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Breath of God Leland B. Sateren

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jim Earnest

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Matthew 5:33-37: "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#48 *God of Creation, All-Powerful*
SLANE

Canadian Margaret Clarkson wrote this text in 1987. The words remind us of God through the ages culminating in the fifth verse. We are reassured that God is with us today.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#112 v.1 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

**Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Debts & Debtors*)

THE SERMON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

"Can We Practice Truth?"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY

Ray Landis

O Master, Let Me Walk With You arr. Dale Wood

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You
(#670 Celebrating Grace Hymnal)

Take my gifts and let me love You, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shel-ter gave me life and set me free.
Now be-cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a-way,
now the bread of love is ris-ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Allyson Black

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

#661 *Be Strong in the Lord*
FETTKE

Linda Lee Johnson wrote this hymn in 1979. As we go from this place into the world, this hymn reminds us to take God's strength with us. As we face difficult decisions, as well as glorious triumphs, the Spirit of the Living God is with us always.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

May the Love of the Lord
(#515 Celebrating Grace Hymnal)



*POSTLUDE Greg Land & Debbie Lindley
Ring the Bells of Heaven George F. Root
 Setting by Fasig - Innes



Worship Notes

Jesus says, "Don't swear at all!" He's not talking about common cussing, but about learning how to tell the truth in a world of lies. Our problem, in the world of "truthiness," is not being able to tell when "Yes" means "Yes." In the movie, A Few Good Men, Colonel Jessup, testifying in court, snarls, "You can't handle the truth." Is that it? Ill-equipped, untrained in the truth, we have settled to live in a world of partial truths, a world where even regulating advertising doesn't stop the lies. We use words like weapons to accomplish nefarious purposes. We twist words into gnarled pine knots to hurl at our enemies. Somewhere there's been a pact signed with the "father of lies." That means folks believe they have been given permission to lie. But Jesus says, "Be careful with how we use words, language, and arguments." No scheming. No subtle use of words to establish superiority. "To learn to speak truthfully to one another requires that we learn to speak truthfully to God, that is, we must learn to pray."

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Welcome to All

- ✓ **Before Worship:** Children arriving with parents or grandparents at the 9:00 Sunday School hour may go downstairs to Room 3 for activities. A reminder to parents and grandparents: please pick up your children no later than 10:15 to give everyone enough time to prepare for worship.
- ✓ **Visiting the church today?** Here's an invitation! Please join the congregation for Coffee Fellowship immediately after the service. We hope you'll stop by the Visitor's Table, say hello, and meet a few members of First Baptist Church.
- ✓ If you are visiting, **please register your attendance** on a yellow information card and fill in any needs or concerns you might have. Members are also asked to sign the information card. Prayer concerns or event registrations may be marked on these cards.

- ✓ **Childcare** for infants through two years of age is available during worship and church school and is located in the West hallway. For your peace of mind, our nursery is equipped with a call-system that allows nursery caregivers to page our ushers should there be a need to contact the parents of an infant or toddler.
- ✓ All children are invited to come forward for the **Children's Message**. Following the message the children will be led downstairs for **Sunday School**. Young children (preK-K) will go to Room #4 and children (grades 1-4) will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service. If you have questions or comments, please speak with Rev. Jason Alspaugh.

Prayers of the People

Margaret Barker	Terri Hendrix	Dawn Shirley
Charles Blake	Grace Hobart	Dawn Smelser
Estie Clark	Ruth Howell	Marion Stoner
Andy Collier	Delana Jackson	Peter Thomson
Lisa Collier	Joyce Johnson	Nickie Van Hoose
Jack Coggins	Jennifer Loxley	Anne Veghte
Marilyn Craig	Patty Loxley	Evelyn Weaver
Rector Davis	Claude Malone	Don Williams
Mary Ellen Detty	Giovanna McQuillen	
Florida Dixon	Marilyn Sue Miller	Military Duty:
Sarah Duvall	Robert Paloncy	Jeffrey Kennedy
Bruce Dyer	Phyllis Pfersich	Derrick McClain
Carrie Louese Ganger	Cliff Rhodes	Bryan Venys
Jane Halliday	Grace Hobart	Chris West
Bill Harrell	Don Rosenbeck	Andy Wilson

Week of February 13 – 20

Sun. 13	9:00a	.....	Sunday School Classes
	10:30a	.....	Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion & Healing Service
	11:45a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	2:30p	.....	Valentine Party at Widow's Home (<i>Deb Circle</i>)
Mon. 14	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
Tue. 15	6:30p	.....	Trustees Meeting
	7:00p	.....	Deborah Circle Meeting (<i>Lasley home</i>)
Wed. 16	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
	12:00p	.....	Naomi Circle (<i>FBC</i>)
	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 17	7:30a	.....	Breaking Barriers (<i>Boston Stoker</i>)
	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 18	11-12	.....	Neighbors Soup Luncheon
Sat. 19	12:30p	.....	Comfort Group (<i>Norton's</i>)
Sun. 20	9:00a	.....	Sunday School Classes
	10:30a	.....	Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion & Healing Service
	11:45a	.....	Lunch Packing & Coffee Fellowship

Trustees Meeting, Feb. 15, 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting, Feb. 16, 6:30pm

Neighbors Soup Luncheon, Feb. 18, 11:00-12:00

FBCD will host a "Love Your Neighbor" soup luncheon for the neighborhood on Friday, Feb. 18, from 11:00-12:00. If you can help set up the dining room, host, or contribute food items, **please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the Missions bulletin board**. Valentine theme decorations, cookies, or candies would be appreciated!

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Our Mission Statement:

To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.

- Dr. Rodney Wallace Kennedy, *Lead Pastor*
- Rev. Jason Alspaugh, *Associate Pastor Children & Youth*
- Rev. C. Roland Marcus, *Associate Pastor*
- Rev. James Earnest, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Rev. C. Donald Thrash, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Ray Landis, *Music Director*
- Gregory Land, *Organist*
- R. Alan Kimbrough, *Organist*
- Debbie Lindley, *Pianist*
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