

The First Baptist Church at Worship

5th Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2011

10:30 AM

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

(Please be seated.)

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Dayne Craig

Acts 7:55-60 (NT pg. 126 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON Dayne Craig

I Peter 2:2-10 (NT pg. 233 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Open the Eyes of My Heart Baloché, arr. J. Schrader

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Jason Alspaugh

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

John 14:1-14 (NT pg. 108 in the pew Bible)

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

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #570 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
TRUST IN JESUS

Louisa Stead penned the words to this hymn after the tragic drowning death of her husband. As Christians we are reminded that in times of tragedy, as well as in times of joy, the comfort of Jesus' love gives us support and sustenance constantly.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Amy Radachi

(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 #387 v. 1 *God Who Made Us...*
GALILEE

**God who made us, Christ who calls us,
Breath who guides us in the Way,
Hear the humble words we whisper
As we dare to bow and pray.**

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Rodney Kennedy

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts and debtors)*

THE SERMON Dr. Rodney Kennedy

"What Is A Church?"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY Brad Pipenger

Etude #1 (Lent et expressif) Jeanjean

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #653 v.1 *Lord, You Give ...*
BEECHER

**Lord, You give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Dayne Craig

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 #598 *Jesus Is the Song*
SIMPSON

David Danner has given us a thought to take with us as we go into the world. Jesus is the song of life, joy and love, and Jesus' song is our song to sing as we live our lives!

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #513 *Go Now In Peace*
EARTH AND STARS (abridged)

**Go now in peace. Worship is ending;
service begins as you go from this place.
Taught by God's Word, safe in God's tending,
hold to the path that will run the good race.**

*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

"Cwm Rhondda" Paul Manz



**The chancel flowers are given in honor of Margaret Barker.
You are invited to a reception for Margaret during our
coffee fellowship hour after worship today.**

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Chapel, located in the Beaver Wing. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a Service of Healing will be held in the Chapel. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

Worship Notes

What does it mean to be a Church? Our scriptures reflect on this question. The lesson from Acts describes the martyrdom of Stephen, which reminds us of the ultimate meaning of "faithful witness." In the John's gospel, Jesus describes

Please read while listening to the Prelude as preparation for worship:

Our practice of being inclusive, and we are inclusive, causes us to overlook at times our core Christian convictions. If we are inclusive, and that is our one and only operating principle, we are doing a disservice to our theological commitments. We are also doing a disservice to our church. Somehow we have purchased a long-term contract that we think stipulates that being an inclusive church is all we need to attract people. All around us, such churches are struggling to survive. "I suspect it is so because people fail to see why they should belong to a church built on [nothing but] being inclusive, since any volunteer agency will do just as well." Our fierce defense of inclusion can blind us to the reality that the church has a unity built on a common confession of all members that Jesus is Lord, who has saved us by being raised from the dead. Perhaps we can engage in an ongoing conversation about inclusion plus core convictions and the resultant tension. In the interim period, let the church be the Church. After all, Jesus doesn't ask us to die for the Rotary Club or the telephone company.

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

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

"Bryn Calfaría" Paul Manz
"Aria" Paul Manz
"Hyfrydol" Paul Manz
"Rhosymedre" Ralph Vaughan Williams

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir

Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious - #220

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #285 *God of Grace and God of Glory*
CWM RHONDDA

Harry Emerson Fosdick was a master preacher, liberal thinker, author of forty seven books and pastor of the Riverside Church in New York. In our opening hymn we pray, through Fosdick's words, for wisdom, courage and God's grace and glory.

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. C. Roland Marcus

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #208 *He Is Lord*
HE IS LORD

**He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

*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.)

himself as the way, the truth, and the life, as he invites his disciples to participate in the way. In 1 Peter, the church is pictured as stones who will be gathered and bound together for the building of a spiritual house—the Church. Peter's astounding claims are welcome words in our time: Chosen, race, royal priesthood, holy nation, God's own people. Churches are not simply bricks, stained glass, and pews. Churches are not just architecture but an assembly of God's people. The stones of the ruined Coventry Cathedral, pictured on the cover of today's bulletin (the rebuilt cathedral stands next to these ruins), continue to cry out in living testimony to cross and resurrection.

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

Barbara Babb	Joyce Johnson	Dawn Shirley
Ruth Balas	Wilma Landis	Dawn Smelser
Margaret Barker	Jennifer Loxley	Marion Stoner
Charles Blake	Patty Loxley	Peter Thomson
Estie Clark	Giovanna McQuillen	Nickie Van Hoose
Andy Collier	Melissa Mikesell	Evelyn Weaver
Lisa Collier	Marilyn Sue Miller	Military Duty:
Jack Coggins	Robert Paloncy	Michael Coggins
Mary Coyer	Phyllis Pfersich	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Louella Fenner	Will Radachi	Jeffrey Kennedy
Carrie Louese Ganger	Cliff Rhodes	Derrick McClain
Jane Halliday	Don Rosenbeck	Bryan Venys
David Hoffman	Brian Sharp	Chris West

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of May 22 – 29

Sun. 22	9:00a	.....	Sunday School
	10:30a	.....	Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion/Healing Svc
	11:45a	.....	Reception for Margaret Barker/Coffee Fellowship
	4:30p	.....	Lunch Bunch Dinner (<i>Florida's home</i>)
Mon. 23	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless

Tue. 24	6:00p	.....	FBC Softball Game (<i>Rotary Park</i>)
Wed. 25	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
Thu. 26	7:30a	.....	Breaking Barriers (<i>Boston Stoker</i>)
	6:30p	.....	Music Cookout (<i>Landis home</i>)
Fri. 27		.....	Memorial Day Weekend Family Campout begins
	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
	7:00p	.....	Monthly AIDS Dinner
Sun. 29	9:00a	.....	Sunday School
	10:30a	.....	Founder's Sunday / Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion/Healing Svc
	11:45a	.....	Coffee Fellowship

Lunch Bunch Meets for Dinner Today

A reminder that the Lunch Bunch will dine at Florida Dixon's home today at 4:30pm (1511 McIntosh Circle, Trotwood 45426, close to Hara Arena). The program for the evening is entitled: "Little Known Bible Characters."

FBC Music Cookout – May 26

Ray and Janet Landis will once again host this year's Music Cookout at their home (4760 Blue Spruce Court, Forest Ridge) on Thursday, May 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages and tableware will be provided. Please bring your family and a dish to share!

FBC Memorial Day Weekend Camping: May 27-30

Each year Diane Ashman works to reserve a group campsite for our church families to come and set up camp for Memorial Day weekend. This year we will be camping out at Taylorsville Reserve (2000 St. Rte. 40, Vandalia, Ohio 45377). Families are free to come and campout any and all days (May 27-30). We traditionally have a group campfire/meal on Sunday evening. Join us for relaxation and fun in the great outdoors! Visit <http://www.metroparks.org/Parks/Taylorsville/Amenities.aspx>.

Founder's Sunday – May 29

First Baptist Church will honor those people who have been members of FBC for 50 years or more during our Sunday morning worship service on May 29th. Not only do we recognize them for their contributions given in the past, we are mindful that they make significant contributions to the life of the church in the present. We are indebted to them!

BYF Lock-In – June 3-4

We are planning to host an end-of-the-school-year-lock-in here at First Baptist from 7pm on Friday, June 3rd until 9am on Saturday, June 4th. *You're invited to bring your friends!* HOWEVER, EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU must have a completed Medical/Transportation Form filled out prior to the lock-in in order to participate (please see Rev. Jason).

Education/Youth Sunday – June 5

We will recognize graduates and Sunday School teachers during worship on Sunday, June 5th, and we plan to have lots of youth involvement and leadership in worship as well. Be sure to invite friends and family to this special day, and if you know of anyone graduating from high school, college, etc. this year, please notify the church office (937) 222-4691 or email information to fbcd Dayton.org. **Please include the institution of learning, the area of study, and the degree or certification.**

Sunday, June 12:

Pentecost / Hymnal Dedication Sunday
All-Church Picnic at School House Park – **RSVP!**

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Ruins of Coventry Cathedral WWII

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*
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