

The First Baptist Church at Worship

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

November 13, 2011

10:30 AM

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

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

Offertoire sur les grands jeux Francois Couperin le Grand
Pavanne Jacques Champion de Chambonnières
Elevation Francois Couperin le Grand

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Send Forth Your Word, O God #429 v. 1

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#96 *I Want to Walk...*
HOUSTON

Kathleen Thomerson wrote and composed this hymn in 1966 to remind us of what our lives, as Christians, should be. Our daily walk should always be with Christ, living our lives as He taught.

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jim Earnest

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#3 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
SANTO, SANTO, SANTO

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores You!
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, 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.)

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 MOMENT FOR HOMEFULL

Rev. Mark Craig

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Mark Craig

Judges 4:1-7: The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred

chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Mark Craig

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11: Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Matthew 25:14-30: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'"

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been

trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Glory be to you, O Lord.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#265 *When We Are Living*
SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

Once again Hal Hopson has given us a new hymn setting. The words are a mix of an anonymous first verse with verses two through four written by United Methodist pastor Roberto Escamilla. We are reminded that in all of our life's endeavors, we belong to God.

THE 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

#392 *Open Our Eyes*
OPEN OUR EYES

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Almighty GOD, when we stop to look at our lives, we sometimes find that we have wandered far from you; and that all is not well. Because of your great love for us, and because there is forgiveness with you, we turn back to you now, and confess our sin.

We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors with our thoughts, our words, our silence, our actions and our inaction. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, so that we may again take joy in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASTOR: Beloved, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, the old has passed away, behold all things have been made new. Let us share this good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PEOPLE: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

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

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir and
Leah Brough, flute

Music of the Morning Pepper Choplin

THE SERMON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

"Living Generously"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY

Jeremy Winston

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Margaret Bonds

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#671 v.3 *God, Whose Giving...*
BEACH SPRING

**Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
gain through powers Your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving You by loving all.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Mark 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

#477 *We Are Called to Be God's People*
AUSTRIAN HYMN

Baptist Pastor Thomas A. Jackson set these words to Franz Joseph Haydn's Austrian Hymn in 1973. His words remind us that, as Christians, being God's people is more of a calling than a choice. Our call comes with the responsibility to live as God's people.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #515 *May the Love of the Lord*
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**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

*POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Chaconne Louis Couperin

*The flowers today are given by Chris Pipenger
in honor of the 102nd birthday of her father,
Henry M. Prentice.*



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

Judgment is a term we rarely associate with freedom. Yet Deborah's wise judgment and guidance of the unfaithful Israelites ultimately enabled them to be freed from their oppressors. In Matthew's parable of the talents, the master has harsh judgment for the slave who hoarded his coin rather than risk investment and growth. Sometimes judgment calls us to honest reflection and frees us to be a people who take risks for the growth and flourishing of the kingdom.

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 and toddlers up to 3 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. Preschoolers are welcome to attend Children's Sunday School during morning worship at "Second Hour" (see below).

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.



**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER
TODAY AT NOON**

First Baptist Church of Dayton

22nd Sunday After Pentecost



"Deborah the Prophetess"
Etching by Marc Chagall, 1956

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*
Ryan Gade, *Pastor Intern*
Ray Landis, *Music Director*
Gregory Land, *Organist*
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