

The First Baptist Church at Worship

19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 23, 2011

10:30 AM

"God loves Israel, God loves Jesus, and God loves the Church with a love of fierce intensity and particularity. God's love is no universal possibility always available in principle, but the love that comes through a history so that our individual importance is acknowledged. God loves us in such a way that our lives - who we are and what we do - matter for God's life. This is not a love subject to our manipulation. God loves us with unrelenting passion that promises to transform the beloved, making us capable of accepting such love. Like all great loves, such love frightens us as we fear we will lose ourselves in it, rather than discovering our true destiny."

(Stanley Hauerwas, *Unleashing the Scripture: Freeing the Bible from Captivity to America*)

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

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

We Plow the Fields Johann Schulz
Pachelbel Kanon/Tell the Good News
Morning Has Broken Gaelic Melody
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us William Bradbury
settings by Karrin Ford

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Speak, O Lord #280

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #337 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

Noted hymnologist Kenneth Osbeck writes, "A life of praise and an inner joy and contentment are interwoven—they are complements of each other. Such a life is the result of being absorbed with God." Henry Lyte's life was full of physical struggles but his text reminds us that a life of praising God can overcome any obstacle.

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#606 *Lord, I Lift Your Name*
LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

**Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life.
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

*WELCOME & PASSING OF PEACE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(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.)

MOMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

Tim Meador

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Mark Craig

Deuteronomy 34:1-8: Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain -- that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees -- as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

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

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Merriann Craig

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

Matthew 22:34-40: When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

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

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#264 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*
RESIGNATION

Omer Westendorf was a publisher and lyricist responsible for many adaptations of European church music for use in the United States. In 1960 he adapted a 9th century Latin hymn to remind us that, above all, God is Love!

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Johnelle Kennedy

(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

#494 v.1 *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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Thou Art God John Ness Beck

Note: The congregation is invited to turn to #566 (O God, Our Help in Ages Past) and join us on verse one and verse three.)

THE SERMON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

"Loving Other Christians"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY

Dawn Kalbfleisch

For Those Tears I Died Marsha Stevens

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#533 v.4 *What Gift Can We Bring*
ANNIVERSARY SONG

**This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
These words can convey it—the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise!**

*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

#660 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
MARYTON

Early champion of social justice and Congregational Pastor of Columbus, Ohio, Washington Gladden wrote this hymn in 1879. His words send us forth with a prayer for God to help us in our daily walk arming us with God's love, hope and patience.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#663 v.3 *Go Out in Joy*
STEVEN

**God of the journey, we ask for Your presence
guiding our work, as our gifts we employ
for the fulfillment of Christ's great commission;
singing Your praises we go out in joy.**

*POSTLUDE Greg Land & Debbie Lindley
Shout to the Lord! Robert Lowry
setting by Joel Raney



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

The Deuteronomy reading has such deep pathos. Moses, having led the Israelites through the wilderness, isn't allowed to set foot in the Promised Land. "You shall not cross over there." Matthew presents Jesus as the new Moses, the one who will cross over through death. Jesus is thus the Torah (the Law) in its fulfillment. This is the way we can understand why loving God, self, and neighbor is no abstract principle but part and parcel of being a member of the body of Christ. Love is a gift and therefore is not related to our trying to love or to any of the usual sentimental meanings attached to love.

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.

Prayers of the People

Barbara Babb	Bethany Jones	Harold Rose
Margaret Barker	Heather Kalbfleisch	Don Rosenbeck
Marilyn Beaty	Wilma Landis	Dawn Shirley
Charles Blake	Jennifer Loxley	Dawn Smelser
Mark Buonassissi	Patty Loxley	Judy Smith
Jack Coggins	Rita Marcum	Marion Stoner
Andy Collier	Nickie McDonald	Peter Thomson
Lisa Collier	Giovanna McQuillen	Wheeler Family
Carol Combs	Kyle Mikesell	Warren Williams
Mary Coyer	Melissa Mikesell	
Louella Fenner	Marilyn Sue Miller	Military Duty:
Carrie Louese Ganger	Robert Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jane Halliday	Phyllis Pfersich	Jeffrey Kennedy
Casey Holsopple	Nancy Piatt	Derrick McClain
Dee Jackson	Peggy Piatt	Chris West
Jett Family	Roy Pope	Andy Wilson
Joyce Johnson	Ava Powell	

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of October 23 – 30

Sun. 23	9:00a	.....	Sunday School
	10:30a	.....	Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion
	11:45a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	4:00p	.....	Comfort Group in Worship
Mon. 24	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
Wed. 26	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
Thu. 27	7:30a	.....	Breaking Barriers (Boston Stoker)
	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 28	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
	7:00p	.....	Monthly AIDS Dinner
Sat. 29	9:00a	.....	Decorate for Halloween Party
	9:00a	.....	ABWM Dayton Board Meeting (Library)
	1:00p	.....	YMCA/UpLOAD
Sun. 30	9:00a	.....	Sunday School
	10:30a	.....	Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion
	11:45a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	12:00p	.....	Halloween Party (RSVP)

An Appeal for 2012 Committee/Board Volunteers

Tim Meador will be making a brief announcement from the pulpit this morning to ask members of the congregation to consider serving on a committee or board for the year 2012.

The Comfort Group in Worship Today

The Comfort Group in Worship – Today, Oct. 23
4:00-4:45pm at First Baptist Church

2011 World Mission Offering

Don't forget to make a contribution to the World Mission Offering, the third of our denominational offerings each year. Our gifts help our American Baptist missionaries and national partners around the world to share Jesus Christ. Your gift will enable First Baptist Church to extend its boundaries around the world. Offering envelopes are available in the pews.

(See insert for additional announcements.)

First Baptist Church of Dayton

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ὁ δὲ ἔφη αὐτῷ· Ἀγαπήσεις κύριον τὸν θεὸν σου ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ καρδίᾳ σου καὶ ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ ψυχῇ σου καὶ ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ διανοίᾳ σου· αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ μεγάλη καὶ πρώτη ἐντολή. Δευτέρα δὲ ὅμοια αὐτῇ· Ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτὸν.

(Matthew 22:37-39)

*Love is not that easy to read, understand, or practice.
It can be like a foreign language.
We must be taught to read the language of love.*

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*
R. Alan Kimbrough, *Organist*
Debbie Lindley, *Pianist*
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