

# The First Baptist Church at Worship

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2010

10:30 AM

## The Gathering

### THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist  
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

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

*Draw Me Nearer, Blessed Lord* ..... F. Crosby  
*Amazing Grace, How Can It Be?* ..... Fox  
*Thy Word* ..... Smith / Grant  
*Rescue the Perishing* ..... Schwoebel

## In Praise to the Lord

### CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* ..... arr. Landis

### \*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### \*OPENING HYMN

#751 *For All the Saints*  
SINE NOMINE

*William Washam How was known in nineteenth century England as "the poor man's bishop" because of his concern for the impoverished. He was also considered quite liberal in his day for his support of evolutionism. One of his greatest hymns is our opening hymn and will be sung in many churches on this day.*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*He Has Made Me Glad*  
Leona Von Brethorst (CCLI 1826847)

**I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;  
I will enter His gates with praise.  
I will say "This is the day that the Lord has made!"  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.**

### \*PASSING OF THE 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.)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME MOMENT FOR FAITH CHALLENGE

Ed Rhodes, Moderator

## Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)* Rev. Alspaugh, leader

**Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you and inspire us to serve you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4:** The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*Ye Servants of God* ..... Noble Cain

### THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Zachery Williamson

**2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12:** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

**People: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Luke 19:1-10:** He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the

crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

### \*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#442 *O Come to Me, the Master Said*  
KINGSFOLD

*Timothy Dudley Smith set this text to a traditional English melody arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1987. Coming from what is popularly known as "The Upper Room Discourse" Christ challenges us to: come to Him, abide in Him and believe in Him. As Christians we must accept and embrace those challenges.*

### THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(see insert)*

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.)

### CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

*Healing Grace*  
Chisholm and Sadler (CCLI 1826847)



### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jim Earnest

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

### THE OFFERTORY

Rosalie Hoffman

*Trust Ye In the Lord* ..... Scott

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#651v.4 *O Master...*  
MARYTON

**In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Zachery Williamson

*"When Violence Rules"***The Response of God's People**

## CONGREGATIONAL WITNESS

Dr. Kennedy

**Leader:** This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**People:** **Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Kennedy

**Pastor:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on this gracious, open, and prayerful invitation. Make this be for us the opportunity to receive Christ, become his disciple, join his church, or even renew our faith.

*(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

#43 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
EIN' FESTE BURG

*With All Saints Day and Reformation Sunday coming together, it is challenging to use the great hymns of both occasions. Martin Luther wrote both words and music for our closing hymn in 1529, a hymn that still lives with us today. As we go forth let us constantly remember that God never fails us.*

## \*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

## \*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

*Christ Beside Me*  
(CCLI 1826847)

**Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me, never to part.**

## \*POSTLUDE

Greg Land &amp; Debbie Lindley

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ..... Carl G. Gläser

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.

## WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Reformation Sunday. As we remember the martyrs of the Reformation, we recall the violence that was sanctioned by the church. With the word from the prophet Habakkuk, we consider what seems to be the silence and blindness of God in the face of violence, suffering, and injustice. What are we going to do as violence proliferates in our land? A political ad recently suggested that Jesus was wrong to tell us to love our enemies and labeled him "soft on defense" and incapable of waging a war on terrorism. "Jesus: Wrong for America" the voice in the ad cries. How the mighty have fallen if this kind of cynicism can make its way into our politics. There is a Christian response to violence and it is not more violence.

**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.



**The flowers today are given by  
Bev Harrell and family in memory of  
Jackie Dodge on her birthday.**

**Welcome to All**

✓ **Before Worship:** Children arriving with parents or grandparents at the 9:15 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.

## First Baptist Church of Dayton

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*The prophet Habakkuk bemoans violence and suffering.  
MERIAN, Mattheaus, the Elder*

**Our Mission Statement:**

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

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Rev. Jason Alspaugh, *Associate Pastor Children & Youth*  
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