

First Baptist Church at Worship

January 29, 2012

Ten Forty-Five in the Morning

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gathering

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"Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

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MAKE US HOLY

Greeting and Call to Worship

Gene Derryberry

God is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

God is with his people

and our hearts long for his word.

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God be praised!

*I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

A good understanding have all those who practice it.

God's praise endures forever!

+ Hymn of Praise

"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"

Number 328

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+ Prayer of Confession

Gene Derryberry

Let us confess our sin to God:

God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve. In Christ's name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Meditation

+ Assurance of Pardon

Friends believe the good news of the Gospel;

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+ The Peace

Gene Derryberry

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

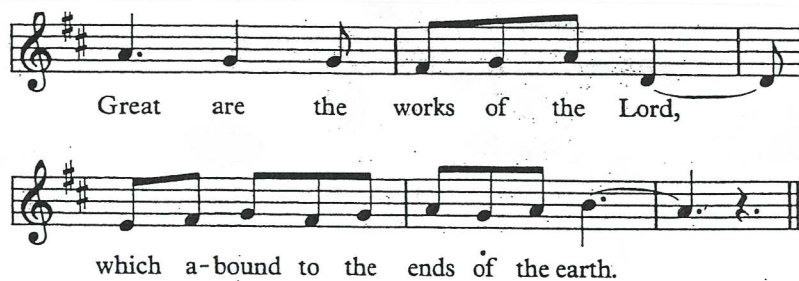
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

During the interlude, all children age 3 through grade 5 are invited to leave for Children Worship & Wonder

The Word

Psalter 111

by Don E. Saliers



Praise the Lord.

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

*Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who have pleasure in them.*

*Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord
whose righteousness endures forever,*

*Who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.*

*The Lord provides food for the faithful
and is ever mindful of his covenant. (Refrain)*

*The Lord has shown his people the power of his works
by giving them the heritage of the nations.*

*The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just;
the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;
they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

*The Lord sent redemption to his people
and has commanded his covenant forever.*

Holy and wondrous is God's name!

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
The praise of the Lord endures forever. (Refrain)*

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*The Gospel of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Ministry of Music

“Be Thou My Vision”

by Edwin Childs

Jesse Martin, *soloist*

Sermon

“Little Enough Authority”

Gene Derryberry

Responding

+ Hymn of Response

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“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

First Baptist Church of Monroe welcomes all persons to participate in the full range of our services, programs, ministries and mission activities. Membership is open to anyone professing faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Persons may offer themselves as candidates for membership by profession of faith and baptism, by statement of previous conversion and baptism, or by transfer of membership from another church. Membership may be requested in writing or during regular worship services. If you wish to present yourself for membership today, come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and one of our ministers will receive you. You are welcome here.

Offertory Prayer

Lisa Davis

All loose change received in January will benefit Restoration House, a ministry to men and women who have been released from prisons, and are coming off the streets. Please give as you are able.

Music at the Offering

“Sing Praise to God”

arranged by T. D. Belflowers

Prayers of the People

Sara Spahr Stubbs

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

+ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning our offerings to the Chancel

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sending

+ Closing Hymn

Number 72

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

+ Blessing and Benediction

Gene Derryberry

Closing Voluntary

"Te Deum Prelude"

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

+ *Those who are able may stand*

Personal Listening Devices are available for worship. Request one from an usher

~ **All worshippers are encouraged to complete the Attendance Register located at the end of each pew** ~

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Leading worship today with

D. Gene Derryberry, Intentional Interim Pastor

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Associate Minister and

Lisa Davis, Deacon

Timothy D. Belflowers, Interim Director of Music and Organist

leads worship through music with members of

The Chancel Choir

Zack Morris, Cantor and

Dr. Jessie Martin, Guest Soloist

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Grayland and Brynn Purcell
and Ken and Nancy Thomas to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Elms*

Room In the Inn

This ministry, in which First Baptist will be participating beginning in February, provides shelter and two meals to the homeless during the coldest months (December-March). We will host a maximum of 12 people each Thursday evening, focusing first on families and then on individuals. The program will be coordinated with Southbrook Church and the Union County Community Shelter. Volunteers will be needed to: drive the church van shuttle; prepare and coordinate meals; setup sleeping areas; provide overnight hospitality hosts (minimum of two each night); cleanup of areas; launder bedding. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Debby McBride. A list of needed items can be found in this week's issue of the newsletter.

Children's Party

Children in Grades 1-5 are invited to a party on Saturday, February 4 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Included will be a pizza supper. There is no charge and friends are always welcome. To RSVP, please call the church office.

Mission Statement of First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Monroe exists to glorify God. We desire to be led by the Holy Spirit into the community and the world in order to share the glory and grace of God through Jesus Christ.

We are an open fellowship of free and faithful Christians, committed to a journey characterized by serious study, intentional worship, loving and compassionate fellowship and hands-on ministry.