

# First Baptist Church at Worship

October 30, 2011

Ten Forty-Five in the Morning

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## Gathering

Gathering Song

*"Bonse Aba"*  
The Choral Scholars

Traditional Zambian Song

*All who sing have the right to be called the children of God.*

Greeting

Gene Derryberry

*The Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*We lift them to the Lord.*

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*We are children of one God!*

*One God has created us!*

*Therefore we will be faithful to one another,*

*And we will honor the covenant of our ancestors.*

*Come, brothers and sisters; let us go to the altar of God.*

*We will delight in the Lord with songs of thanks and praise.*

+ Hymn 43

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

EIN' FESTE BURG

stanza 1 – all

stanza 2 – all

stanza 3 – choir

stanza 4 – all

+ Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

spoken

sung:

*"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord to pray,*

*But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

*How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart*

*That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.*

*Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace. Amen.*

– Rosamond Herklots, 20<sup>th</sup> century

+ Assurance of Forgiveness

*This is good news: God loves us, God forgives us, God calls us.*

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven so that we might become servants  
to those in need. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

+ The Peace

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*The peace of the Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

+ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

*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.*

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session

## The Word

Psalm 43

ST. ANNE

*Pronounce for me your judgment, God, defend my righteous part  
Against the vain, ungodly foes who would corrupt my heart.  
For you, O God, have been my strength in generations past;  
Though I may doubt, your presence will protect me to the last.  
Send out your light and shining truth to lead the faithful home;  
May I within your holy hill delight for years to come.  
And in your courts of joy and peace I will to you always  
Repay the goodness poured on me with songs of thanks and praise.*

— Michael Morgan, 20<sup>th</sup> century

Epistle Lesson

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

Richard Poindexter

*The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 540

*“Take Time to Be Holy”*

HOLINESS

stanzas 1 and 2

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 23:1-12

Paul Sims

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

Sermon

*“Humble Yourselves”*

Gene Derryberry

## Responding

+ Hymn 644

*“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

BEACH SPRING

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

Joe Litaker

*All loose change received in October will benefit Operation Warm Hearts, a ministry that provides new or gently used coats and new blankets for people in need in Union County. Please give as you are able.*

Offertory

*“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

by Doris Akers

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,  
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.  
 Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. REFRAIN  
 I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see,  
 Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. REFRAIN*

Congregational Survey Regarding Work/Approach of Senior Minister

Prayer for the Church

Paul Sims

The Lord's Prayer – a contemporary version

*Our Father in heaven, holy is your name.  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done – on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins in the same way we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and 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**

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

+ Hymn

*“God, Bless Your Church with Strength”*

DIADEMATA

*God, bless your church with strength! Wherever we may be,*

*Upbuild your servants as we work in common ministry.*

*Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar*

*Through open skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we adore.*

*God, bless your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,*

*May we in chaos shine to light a pathway through life’s maze.*

*May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share,*

*In humbleness O may we walk, assured our God is there!*

– John Dalles, 20<sup>th</sup> century

+ Benediction

Gene Derryberry

Organ Postlude

+ *Those who are able may stand.*

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Assisting in today’s ministry of worship are:

*D. Gene Derryberry, Intentional Interim Minister*

*Paul M. Sims, Associate Minister*

*Sara Spahr Stubbs, Associate Minister*

*Timothy Belflowers, Organist*

*The Chancel Choir*

*The Choral Scholars*

*Zack Morris and Jim Stubbs, Soloists*

*Joe Litaker, Deacon*

*Richard Poindexter, Reader*

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cople, Jr. by their grandchildren*

### **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.