

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

May 30, 2010

Trinity Sunday

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

Assemble In God's Name

Greeting

John Hewett

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Organ Voluntary

"Holy God. We Praise Thy Name"

arranged by Diane Bish

Call to Worship

Sara Spahr Stubbs

In the busyness of each day, in the stillness of this moment,

God is present.

*In our homes and in our workplaces,
in our schools and in our neighborhoods,
at work and at worship,*

God calls us by name.

God calls us to follow Jesus.

God calls us to holy living.

May our ears be open to hear God's word.

May our minds and bodies be ready to respond.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

+ Hymn 2

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

NICAEA

+ Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

*Mighty God, you are Creator of all,
yet we confess that we have not served you
with the fullness of commitment you deserve.
You call, O God,*

but we fail to listen.

You ask us to follow,

but we go our own way.

You offer us new life.

**but we tread old, familiar paths
that are empty and barren.**

In your mercy, loving God, forgive our sin.

Replace our waywardness with faithful trust.

Renew our spirits by your Spirit.

Free our hearts from the grip of sin

and lead us to follow and serve Jesus Christ, our Lord.

+ Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

+ The Peace

John Hewett

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+ Gloria Patri

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*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 after a brief prayer with Dr. Hewett

Proclaim God's Word

First Lesson

1 Samuel 3

Sara Spahr Stubbs

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

Psalms 139

setting by Hal Hopson



Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.

You know when I rise, you know when I rest; you read my thoughts from far away.

You watch over each step; you know when I sleep; you are acquainted with all my ways. REFRAIN

Even before a word is on my lips, you know what is in my heart.

You are before me and behind me; you lay your hand upon me. REFRAIN

Where shall I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; you are in the depths of the sea. REFRAIN

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts.

See if I follow the path of evil, and lead me in the way of eternal life. REFRAIN

Second Lesson

Revelation 3:1-6

Carol Tyson

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

Third Lesson

Matthew 13:13-17

John Hewett

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

Sermon

"BODYWORKS: Ears to Hear"

John Hewett

Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

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 our minister will receive you. *You are welcome here.*

+ Offertory Prayer

Nancy Thomas

All loose change received in May will benefit Restoration House, a local ministry that reaches out to lost and broken people, offering them an encouraging hand in the name of Christ. We give this offering in memory of Dom Duarte, founder and director of this ministry. Please give as you are able.

Offertory

"Psalm 139"
The Chancel Choir

by Allen Pote

*Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do,
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, your presence follows me day by day.
Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.
Search me, O God, and know me. Try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

John Hewett

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 the offering 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.*

Go In God's Name

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

"Improvisation on 'Holy, Holy, Holy'"

- Those who are able may stand

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

John H. Hewett, Minister of Worship and Teaching

Paul M. Sims, Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

The Chancel Choir

Nancy Thomas, Deacon

Carol Tyson, Reader

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are Robin Haas and Jane Hawkins

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Jeanette Helms
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Paul Helms*

Young-at-Heart

Members of Young-at-Heart are invited on a trip to the Park Seed Company in Greenwood, SC on Thursday, June 17. The group will leave from the church at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be on your own in uptown Greenwood. Cost (for transportation) is \$10. If you would like to go, please contact the church office.

Children's Party

The next Children's Party will be held on Saturday, June 19 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Included will be a pizza supper, with time given for making a special gift for Father's (or Grandfather's) Day. Friends are welcome. Call or email the church office by June 16 to make reservations.

Summer Choir

The Summer Choir will begin on Sunday, June 6. Rehearsals will be held each Sunday morning at 9:00 in the Sanctuary. The Summer Choir is open to all those who enjoy singing.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 21-24, 9:30-12:00 daily, for children age 4-grade 5 (completed). Included will be Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks and more. Reservation forms are available in the church office or on the church website.

Music Day Camp

Help us spread the word about our upcoming Music Day Camp. It will be held July 12-16, 9:00-1:00 daily for those in grades 2-7. Children will learn the wonderful musical entitled "The Tale of Three Trees", which they will perform the last day of camp. Guest director is Terri Vancil. Registration forms are available in the church office and on the church website.