

Today's Worship

Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost, a season of the Christian year also referred to as "Kingdom-tide," when we celebrate our life together as a church family. The color for this season is green and symbolizes the opportunity that we have for spiritual growth, both individually and as a community of believers.

BIRTHDAYS – JUNE

- 14 Mark Plunkett, Chesley Thomas
- 16 Jennifer Abbott, June Busbee, Bruce Scott, Gwen Williams
- 17 Janet Mitchell, Eula Ross, Paul Vasil
- 18 Bill Bodie, Judy Day
- 19 Betty Blanchard, Rick Davenport, Janis Ladd, Jim Mathis
- 20 David Cureton

SENIOR FOOD MINISTRY DONATIONS

We are presently collecting canned fruit for the Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) Senior Ministry Program. Please make your donations by this Wednesday, June 17th.

MINISTERS

The members of First Baptist Church and

Fred W. Andrea III, Ph.D.
Pastor

Mary Carol Anderson
Associate Minister in Student Ministries

Vicky R. McCullough
Director of Children's Ministries
Kindergarten Director

Danny L. Garnett
Clinical Director,
Community Counseling Center

Leonard V. Redd
Building Superintendent

Connie M. Kinney
Parents' Day Out Director

Jack F. Hasty
Pastoral Care Assistant

Joyce M. English
Church Organist

To Our Guests:

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today and hope that you leave with a sense of having experienced the presence of God in the community of believers. If you are searching for a permanent place of worship and fellowship, we invite you to consider First Baptist Church as your church home.

The 11:00 a.m. worship service is rebroadcast on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband Cable, Channel 95. Audio and video (DVD and VHS) recordings of the morning worship service are available, upon request, from the church office. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an FM wireless hearing assistance system. Ask one of the ushers for a receiver.

Worship Notes:

James E. Bennett, Jr.
Associate Minister in Music

Amy R. Stertz
Associate Minister in Christian Education

W. Joel Campbell
Jason A. Ranké
Our Pastoral Interns

Karen H. Bach
Annette H. Gibson
Patti B. Miller
Jason A. Ranké
Secretarial Support Staff

Marion S. Mobley
Music Ministry Assistant

Jane K. Talbert
Church Hostess

CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2009 The Lord's Day
*Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command
through worshiping, nurturing, ministering,
and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.*



O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Preparation for Worship

Out of reverence to God and respect for others, please silence cellular telephones, beepers, and other audible devices during worship.

The Prelude

Festive Trumpet Tune

arr. German

Chiming of the Hour

MY GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE

The Invocation

Dr. Andrea (8:45)
Mrs. Stertz (11:00)

God of the universe, God of the single cell, we thank you that we have sensed your presence in our world and in our lives.

We have felt your lure in our lives, your tug on our emotions. We have heard your knock at the door of our hearts.

We have sensed your desire to make your home in the secret places of our own selves, and we are honored to be chosen, yet fearful – unsure.

O Christ, more than anything we sense that you are love. You are light and freedom and the hope of new creation.

Help us to know you, to feel you, to hear you;

help us to accept you as you accept each one of us, so that you may live in us just as we have our life in you.

So now hear us pray together the prayer you gave the disciples, saying . . .

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 for ever. Amen.

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THE GLORIES OF MY GOD AND KING

†*Hymn of Praise 216 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON
The Expression of Fellowship (11:00) Mrs. Jennifer Campbell
Passing the Friendship Register
Please take the registration pad from the right end of the pew; sign it and pass it to your left. At the conclusion of worship, warmly greet those who have shared the pew with you.

THE TRIUMPHS OF HIS GRACE

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:34-39
Pew Bible Page 25 (NT) Deacon Cindy Meares (11:00)
The Call to Prayer Dr. Andrea
The Silent Prayer of Confession
The Assurance of Pardon and Prayer of Intercession

MY GRACIOUS MASTER AND MY GOD

†*The Offertory Hymn 211 *I Love Thee* I LOVE THREE
The Offertory Prayer
Pray for our mission partners Matt and Melanie Storie, who are coordinators with Sowing Seeds of Hope in Perry County, Alabama, one of the poorest counties in the nation.
Receiving the Tithes and Offerings
The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The Offertory (8:45) *O Had I Jubal's Lyre* Handel
The Offertory (11:00) *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Medema
Amy Smith, soprano
*The Doxology OLD 100TH
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

ASSIST ME TO PROCLAIM

The Epistle Lesson Romans 8:35-39
Pew Bible Page 162 (NT) Mrs. Smith (8:45)
Ms. Catherine Hasty (11:00)
The Children's Message (11:00) Mrs. McCullough
Young worshipers are invited to come to the front as the instrumental music begins.
The Solo (8:45) *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* MEDEMA
Amy Smith, soprano
The Anthem (11:00) *Write Your Blessed Name* Scott
Sanctuary Choir

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity, shall ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense; a comforter in tribulation; a deliverer in distress; and a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Amen.

TO SPREAD THROUGH ALL THE EARTH ABROAD

The Psalm Psalm 63:1-11
Pew Bible Page 549 (OT)
The Message *A Love Affair with God*
The Invitation to Discipleship
*Hymn of Commitment 489 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE
Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship. Our pastor will greet and receive you.

THE HONORS OF THY NAME

Acknowledgment of New Members
Opportunities for Christian Growth and Service
*The Ministry of Peace and the Pastoral Benediction
The Congregational Response ¹ SIM
**Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit,
live simply, don't carry much more than you need:
Go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness,
stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.**
The Postlude *Minuet Finale* from Music for the Royal Fireworks Handel
*Those who are able, please stand.
†Arriving worshipers may be seated.

Large print orders of worship are available at each Sanctuary entrance.

Recycle bins have been placed at Sanctuary exit doors. Please discard any portion of the printed order of worship that you do not wish to take home with you.

We welcome Amy Smith as our Music Worship Leader today. Mr. Bennett and Ms. Anderson are away with our youth as they travel with the 2009 jubilate! Festival Singers and their adult sponsors to Florida, Georgia and back to South Carolina. Please be prayerful for them as they travel home this evening.

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Children's Worship Packets

In the hall to the left of the front of the Sanctuary are Children's Worship Packets for children to use during our worship services.

WELCOME!

Welcome to worship at Aiken's First Baptist Church. We hope you will use this time to experience God's grace through praise, confession, forgiveness, challenge, and renewal as we lend hearts, hands and voices to the good task of Christian worship. We want to know you better. Won't you please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate?

Date: _____

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Residence: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Age Group: 13-19 20-29 30-39
 40-49 50-59 60+

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Status: Single Married Divorced
 Separated Widowed

Please check all that apply:

- First time visitor
- New to the area
- Occasional visitor
- Interested in knowing more about being a Christian
- Interested in knowing more about this church
- Interested in joining this church