

Today's Worship

Today is the Fifteenth 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 – SEPTEMBER

- 05 Milly Ann Epps, Oliver Freeman,
Carl Gunter, Ann Harlee, Bailee
Sievers
- 06 Mary Beck, Jimmie Bell, Casey
Busbee, Jan Mizelle
- 07 Chris Butler, Brook Cogdill, Stanley
Dedmon, Madelyn Simmons, Hunter
Williams
- 08 Nancy Burnside, Bill Church,
Andrew Parker, Brad Paul, Davey
Stark, Gail Thomas
- 10 Jamey Cook, Carl Copley, Dottie
Jackson, Jim McCullough
- 11 Eva Chandler, Kappy Crain, Bill
Dean, Zack Grimes, Doris
McMahan, Hayden Steller

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

Joyce M. English
Church Organist

Jane K. Talbert
Church Hostess

Worship Notes:

James E. Bennett, Jr.
Associate Minister in Music and Worship

Amy R. Stertz
Associate Minister in Christian Education

Jason A. Ranké
Our Seminarian

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

Teri C. Laurence
Music Ministry Assistant

Connie M. Kinney
Parents' Day Out Director



CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 5, 2010 The Lord's Day
*Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command
through worshiping, nurturing, ministering,
and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.*

BE THOU MY VISION, O LORD OF MY HEART

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

Sanctify Us by Thy Goodness

Bach

Chiming of the Hour

NAUGHT BE ALL ELSE TO ME, SAVE THAT THOU ART

The Call to Worship

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

Lord God, you know me through and through;
you know my sitting down, and my getting up.

You sense what I am thinking from far away;
you understand my journeying and my resting.

In fact, you are familiar with the way I do everything;
even before I speak, you know what's on my mind.

You are in my past, and in my future;

you surround me with your love, and your reassuring hand is upon me.

This wonderful knowledge is beyond my understanding;

it surpasses everything, and is beyond my grasp.

—from Psalm 139

The Invocation and 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.**

†*Hymn of Praise 3

Worthy of Worship

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THOU MY BEST THOUGHT BY DAY OR BY NIGHT

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 Epistle Lesson

Philemon 4-20

Pew Bible Page 220 (NT)

Deacon Milledge Austin III (11:00)

WAKING OR SLEEPING, THY PRESENCE MY LIGHT

The Call to Prayer

Dr. Andrea

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon and Prayer of Intercession

RICHES I HEED NOT OR VAIN, EMPTY PRAISE

†*The Offertory Hymn 383

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

The Offertory Prayer

Pray for Metanoia, the urban mission in North Charleston, which was founded by and is supported through the South Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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

Rhosymedre

Vaughan-Williams

*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.**

THOU MINE INHERITANCE NOW AND ALWAYS

The Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

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Mr. Bennett (8:45)

Miss Holly Fulmer (11:00)

The Children's Message (11:00)

Mrs. Bonnie Pattison

Young worshipers are invited to come to the front as the instrumental music begins.

THOU, AND THOU ONLY, FIRST IN MY HEART

The Solo (8:45)

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Whitmore

The Anthem (11:00)

Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord?

Price

Sanctuary Choir

Do not I love Thee, O my Lord? Behold my heart, and see; and turn each cursed idol out that dares to rival Thee. Do not I love Thee from my soul? Then let me nothing love; dead be my heart to every joy, when Jesus cannot move. Thou know'st I love Thee, dearest Lord, But O! I long to soar far from the sphere of mortal joys, and learn to love Thee more. Do not I love Thee, O my Lord?

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:25-33

Pew Bible Page 79 (NT)

The Message

Just a Minute, Jesus

The Invitation to Discipleship

HIGH KING OF HEAVEN, MY TREASURE THOU ART

*Hymn of Commitment 492 *Purer in Heart, O God*

PURER IN HEART

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.

Acknowledgment of New Members

*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

Toccata in Seven

Rutter

*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.

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We welcome Marya Fancey as our guest organist today. Mrs. English is away on vacation.

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) 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.

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.

Flower Calendar

Lovely flowers in our Sanctuary add to the beauty of our worship experience. Most of the flowers are provided by members of the congregation in memory or honor of loved ones and events. Persons wishing to reserve a particular Sunday should call the Church Office or pick up a Flower Request Form on the rack outside the Church Office.

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