

### 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

- 18 Bill Bodie, Chylie Copley, Judy Day, Rett McCullough
- 19 Betty Blanchard, Rick Davenport, Cooper Hall, Les Hall, Janis Ladd, Al Long, Jim Mathis
- 20 Jim McKinney
- 21 Beth Barranco, Jewel Turner, Lam Vo, Kaye Wingard
- 22 Summer Blanchard, Erin English, Elizabeth Hendrix, Tom Reid, Maggie West, James Whittle
- 23 Jackie Cushman, Mike Hunt, Ashley Stancel
- 24 Matthew Cowart, Rachel Harper, Sarah Hasty, Kayla Lea

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**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 this 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 12. Audio (CD) 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.

*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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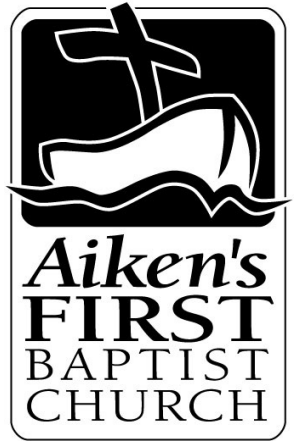
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## CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Pentecost  
**June 18, 2017** The Lord's Day  
*Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command  
through worshiping, nurturing, ministering,  
and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.*



### THOUGH I MAY SPEAK WITH BRAVEST FIRE

#### Preparation for Worship

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

#### The Meditation

*Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.*

– Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)

#### The Prelude

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

arr. Leysath

#### Chiming of the Hour

### AND HAVE THE GIFT TO ALL INSPIRE

#### The Call to Worship

Dr. Andrea

In the morning, God hears our voices as we lift our prayers and songs.

**In the morning, God whispers to us in the gentle breezes stirring the world.**

In the morning, we look for God alive and active around us.

**In the morning we come together to worship our God.**

#### 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 350

*Blessed Be the Name*

BLESSED NAME

**AND HAVE NOT LOVE, MY WORDS ARE VAIN**

The Expression of Fellowship Deacon Mike Epps  
Passing the Friendship Register

A Song of Fellowship *In This Place*<sup>1</sup> Medema  
**In this place among these people God is worshiped, God is praised.  
We have seen the signs and wonders;  
the lost are found here, the dead are raised.  
We are living the Gospel story; lives are changed and mountains moved.  
Won't you come and work among us? You are welcomed, you are loved.**

The Old Testament Lesson Lamentations 3:55-58  
Pew Bible 735 (OT)

**AS SOUNDING BRASS, AND HOPELESS GAIN**

The Call to Prayer  
The Silent Prayer of Confession  
The Assurance of Pardon  
The Prayer of Intercession and Pastoral Prayer

**THOUGH I MAY GIVE ALL I POSSESS**

\*†Hymn 440 *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* GIFT OF LOVE  
The Offertory Prayer  
*Pray for My Father's House, a shelter in Aiken for homeless women, which encourages Bible study and prayer.*

Receiving the Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Leysath  
†\*The Doxology 706 OLD 100TH

**AND STRIVING SO MY LOVE PROFESS**

The Epistle Lesson James 5:13-16  
Pew Bible Page 234 (NT) Mr. Patrick LeGrand  
The Children's Message Mrs. McCullough  
*All children are invited to come to the front as the instrumental music begins. Four- and five-year-olds will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Message.*

**BUT NOT BE GIVEN BY LOVE WITHIN**

The Anthem *Kumbaya* arr. Sjolund  
Sanctuary Choir  
The Gospel Lesson John 14:12-14  
Pew Bible Page 112 (NT)  
The Message *Praying in the Spirit of Christ*  
The Invitation to Discipleship

**THE PROFIT SOON TURNS STRANGELY THIN**

\*Commitment Hymn *Forth in Your Name, O Christ* DUKE STREET  
*Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess your faith or identify with this fellowship. Our Pastor will greet and receive you.*

**Forth in your name, O Christ, we go, our daily labor to pursue,  
you, only you, resolved to know in all we think, or speak, or do.**

**The task your wisdom has assigned here let us cheerfully fulfil,  
in all our works your presence find, and prove your good and perfect will.**

**You may we set at our right hand, whose eyes our inmost secrets view,  
and labor on at your command and offer all our works to you.**

**Help us to bear your easy yoke, in every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look, and hasten to that glorious day.**

**Then with delight may we employ all that your bounteous grace has given,  
and run our earthly course with joy, and closely walk with you to heaven.**

Acknowledgment of New Members

\*The Ministry of Peace and the Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Response<sup>2</sup> 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

\*Those who are able, please stand.  
†Arriving worshipers may be seated.

*We welcome Christopher T. Leysath as our guest organist this morning. Christopher is the Director of Choirs at North Augusta High School, a position he has held since 2014. Christopher has spent many years in the service of the church as music director, pianist, and organist, and has also served as Conference Organist for the Annual Convention of the South Carolina Methodist Conference for the last four years. Christopher enjoys sharing with and serving local churches throughout the Augusta/Aiken area and hopes to inspire your hearts through music.*

*The red rose and Dutch cradle cross have been placed on the chancel rail to the glory of God and in honor of the June 8 birth of Rhett Harrison Schutte to Chip and Tina Schutte. The proud grandparents are Rodney and Barbara Smoak.*

**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.

**The ACTS Monthly Collection item for June is rice.**

**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