

Today's Worship

Today is the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost, a season of the Christian year also referred to as "Kingdomtide," 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

- 10 Jamey Cook, Dottie Jackson, Jim McCullough
- 11 Bill Dean, Zach Grimes, Hayden Steller
- 12 Becky Croll, A.J. Deibel, Lionel Smith
- 13 Brian Armstrong, Kristy Haddock, Evelyn Moore, George Rogers
- 14 Andy Brown, Michael Carlisle, Jory Croft, Pansy Moyer, Hazel Sleister
- 15 Jimmy Batte, Beth Dalick, Cindy Ivey, Wanda Payne, Mary Richardson
- 16 Emily Chambers, June Huston, Kay Wakefield

Today

- 5:00 Combined Youth Bible Study
5:50 Youth Snack Supper
6:10 Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal

MINISTERS

The members of Aiken's First Baptist Church and

Fred W. Andrea III, Ph.D.
Pastor

Vicky R. McCullough
Director of Children's Ministries

Debbie M. Sessions
Coordinator of Discipleship Development

Kathy K. Samaha
Preschool Director

Elise D. Faulkner
Director of Food Services

Leonard V. Redd
Director of Facilities Operations

Danny L. Garnett
Clinical Director,
Community Counseling Center

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.

Worship Notes:

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

Megan T. Doud
Associate Minister in Student Ministries

Sarah E. Laurence
Student Ministries Intern

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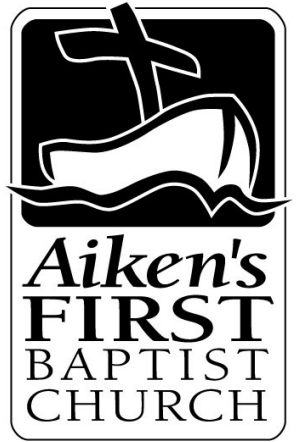
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CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 10, 2017 The Lord's Day
*Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command
through worshiping, nurturing, ministering,
and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.*



AS I COME BEFORE YOUR PRESENCE

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

By perseverance the snail reached the ark.

– Charles Spurgeon, British Clergyman (1834-1892)

The Prelude

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

arr. Page

Chiming of the Hour

LORD, TRUE WORSHIP I WOULD BRING

The Introit

Hold On
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Rentz

The Call to Worship

Ms. Sarah Laurence

Sing praises to our Lord:

who heals us and makes us whole.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;

give thanks to God's holy name:

God's Kingdom is near to us;

God's peace resides in our hearts.

– Thom Shuman, inspired by Psalm 30

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 502 *Lord, I Lay My Life Before You* HYMN TO JOY

OF YOUR NEVER-ENDING FAVOR

The Expression of Fellowship Deacon Tim Hasty

Passing the Friendship Register

A Song of Fellowship *In This Place*¹ 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 Exodus 14:10-14

Pew Bible 67 (OT)

LET MY HEART FOREVER SING

The Call to Prayer The Rev. Doud

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Prayer of Intercession and Pastoral Prayer

MAY MY WORSHIP BE MADE HOLY

*†Offertory Hymn 472 *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* LEMMEL

The Offertory Prayer

Pray for the upcoming Kidsignment Sale that volunteers and customers will feel the love of Christ through experiencing together the joy that comes with working together, and for children helping families provide for their children.

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 *Variations on AZMON* Smith

†*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.

AS I COME BEFORE YOUR THRONE

The Gospel Lesson Luke 9:57-62

Pew Bible Page 72 (NT)

Mr. Jake Hibbitts

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.

AND EACH GIFT OF PRAISE I OFFER

The Anthem *Fight the Good Fight* Thiman

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is Thy strength and Christ Thy right; Lay hold on life and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally. Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek His face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize. Cast care aside, lean on Thy guide; His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near, He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ, that Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

The Epistle Lesson II Timothy 4:6-8

Pew Bible Page 217 (NT)

Dr. Andrea

The Message *Don't Ever Give Up*

The Invitation to Discipleship

BE TO YOU, AND YOU ALONE

*Commitment Hymn 497 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

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.

Acknowledgment of New Members

*The Ministry of Peace and the Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Response² 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 *Postlude on DARWALL'S 148TH* Callahan

*Those who are able, please stand.

†Arriving worshipers may be seated.

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.

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 September is canned fruit.

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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