

### Today's Worship

Today is the Twenty-third 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 – NOVEMBER

- 12 Cameron Clamp, Valerie Cox
- 13 Cecil Atchley, Brady Dial, Camp Elvis
- 14 Janie Lunsford
- 15 Sanders Beck, Tucker Samaha, Dixie Taylor
- 16 Marisol Felix, Jan Kirkwood
- 17 Bill Chappell, Holly Fulmer, Luanne Greer, Tim Hasty, Martha Martin, Matt McLain, Sandra Meischen
- 18 Florence Hall, Geneva Miller, Nick Murff, Mary Spears

### Today

- 5:00 Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:50 Youth Snack Supper
- 6:10 Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal (continued)

### 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

**James E. Bennett, Jr.**

Associate Minister in Music and Worship

**Megan T. Doud**

Associate Minister in Student Ministries

**Sarah E. Laurence**

Student Ministries Intern

**Kristy G. Garvin**

Membership Assistant/  
Pastor's Assistant

**Nancy B. Wagner**

Financial Secretary

**Joyce M. English**

Church Organist

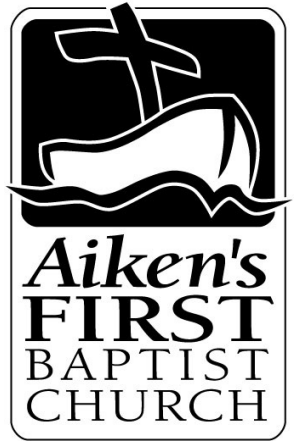
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### Worship Notes:

## CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost  
November 12, 2017 The Lord's Day  
*Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command  
through worshiping, nurturing, ministering,  
and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.*



### GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

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

*When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself.*

– Tecumseh (1768-1813)

The Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

### FROM YOUR RICH AND ENDLESS STORE

The Call to Worship

Ms. Sarah Laurence

Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

**Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.**

Praise be to God who provides for us.

**May our hearts be truly grateful,**

and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

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 296

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

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## NATURE'S WONDER, JESUS' WISDOM

The Expression of Fellowship

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 I Chronicles 16:29-34  
Pew Bible 414 (OT) Deacon Gordon Eisenman

## COSTLY CROSS, GRAVE'S SHATTERED DOOR

The Call to Prayer Dr. Andrea

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Prayer of Intercession and Pastoral Prayer

## GIFTED BY YOU, WE TURN TO YOU

\*†Hymn 583 *Jesus Paid It All* ALL TO CHRIST

The Epistle Lesson II Corinthians 4:14-15  
Pew Bible Page 185 (NT) Ms. Rachel Larson

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.*

## OFFERING UP OURSELVES IN PRAISE

The Anthem *Look at the World* Rutter  
Sanctuary Choir

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:14-30  
Pew Bible Page 28 (NT)

The Message *Risk and Gratitude*

The Invitation to Discipleship and Procession of Gifts  
*Today is Commitment Sunday. You are invited to bring your commitment card to the front of the Sanctuary and place it on the Communion Table during the meditation. If you are unable to come to the front, you may place your card in the offering plate as it is passed.*

The Meditation *Give Thanks* arr. Hayes

## THANKFUL SONG SHALL RISE FOREVER

The Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn 671 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING  
*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.*

The Offertory Prayer

*Pray for Samaritan's Purse volunteers and staff as they prepare Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes with gifts and the gospel message for children around the world.*

The Offertory

†\*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.**

## GRACIOUS DONOR OF OUR DAYS

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.

*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 November is soap (dish, bath, and laundry).**

## 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.

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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