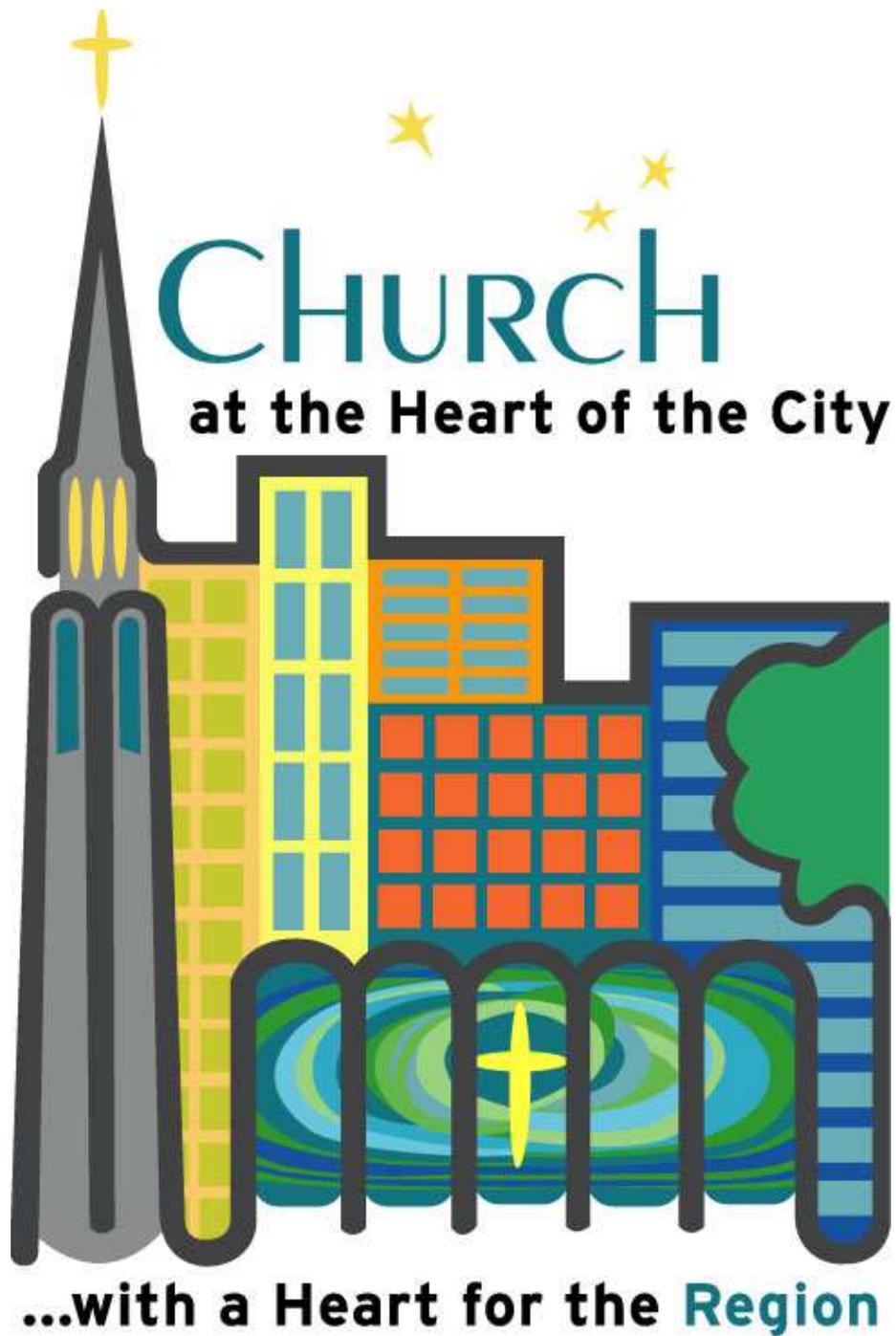


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The people of First Baptist Church gather this morning to worship God. In order for these next few moments to be focused on worship, please silence all electronic devices including cell phones and tablets.

PRELUDE.....Esther Kim, *organ*

Worthy of Worship — arr. Boud

THE DOXOLOGY Congregation

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Children are invited to come to the front pew during the singing of the Doxology.

CELEBRATION OF BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

Candidates:

Erin Barrow

Nola White

CHILDREN'S TIME Mandy Davenport

HYMN.....Esther Kim, *organ*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, He sets the pris - oner free;



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of His grace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a - vailed for me.



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 100)

MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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PRAYER AND WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS..... Scott Day
Missions Minister

INSTRUMENTAL WORSHIP..... Heavy Metal, No Strings Attached
In Christ Alone – Getty and Townend/arr. Wilson

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save, till on that cross, as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified, for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no human plan can ever pluck me from His hand, till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.

~ Text by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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HYMN..... Esther Kim, piano
View the Present Through the Promise

1. View the pres-ent through the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
2. Probe the pres-ent with the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
3. Match the pres-ent to the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Trust de-spite the deep-ening dark-ness, Christ will come a - gain.
Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
Make this hope your guid - ing prem - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Lift the world a - bove its griev-ing through your watch-ing and be-liev-ing
Let your lov-ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for-giv - ing
Pat-tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - at - ing

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in the hope past hope's con-ceiv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 to the ad - vent you are wait - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger, 1985 (Matt. 24:42-44) AR HYD Y NOS, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Welsh melody, alt.; harm. Luther O. Emerson, 1906 8.5.8.5.8.8.8.5
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WORSHIP IN SONG.....Jane Orton, *alto*
We Shall Behold Him – Rambo

The sky shall unfold, preparing His entrance. The stars shall applaud Him with thunders of praise. The sweet light in His eyes shall enhance those awaiting; and we shall behold Him then face to face.

The angels shall sound the shout of His coming; the sleeping shall rise from their slumbering place; and those who remain shall be changed in a moment; and we shall behold Him then face to face.

We shall behold Him; we shall behold Him face to face in all of His glory. We shall behold Him; we shall behold Him face to face our Savior and Lord.

~ Text by Dottie Rambo

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SCRIPTURE READING.....Diane Singer
Matthew 25:1-13

HYMN.....Esther Kim, *organ*
What If It Were Today

1. Je - sus is com - ing to earth a - gain, What if it were to - day?
 2. Sa - tan's do - min - ion will then be o'er, O that it were to - day!
 3. Faith - ful and true would He find us here If He should come to - day?

Com - ing in pow - er and love to reign, What if it were to - day?
 Sor - row and sigh - ing shall be no more, O that it were to - day!
 Watch - ing in glad - ness and not in fear, If He should come to - day?

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

With our Lives

Hymn of Commitment.....Esther Kim, organ

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou has died; draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord to Thy precious bleeding side.

~ Text by Fanny J. Crosby

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With our Tithes and Offerings

Instead of passing offering plates, please use the receptacles outside the Sanctuary doors for giving tithes and offerings, either now or as you depart.

BENEDICTION Pam Jones, deacon

POSTLUDE Esther Kim, organ

Toccata from Suite Gothique — Boëllman

On this morning's music for worship...

Our instrumental ensemble this morning is a unique representative of our FBC Orchestra, with a unique name! *Heavy Metal, No Strings Attached* is the creative moniker for our tuba/euphonium ensemble. On the euphoniums (tenor tubas) are Susan Field, Greg Gilbreath, and Emily Parker. On the bass tubas are Ben Darby and Nelson Parker. They play a transcription of an arrangement of *In Christ Alone*, one of the most popular hymns in the world this past decade.

Our Sanctuary Choir is ably represented by alto Jane Orton and pianist Esther Kim. The selection they bring to worship today as our pastor begins a new sermon series is Dottie Rambo's beloved song, *We Shall Behold Him*, the text of which was inspired by numerous scriptures, including 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

We have pulled a gospel song from our previous hymnal for use this morning. *What If It Were Today* was written in 1912 by Lelia Naylor Morris, who wrote hymns as she went about her housework. She and her husband were active in the Methodist Episcopal denomination and at camp meetings. Although she became blind at age 52 she continued to write hymns on a 28-foot long blackboard that her family had built for her. She is credited with the hymn tune known as *Sweeter as the Years Go By*.

HYMN REFLECTIONS —

View the Present Through the Promise is written by Thomas H. Troeger, one of my favorite creators of contemporary hymn texts. He is prolific as an author, with books in the areas of worship, poetry, hymnody, preaching, and the theology of music.

His text points us toward the foundational biblical promise that Christ will come again. This great hope of all Christ followers finds fresh artistic expression across the world every day. The first stanza prods us to understand the dark and seemingly worsening present day through our hanging onto the hope that Christ will return. ("Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing in the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.") The second and third stanzas further move us to shape our present day living (*loving, giving, actions of justice and forgiving*) in such a way that the future is better for all.

I love the wedding of this thoughtful and contemplative text to such a quiet and peaceful tune as AR HYD Y NOS, the beloved Welsh melody known to many as *All Through the Night*.

Billy Orton
Minister of Music and Worship

We welcome our newest member

Anna Cook

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Joseph "Joey" Scarfo
on the occasion of his birthday, October 28, by his family*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Worship Care is now available for kids birth through pre-k in both of our Sunday services. Worship Care is provided by paid workers, but once restrictions on activity due to COVID are lifted, we will return to our full volunteer-run worship care. If you would like a spot for your child(ren) on a Sunday morning, we ask that you register by the end of the day on the Thursday before. Preregistration will allow us to print security tags and staff our classrooms appropriately.

Light the Night is an opportunity to gather your neighbors and enjoy some fellowship, games, AND CANDY! It's all outside, great for socially distancing, and gives you a chance to get to know the folks in your neighborhood. It gives all of us a chance to be the Church at the Heart of the City with a Heart for the Region.

We have a problem...but it's a great problem! Light the Night is our effort to help you engage your neighbors on Halloween night. This year, we've got a record number of houses and are still in need of candy!

There are 3 ways you can help us:

- Donate a box of FULL-SIZED candy bars
- Sign up to be a host home (email Christina Hearne and Joanna White)
- Email Christina Hearne to see how and where you can help on Halloween night

This year is looking like it will be our best Light the Night yet. We are looking forward to seeing how you can be a part of it!

Acknowledgmentaction Small Groups - Sign up for a small group today to discuss Acknowledgmentaction. This book was written by Travis and shared at our joint meeting with First Missionary Baptist Church. The book is free. Meetings will be offered in person and online. To sign up, go to the front page of our website and follow the link to the registration form. Once you fill out the form, we'll be in touch with you very soon!

Holy Ghost Stories - The October Young Adult Podcast Series is here! Listen to some "Holy Ghost Stories" about how the Holy Spirit moves in people's lives featuring our very own Travis Collins and Kristin Prasad! Find the podcast on YouTube, Spotify, and iTunes.

Christian Women's Job Corps Circles 2020 - Christian Women's Job Corps has been housed and supported by First Baptist for many years. Several CWJC volunteers, teachers and staff are members at FBC! CWJC's primary fundraiser, Circles, is November 2 and you are invited to be a part! This year Circles is a FREE and Virtual Event featuring Becca Stevens, Founder and President of Thistle Farms in Nashville. Becca is world-renowned for her work to provide women survivors the time and space for transformative, sustainable healing from trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. FBC member and CWJC graduate, Jessicah Odongo will share her testimony. Register for the free event at cwjc.net.

Married Date Night Fall Edition - November 6, go out (or order in) for a dinner date with your spouse. Register on Mosaic and the first 24 couples to register will get a fun gift bag to go along with your date. All who register will receive a guide with questions and conversations for the evening. Be sure to take a photo on your date and post on social media.

The One Less Committee is committed to supporting families who foster and adopt and to raising awareness of the need for more adoptive and foster families. If you have experienced adoption or foster care - personally or as a parent - we would love to hear your story and share it to inspire others! Please email oneless@fbchsv.org for more information.

The Living Christmas Tree 2020 - Our choir and orchestra members continue to share their talents in recording sessions this week (Tuesday for orchestra, Wednesday for choir) as FBC prepares a Living Christmas Tree like no other we have experienced! Our "re-imagined" LCT will be virtual and will blend videos from our deep archives with newly-recorded music from the choir, the orchestra, First Kids Music, and additional ensembles and soloists. Also featured will be some very special guest artists. Our pre-produced broadcast will air the weekend before Christmas. Please continue to pray for our performers and tech crews as they invest heavily in the recording sessions.

LIVESTREAM AND PRE-RECORDED BROADCASTS

Livestream of Worship Services

If you wish to watch the worship service as it is happening in the room, you can find the livestream of First Fellowship (8:15am) and the livestream of Sanctuary Worship (10:30am) at www.fbchsv.org/live.

FBC@HOME

Our pre-produced broadcast program, FBC@HOME, is available Sundays on Facebook Live at 8:15am and 10:30am, and on WHNT-19 at 10:30am. The program includes the Sunday sermon, selected music from our worship services, testimonies, children's time, scripture readings, and special features from our church life.

During the Week

All of these broadcasts can be accessed throughout the week on the church website, www.fbchsv.org, by clicking on *Service Archive*. If you had to miss one of these options on Sunday, you can go to the Services and Sermons page on fbchsv.org to access and watch any one of the services during the week.

Church at the Heart of the Home is our new electronic worship guide to keep Sundays sacred and lead you through worship on Sunday morning. It is an email that is sent out on Saturday mornings. You can find the guide online at fbchsv.org/athome and you can sign up to be put on the email list.

Digital Orders of Worship

Downloadable PDFs of the current week's Sunday Worship bulletin are available online at the Music and Worship page of our church website. Simply go to <https://fbchsv.org/music-and-worship-ministries>. (Scroll down to the header entitled *Resources*, or on the Members Page under *Music and Worship Ministries*.)

The digital worship bulletins contain announcements regarding church life as well as detailed information on the worship content and leadership.

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