



FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

In the Center of the City with the Savior

11 AM Service | September 13, 2020

Organ Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | Don Phillips*

Call to Worship Hymn 17 *This Is My Father's World | TERRA PATRIS*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
The morning light the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King! Let heaven ring! God reigns! Let earth be glad!

Responsive Reading | Richard Buerkle

Leader: O, Divine Mystery, who splayed the stars across the vastness of space,
and set the sun ablaze with Your touch...

Congregation: Set our hearts ablaze with a passion for You.

Leader: Creator God, speak with Your Holy Breath that hovered over
the waters...

Congregation: Bring forth within us a thirst for Your Truth.

Leader: We call upon the name of the Lord and bow ourselves at the feet of
the Alpha and the Omega...

**Congregation: We seek understanding, as we plumb the depths of Your
Holy Word.**

Leader: In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

**Congregation: All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing
was made, that was made.**

Welcome | Tim Boone

Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum

Congregational Hymn 19

I Sing the Mighty Power of God | FOREST GREEN

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Scripture Reading (Genesis 1:1-2) | Pam Neal

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Pastoral Prayer | David Crocker

Special Music | First Community Band

So Will I (100 Billion X) | Houston, Hastings, Fatkin

God of creation,
There at the start before the beginning of time.
With no point of ref'rence, You spoke to the dark
And fleshed out the wonder of light.

*And as You speak, a hundred billion galaxies are born.
In the vapor of Your breath the planets form.
If the stars were made to worship, so will I.
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've made,
Ev'ry burning star, a signal fire of grace.
If creation sings Your praises, so will I.*

God of Your promise,
You don't speak in vain, no syllable empty or void.
For once You have spoken, all nature and science
Follow the sound of Your voice.

*And as You speak, a hundred billion creatures catch Your breath.
Evolving in pursuit of what You said.
If it all reveals Your nature, so will I.
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You say,
Ev'ry painted sky, a canvas of Your grace.
If creation still obeys You, so will I. So will I. So will I.*

If the stars were made to worship, so will I.
If the mountains bow in rev'rence, so will I.
If the oceans roar Your greatness, so will I.
For if ev'rything exists to lift You high, so will I.

If the wind goes where You send it, so will I.
If the rocks cry out in silence, so will I.
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy,
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times.

God of salvation, You chased down my heart,
Through all of my failure and pride
On a hill You created, the light of the world,
Abandoned in darkness to die.

*And as You speak, a hundred billion failures disappear;
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here.
If You left the grave behind You, so will I.
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've done,
Ev'ry part designed in a work of art called love.
If You gladly chose surrender, so will I.
I can see Your heart eight billion diff'rent ways.
Ev'ry precious one, a child You died to save.
If You gave Your life to love them, so will I.*

Like You would again a hundred billion times.
But what measure could amount to Your desire?
You're the One who never leaves the one behind.

Sermon | David Crocker

"First Things: In the Beginning" | Genesis 1:1-2

Response Hymn 27

Morning Has Broken | BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Spoken Benediction | David Crocker

Benediction Hymn 29 (stanza 1)

God Has Given Us Creation | JUBILEE

God has given us creation, stars and atoms, soil and air,
To explore, to tend and nourish, to sustain us and to share.
Through the nothingness of chaos came the word, "Let there be light!"
Still the universe expanding sings of its Creator's might.

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Postlude on "Duke Street" | David Lasky

Sanctuary Flowers

In Memory of Maxine Masingill
given by A.C. Masingill.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Sunday School

Sundays in September | 6:30 - 8 pm | Youth Houses

For the month of September, the Youth are having Sunday School on Sunday Nights! These sessions will take place at different Youth houses each week and will include group teaching time, led by Laura Beth Myers, followed by middle and high school small groups. The groups will meet outside and follow social distancing rules. Tonight, September 13, the group will meet at the Kirbys' house, so bring your Bible, and we'll see you there! ([1201 Buena Rd, Knoxville, TN 37919](#) | [Amy's cell - 865-659-2896](#))



New Bible Study Class

Sundays | 9 am | Zoom

Since many people are not meeting with their Sunday School class during COVID, we have an alternative, virtual Bible Study Class on Sundays at 9 AM. This class is led by a team of teachers including David Crocker, Tim Boone, and others on a rotating schedule. If you are interested in participating in this new class by Zoom, please contact the church office so you may receive the link for the Zoom meeting. Vanessa Moore can walk you through joining a Zoom meeting if you need that assistance.



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6 pm | Sanctuary

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study has started back up! Please join us Wednesday evenings as David Crocker and guests lead us in these sessions. You can attend in person or watch live on our website. For September and October, the sessions will cover the following topics:

Sept. 16 - Law Enforcement in a Racialized Society
(Guest Speaker: KPD Lt. Sammy Shaffer)

Sept. 23 - Church Business meeting

Sept. 30 - Missions video (David away)

Oct. 7 - The Church and Racism - Part 1

Oct. 14 - The Church and Racism - Part 2

Oct. 21 - Recommendations and Rationale



Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, September 20 | 4 pm | Sanctuary/ Virtual
Please join us for this special deacon ordination service. With our hands outstretched, we will bless our new deacons and remember that they are examples of servanthood and leadership within the church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! This service will also be live-streamed on our website.



Christmas Backpacks

Backpack Return: October 11
Our Children’s Mission Project for September is filling Christmas backpacks with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. Please pick up an empty backpack with instructions on how to fill it from the basket in the Welcome Center and return it by Sunday, October 11. With your help, we can reach our goal of filling 50 backpacks for children in need!



Week of Service

October 18-24 | Sign Up Today!
This year, our church-wide week of service will emphasize “serving our neighbors.” Throughout the week, there will be small-group, at-home, and individual service projects for you to choose from that will support local, national, and international mission partners. Please sign up online at fbcknox.org/events or fill out a sign-up form from the Welcome Center. Contact Tim at tboone@fbcknox.org for more information!



Season of Prayer for Tennessee State Missions

Missions are the heartbeat of our churches. The call to be the presence of Christ in the world means we are intentional about serving “the least of these.” In September, WMU encourages you to pray and give generously to support ministries that seek to meet needs in Jesus’ name. Join us as we learn more about Tennessee missions, unite our hearts in prayer, and consider how God might be calling us as individuals and congregations to become involved in life-changing ministries. Prayer guides, videos, and resources are available by visiting: goldenoffering.org and tncbf.org/vsmo.



	Aug '20	Fiscal YTD
Revenue (all sources)	\$192,033	\$296,840
Expenses	<u>\$114,413</u>	<u>\$234,556</u>
Excess/Deficit	\$77,620	\$62,284



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