



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE

In the Center of the City with the Savior

11 AM Service | September 20, 2020

Organ Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Let All Things Now Living | Lloyd Larson

Responsive Reading | Richard Buerkle

"Creativity" from Prayers and Litanies for the Christian Seasons | Sharlande Sledge

Leader: Creator God, everything around us reflects Your mystery,

Congregation: the wind that bends the trees, the creatures that fill the air and land,

Leader: the planets and stars that light up summer nights.

Congregation: Wherever we turn, we see Your divine splendor.

Leader: But it was only upon the hearts of women and men that You imprinted Your image.

Congregation: So we, Your children, have fashioned reflections of You with our creative gifts:

Leader: art and architecture, music and literature, poetry and photographs, steeples and crosses,

Congregation: banners and children's drawings, Bach fugues and carefully tended gardens, and food lovingly prepared.

Leader: These are our offerings to each other in Your name - our unique ways of saying You are here among us.

Congregation: Let us create new songs of praise to You, our God.

Let us discover fresh ways of proclaiming Your greatness and glory.

Call to Worship Hymn 307

All Creatures of Our God and King | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,

O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,

Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O Sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Welcome | Tim Boone

Children's Sermon | David Crocker

Congregational Hymn 19

I Sing the Mighty Power of God | RESIGNATION

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.

Pastoral Prayer | David Crocker

Scripture Reading (Genesis 1:3-27) | Pam Neal

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning - the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning - the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning - the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights - the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning - the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the waters teem, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning - the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Special Music | Richard Buerkle

The Creation | Franz Joseph Haydn

Recitative

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth
The living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing,
And beast of the earth after his kind."

Straight opening her fertile womb,
The earth obey'd the word, and teem'd creatures numberless,
In perfect forms and fully grown.

Cheerful, roaring, stands the tawny lion.
With sudden leap the flexible tiger appears.
The nimble stag bears up his branching head.
With flying man, and fiery look, impatient neighs the noble steed.
The cattle in herds already seek their food on fields and meadow green.

And o'er the ground, as plant, are spread
The fleecy, meek, and bleating flocks.
Unnumber'd as the sands in swarms arose the host of insects.
In long dimension creeps, with sinuous trace, the worm.

Aria

Now heav'n in fullest glory shone;
Earth smil'd in all her rich attire,
The room of air with fowl is fill'd,
The water swell'd by shoals of fish;
By heavy beasts the ground is trod,
By heavy beasts the ground is trod,

But all the work was not complete,
But all the work was not complete;
There wanted yet that wond'rous being,
That grateful should God's pow'r admire,
With heart and voice His goodness praise.

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There wanted yet that wond'rous being,
That grateful should God's pow'r admire,
With heart and voice His goodness praise.
That grateful should God's pow'r admire,
With heart and voice, with heart,
With heart and voice His goodness praise,
With heart and voice, with heart and voice His goodness praise.

Sermon | David Crocker

"First Things: In the Beginning" | Genesis 1:3-27

Response Hymn 26

God of Creation, All-Powerful | SLANE

God of creation, all powerful, all wise,
Lord of the universe rich with surprise,
Maker, Sustainer and Ruler of all,
We are Your children - You hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time's troubled years
You are the One in whom history coheres;
Nations and empires Your purpose fulfill,
Moving in freedom, yet working Your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth,
Called Your church from the ends of the earth,
Still You are Savior - put darkness to flight;
Overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

God of Your people, Your Word still stands fast
Do for us now as You've done in the past!
Yours is the Kingdom - Your triumph we claim,
Challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.

God of our now, all our trust is in You,
Covenant God, ever faithful and true;
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord,
Now and forever Your name be adored!

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 "Hymn to Joy" | Jason D. Payne

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are in loving memory of David R. Cox
and are given by Judy Cox, Elisabeth & Jerrod Gaertner,
and Kathryn & Nathan Woodall.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Ordination Service

Today, September 20 | 4 pm | Sanctuary/ Virtual

Please join us this afternoon 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. This service will also be live-streamed on our website.



Youth Sunday School

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

Tonight, Youth Sunday School is at the Dentons' house. Bring your Bible and participate in 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. See you there! ([8432 Nubbin Ridge, Knoxville, TN 37923](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8432+Nubbin+Ridge,+Knoxville,+TN+37923) | [Suzanne's cell: 865-414-7641](tel:865-414-7641))



Children's Missions & Choirs Zoom

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7 pm | Zoom

Children's Missions & Choirs has started back up! Every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 7 pm our children will Zoom with either their Children's Choir leaders or Missions leaders. These two groups will rotate each week. If you would like to receive the Children's Missions & Choirs Zoom meeting links on Tuesdays, please email Regan Edonmi (redonmi@fbcknox.org) to be added to the list.



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. 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



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 Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org for more information!



Christmas Backpacks Return Date

Backpack Return: October 11

To those of you who helped with our children’s mission project for this quarter by picking up a backpack to fill, please remember they need to be returned by Sunday, October 11. You may leave them in the basket in the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping our children reach their goal of filling 50 backpacks!



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 would like to participate in this new class by Zoom, please contact the church office to receive the Zoom meeting link. Vanessa Moore can walk you through joining a Zoom meeting if you need that assistance.



Looking for a virtual Sunday School class?

If you would like to participate in an online Sunday School class over Zoom, there are three classes available to you. For information on the topic of study and how to connect each week, please contact one of the teachers:

Discovery Class: Cathy Campbell - docspot@chartertn.net

Midway Class: Emily Plemmons - jimilyp@comcast.net

Tatum Class: Alan Tatum - tatumba@comcast.net



| | Aug '20 | Fiscal YTD | Last Week's Attendance |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Revenue (all sources) | \$192,033 | \$296,840 | Worship Total 92 (does not reflect at-home viewers) |
| Expenses | <u>\$114,413</u> | <u>\$234,556</u> | |
| Excess/Deficit | \$77,620 | \$62,284 | |



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