



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE

11 AM Service | November 21, 2021

Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Celtic Blessing | Jeff Perks

Call to Worship | Men's Ensemble

Unclouded Day | arr. Shawn Kirchner

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies.
They tell me of a home far away.
And they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise.

O they tell me of an unclouded day.
O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an unclouded sky,
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise.
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone.
They tell me of a land far away,
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom
Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.
O the land of cloudless days.
O the land of an unclouded sky.
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise.
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

They tell me of a King in His beauty there.
They tell me that mine eyes shall behold
Where He sits on a throne that is bright as the Sun
In the city that is made of gold.

O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an unclouded sky,
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise.
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O the land of cloudless days,
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Welcome | Tim Boone

Congregational Hymn 372

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come | ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall purge away all that doth offend that day;
Give His angels charge at last in the fire that tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in His keeping evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

*During the last stanza, all children are invited to come to the front
and join Ms. Susan for the Children's Sermon.*

Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum

Congregational Hymn 376

For the Fruit of All Creation | AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For His gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading (Psalm 107:1-9) | Susan Tatum

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
- ³ those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.[a]
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
- ⁵ They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.
- ⁶ Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- ⁷ He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.
- ⁸ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
- ⁹ for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Congregational Hymn 373

Give Thanks | GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Pastoral Prayer | Chuck Powell

Congregational Response: ...we give Thee thanks.

Choral Anthem | Sanctuary Choir

With a Heart of Thanks | Victor Johnson

For Your steadfast love and boundless grace, O Lord, we give You thanks.
For Your generous compassion, O Lord, we give You thanks.
For ev'ry gift and ev'ry blessing, for ev'ry need that You supply,
What shall we render, O Lord, to You?

With a heart of thanks we sing to You, our God and King,
For You are good and Your love endures forever.
Your faithfulness we proclaim as we bless Your name:
And we raise this hymn of praise with a heart of thanks,

For the earth and all its beauty, for the sky and its light,
For the dim and soothing shadows that cover us at night;
For the blessing of Your presence ev'ry day and ev'ry hour,
And for sustaining us by Your strength and mighty pow'r!

With a heart of thanks we sing to You, our God and King,
For You are good and Your love endures forever.
Your faithfulness we proclaim as we bless Your name;
And we raise this hymn of praise with a heart of thanks.

We raise this hymn of praise with a heart of thanks,
With a heart of thanks, with a heart of thanks.

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Sermon Series: What We Do and Why We Do It

Today's Message: The Alphabet of Thanksgiving | Psalm 107:1-9

Hymn of Invitation 377

There Is a Redeemer | GREEN

There is a redeemer - Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Worship Through Giving/Announcements | Pam Neal

Spoken Benediction

Sung Benediction Hymn 371

Now Thank We All Our God (stanza 1) | NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Allegro Maestoso with Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Jeff Perks

Sanctuary Flowers

Given in loving memory of our parents,
Dr. & Mrs. Melvin Faulkner and
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ivie, Sr.,
by Gail & Paul Ivie.

SERMONNOTES

"THE ALPHABET OF THANKSGIVING"

PSALM 107:1-9

How much do you really want to “ascend” into the presence of the indescribable? If you have wandered from God, then how do you come back?

Gratitude is the _____ to worship.

Psalm 107 is a psalm of ascent. It would have been sung when going up to Jerusalem for worship.

*“Enter his gates **with thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”*

(Psalm 100:4-5, NIV)

By each letter below, make a note of something for which you are thankful. (Don't fill in what Pastor Brent says for each letter. Think about your life and the blessings for which you can give thanks.)

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B-

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“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (Romans 1:21, NIV)

H-

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J-

SERMONNOTES

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” (2 Cor. 9:15, NIV)

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V-

*“Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(1 Corinthians 15:57, NIV)*

W-

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” (Colossians 3:15-16, NIV)

X-

Y-

Z-

Thank God for _____!

SPOTLIGHT ON

FBC YOUTH: FALL RETREAT

On November 5, we took 25 youth and five adults to Camp Living Stones near Athens for our annual Youth Fall Retreat. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, worship, and Bible study together as a group, and I'm already looking forward to the next one.

We focused on the theme of "I am _____," filling in that blank with words like "forgiven," "not alone," "a child of God," and "loved." I believe that if anyone left the weekend with a greater knowledge of being forgiven or loved or not alone, then it was a successful weekend.

We also had fun on the rock wall, zip line, shooting bows and arrows, throwing axes, sharing around a campfire, and making funny little movies to watch together.

Thank you church for all your support and encouragement in giving our youth opportunities that are both fun and help them go deeper in their faith.

Blessings, Chuck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Tabernacle Baptist Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up Tabernacle Baptist Church. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they develop fully devoted followers of Christ through worship, education, discipleship, and empowerment.



COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving Break: No Wednesday Activities

Wednesday, November 24

Please be aware that there will be no Wednesday activities next week due to Thanksgiving. Regular activities will resume the following Wednesday, December 1. Happy Thanksgiving!



COMMUNITY

Hanging of the Green

Sunday, November 28, 5 pm

We begin our Advent journey together by reflecting on the powerful symbols which adorn our sanctuary and homes. These decorations remind us of the Light that has come to dwell with us and in us.

Join your church family at this special service for music and to gain a deeper understanding of the Truth our Christmas decorations proclaim. A small reception with refreshments will follow in the 230 Centre.



WORSHIP

Christmas Cantata: "Darkness Into Light" by Mary McDonald

Sunday, December 5 | 11:00 am Service | Sanctuary

Join the Sanctuary Choir, members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, and guest conductor/composer Mary McDonald for FBC's Christmas Cantata, "Darkness Into Light." It will be a morning of exciting music as we reflect on Emmanuel, the Light of the World, coming to dwell with us.



WORSHIP

Christmas Shop

December 6 & 7 | 5 pm & 8 am | Trentham Hall

Applications have been turned in, and we have 58 families representing 150 children participating in the Christmas Shop. That is an increase of 19 families and 46 children from last year! While a bit of a challenge, we see this as a wonderful opportunity to reach more families with the love of Christ, especially at this special time of year. Please be in prayer for these families as we renew our relationships and form new bonds with them.

If you can volunteer on either Monday evening, December 6, at 5:00 pm or Tuesday morning, December 7, at 8:00 am, please email Susan Tatum at statum@fbcknox.org. We will need some additional volunteers because of this greater opportunity!

Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation, you may do so in the form of a check made out to FBC and marked for Christmas Shop.



MISSION

The WordPlayers Theatre:

“In These Dark Streets”

Wednesday, December 8, 6 pm | Trentham Hall

“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?” It’s a question asked by some who wanted to worship Christ and by some who wanted to avoid His reign. This Advent, join us for “In These Dark Streets,” from The WordPlayers’ Theatre, which helps us consider that question and the reason why each of us asks it. The 30 minute program will be in place of our regular Bible study, and donations will be accepted at the show.



WORSHIP

Golden Notes Christmas Musical

Sunday, December 19, 5 pm | Sanctuary

Come celebrate with the Golden Notes Choir as they present JOY: A Gospel Christmas Celebration by Joel Raney. Mark your calendars! You won’t want to miss this special worship service!



WORSHIP

Name Tag November

We have recently had a large number of guests for in-person worship. We don't always know one another, so throughout this month, we'll be observing "Name Tag November." Each week, we're asking each person to wear a name tag to help us get to know one another better. The name tags will be available as you enter the building. Every person matters, whether in-person or online!



COMMUNITY

Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes next to the doors.

	Oct '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$155,947	\$652,751	Worship Total 303
Expenses	<u>\$140,240</u>	<u>\$594,566</u>	(does not reflect at-home viewers)
Excess/Deficit	\$15,706	\$58,186	

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Coming Up This Week

Today, 12 pm, Trentham Hall

Love Feast

Tuesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday & Friday

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, 12:45 pm, Back Parking Lot

UT Home Game Youth Parking

Sunday, 5 pm, Sanctuary

Hanging of the Green

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