



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE

In the Center of the City with the Savior

January 2, 2022



PRAYER THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS

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11:00 AM SERVICE

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Prayerful Prelude Music | Becky Walker, harp soloist

Choral Call to Worship | Belltone Believers

Joy to the World! | arr. Dan Forrest

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

New Year's Welcome | Brent McDougal

Responsive Reading | Jill Hobby

Leader: Father, Creator, Source of all Joy to the World, all life and fruitfulness flow from You through Jesus Christ.

People: You are the Vine, and we are branches in You, Lord.

Leader: All that is good and beautiful and life-giving, all that represents You in us, flows through our connection with You.

People: Prune us, Lord. Clean away all that drains Your life-giving sap.

Leader: Cut off all that hinders the flow of the Holy Spirit. Remove all that clutters our minds, hearts, and lives without connecting us closer to You.

People: Strip away all that is not love, all that is not Christ, so You might flow freely through us.

(Adaptation of Prune Me by K. Bible based on John 15: 1-7)

*Congregational Hymn

Life in the Vine | arr. Ken Bible

Father, all Your being flows
Full and free through Christ the Vine.
See how heaven's wonders grow!
Water changes into wine.
All Your fullness flows within
As I just abide in Him.

Prune me, Father. Cut away
Every fruitless stem from me.
Trim from what I do and say
All that's less than I should be,
All that darkens love's pure light,
All that is not Jesus Christ.

Flow unhindered, Love divine,
Heaven's rich and holy Breath!
Fill my hands and heart and mind,
Sharing all His life and death!
Every moment, truth and light!
Every moment, Jesus Christ!

Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum

Musical Acclamation with Prayers of Petition

Belltone Believers, Brent McDougal, and Congregation

King of Kings' Chorus | by Hillsong Worship/arr. Heather Sorenson

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Pastoral Prayer: Christ, we are awed by your majesty. We humble ourselves under your Mighty Hand knowing that we are sinful people. Help us to remember that all power, glory, victory, and forgiveness in heaven and on earth is through You, Jesus.

Congregational Prayer: We thank You, God, for Your cleansing power and praise You, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Pastoral Prayer: Holy Spirit, we are convicted of all the wrong we have done and all of the good we have yet to do as Your disciples. We humble ourselves under You, Holy God, knowing that You want our lives to abide in love and bear fruit.

Congregational Prayer: Forgive us Lord and renew our lives through the transformative power of Your Word.

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Pastoral Prayer: Father God, we are unworthy of your abounding grace and seek Your guidance for our individual lives, our church, and our city as we begin 2022. We surrender our lives under your Sovereign Hand, knowing that nothing exceeds Your power because Your Word says, "With God, all things are possible." Amen.

*Congregational Hymn 323

How Great Thou Art | HOW GREAT THOU ART

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Scripture Reading (John 15:1-11) | Pam Neal

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me,

you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Choral Anthem | Belltone Believers

Down to the River to Pray with Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying | arr. McDonald

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Prayer That Moves Mountains

Today's Message: God's Got Rhythm | John 15:1-11

***Hymn of Invitation 365**

More Love to Thee, O Christ | William H. Doane

More love to Thee, O Christ,
more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to Thee,
more love to Thee,
more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
now Thee alone I seek,
give what is best;
this all my prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to Thee,
more love to Thee,
more love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath
whisper Thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to Thee,
more love to Thee,
more love to Thee!

Worship Through Giving and Service | Chuck Powell

Spoken Benediction | Chuck Powell

Choral Benediction

Calypso Lullaby | arr. Joel Raney

On a clear and starry night, on a hillside far away,
Shepherds saw a golden light, and they heard the angels say:
“Alleluia, shout for joy,” sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, little one, rest your head.
Dream of peace on earth in your manger bed.
Angels filled the evening sky and with joy began to sing:
“Glory be to God on high! Let the bells of heaven ring!”
“Alleluia, shout for joy,” sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.
It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
“Alleluia, shout for joy,” sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, little one, rest your head.
Dream of peace on earth in your manger bed.
“Alleluia, shout for joy,” sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.
A Christmas lullaby.

Piano Postlude | Brandon Coffey

Great is Thy Faithfulness | arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Flowers

Sanctuary flowers in memory of
our parents and grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Forry
and Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Maples
by the Forry family.

Special Acknowledgements:

Clarinetists-Liz Brogan and Chris Justice

Harp-Becky Walker

Piano-Brandon Coffey

Guest Choir-Belltone Believers

Life in the Vine Correlative Floral Arrangement-Dianne Forry

**Congregation is invited to stand as you are able.*

SERMONNOTES

"GOD'S GOT RHYTHM"

JOHN 15:1-11

Jesus said, "If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20, NIV). But what is the prayer that moves mountains? What are the conditions of such powerful prayer? This new sermon series will deal with five conditions to prayer that moves mountains: abiding in Christ, seeking the will of God, forsaking sin, exercising faith, and perseverance in prayer.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7, NIV).

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24, NIV).

"Truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:19-20, NIV).

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (John 15:7, NIV).

God's Tempo in 2022: 1. Begin with _____.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener...I am the vine; you are the branches" (John 15:1, 5, NIV).

"...when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord" (James 1:6-7, NIV).

God's Tempo in 2022: 2. _____ daily.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4, ESV).

SERMONNOTES

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5, ESV).

“You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light” (Psalm 18:28, NIV).

Are you more like a candle or an oil lamp?

God’s Tempo in 2022: 3. Bear fruit so that God gets the _____.

"This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples" (John 15:8, NIV).

"By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit” (Matthew 7:16-17, NIV).

How is God speaking to you today? What is your response??

SPOTLIGHT ON

PRAYER PARTNERS

The attorney and clergyman E.M. Bounds (1835-1935) said this about prayer: "What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations, or more and novel methods, but men and women whom the Holy Spirit can use—men and women of prayer, men and women mighty in prayer. The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods, but through men and women. He does not anoint plans, but men and women — men and women of prayer."

Prayer is the foundation of our life together. Without prayer, all of our plans will be done in our own vision and strength, and therefore fall short of God's glory.

Last year our church launched a new prayer ministry called Prayer Partners. We currently have 122 people who have committed to praying every day for the ministries of First Baptist Church and our impact throughout the city. We need prayer for our church leaders, staff, children/youth programs, senior adults, and in every other aspect of our congregational life.

Would you be willing to join this group? Our Prayer Partners receive periodic email updates as well as a monthly prayer newsletter. To sign up as a Prayer Partner, email bmcdougal@fbcknox.org or call/text 865-850-2167.

Where there is little prayer, there is little power. But where there is much prayer, there is much power. Sign up today.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Forward Knoxville

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up Forward Knoxville. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they strive to be a light to this community and Knoxville, and help meet the needs of the city through what they do.



COMMUNITY

Wednesday Activities and Bible Study

Resumes Wednesday, January 12

Adult Bible Study, Wednesday Night Supper, and Children and Youth activities will resume once again on January 12. See you then!



COMMUNITY

Discover First

Sunday, January 9, 9:45 am | 230 Centre

Something brand new is coming in January. For those who are thinking about becoming members of First Baptist or have joined recently, Discover First will be the place to be on January 9, at 9:45 am, in 230 Centre. Perhaps you have been attending or recently joined, First Baptist for a while but just aren't sure what it means to join the church. The class will include information about First Baptist, the staff, a brief history, and include a booklet of information as well as a book on church membership. If you would like to know more about First Baptist and church membership, join us on January 9th for Discover First. Please RSVP to Pam Neal at pneal@fbcknox.org.



COMMUNITY

Care First Ministry Informational Meeting

Sunday, January 9, 12:15 pm | 230 Centre

First Baptist is launching a brand new outreach ministry in the Spring of 2022 that will provide essential resources such as showers and food to those experiencing homelessness downtown. Volunteers will be responsible for giving out food, helping to facilitate showers, and most importantly, building relationships with ministry guests. This ministry will operate from 5-7 pm one night each week. For more information, please contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



MISSION

Three Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

- National: Join the mission trip to Corbin, Kentucky to serve alongside CBF Field Personnel, Scarlett Jasper - **Feb. 16-18**
- Local: Join the FBC Home Repair Ministry Team that will serve with Appalachian Outreach in Jefferson City, Tennessee - **June 6-10**
- International: Serve alongside missionaries Francis and Missy Ward Angalla in Kampala, Uganda - **Fall 2022**

For more information, please contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



MISSION

Winter Women's Fest

Saturday, January 15, 2 pm | Trentham Hall

Bring your favorite chocolate dish to share, and join us for fun games and fellowship. It has been a while since the women of our church have been able to gather, so we invite you (and a friend) to come and have some fun. Let us reignite our connections and create new ones to strengthen the bonds we have in one another and in Christ. For questions or suggestions, please contact Jen McDougal at 214-205-4701.



COMMUNITY

Season of Prayer & Offerings for International Missions

Thank you for supporting International Missions with your prayers and offerings. God created us to work together, to help each other, and to be there for each other. In these ever-changing and uncertain times, the presence of missionaries and field personnel ministering around the world has never been more important. Your support of International Missions is vital in sharing the scriptures about the Messiah and bringing Good News in word and deed to the people most marginalized by the world. Last year, FBC contributed \$18,705.16, and this year's goal is \$23,000. Please use the respective offering envelopes for your gifts, and WMU encourages you to prayerfully support missions throughout the year! <https://wmu.com/thismonth>



MISSION

Today is the first Sunday of the month. We will receive our Community Care/Benevolence Offering, which allows us to meet critical needs in our community.

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

	Nov '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$145,167	\$798,053	
Expenses	<u>\$158,340</u>	<u>\$753,041</u>	Worship Total 131
Excess/Deficit	(\$13,173)	\$45,012	(does not reflect at-home viewers)

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Coming Up This Week

Monday

Office Closed for New Years

Next Sunday

Discover First

Care First Ministry Meeting

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