

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

INVOCATION Jeff Robinson

Spirit of the Living God, be present among us today as we seek to praise and worship you and to celebrate baptism - the outward and visible sign of Your power to raise us from death to walk in newness of life. AMEN

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive Reading

LEADER: Blessed are you God, who draws us from the water in birth and rebirth, who claims us with a love from which nothing can separate us.

PEOPLE: **Come now, God, and send your Spirit among us. Trouble for us this water of memory and imagination.**

LEADER: Today we remember the baptism of our Lord. Jesus, identifying himself with humankind, was baptized by John, and as he came out of the water received the Holy Spirit and the affirmation of God, “You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Thus began Jesus’ ministry to bring God’s kingdom to us. And so we too, when we are baptized, are raised to new life through the power of the Holy Spirit, to begin our ministry as beloved children of God.

PEOPLE: **Sisters and brothers, let us remember who we are; let us remember our baptism.**

LEADER: Know, once again that you are claimed by God forever. There is no reason any longer to be afraid.

PEOPLE: **The Spirit moves among us. Let us worship and praise God!**

CHORAL RESPONSE...“As I Went Down in the River to Pray” Choir

CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM Ernest Dailey

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

PASTOR: Do you, Ernest, by your baptism, profess faith in Christ as your Savior and Lord? And do you commit yourselves to faithfully serve Him?

CANDIDATE: I do.

PASTOR: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to pray for, to give encouragement to, and to help Ernest serve Christ through our congregation?

CONGREGATION: **We do.**

PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 14:1-14* Reggie Jackson

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

HYMN ... “Baptized in Water” 449

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Higher Ground” ... vs. 1, 3 and 4 641

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *1 Peter 3:13-22* Reggie Jackson

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

ANTHEM ... “The Wonderful Cross” Choir

SERMON ... *Noah’s Ark and Baptism* Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” ... vs. 1 and 2 633

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

6:00 p.m..... Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m..... Supper... **PIZZA NIGHT ... please bring desserts!**

6:45 p.m..... Bible Study and Children's and Youth Programs

7:30 p.m..... Childrens' Committee Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m..... BREAKFAST

6:00 p.m..... Choir Practice

USHERS

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Dwight Saunders' Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY..... Pauline Jackson

NEXT SUNDAY Nicole and Walker Smith

NURSERY

TODAY..... Barbie and Chris Blake

NEXT SUNDAY Brandi Powers

PRAYER LIST

Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Sarah Jo Wall			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner, Florence Cagle				Bob Moore	nephew
Friends and Relatives of:			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Henrietta Garner	friend	Candy Loflin	John Moore	Nancy's father
	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Cristie Thomas	friend
	Tony Lawson	friend		Beth Holt	friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Misty Morgan	friend.
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
Jane Covington	Faye	sister		Jo Brooks	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law		Melissa Green	daughter
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Jean Maness	Helen Mabe	aunt
Garrett Gooch	Mary Chunn	grandmother		Carol Luther	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law	Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

