

# First Baptist Church Bulletins and Order of Worship 1993

Missing Several

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1

#### A Year of Renewal

As a new year unfolds, we may often feel a sense of opportunity and hope that comes from the awareness of a "new beginning." Society's challenge to resolve for excellence and improvement in our lives captures the excitement of a new year.

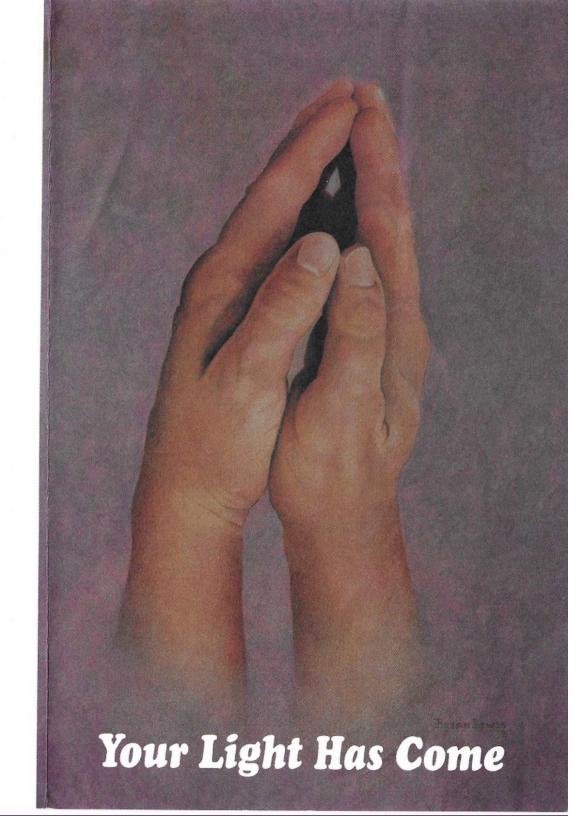
We recognize the areas in our lives where we desire to see change. Perhaps, financial stability and security, better health and physical well-being, or even improved relationships come to mind as challenges for the coming year. Each of us has different priorities. But, are any of your resolutions centered around the desire to renew your spiritual life and awareness of God?

Where can you find spiritual renewal for this new year? It can only begin by opening your heart to the Lord, by asking God to be your guide for the coming year. You must be willing to let God direct in every area of your life. Let God be the string that binds all of your other resolutions together.

Today, as you consider the need for renewal in your life, pray that the Spirit will be present in your life now, this week, and throughout the year. Once God becomes our first priority, all other needs will be met.

"Lift up your eyes and look about you Then you will look and be radiant, you heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come."

Isaiah 60:4-5, NIV



363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

January 3, 1993

Holy Communion

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"What Child Is This?"

Thomas

# PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are a God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you always. Amen.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE, #16

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:7-14 page 679 SOLO

"All My Heart This Night Rejoices"

Jeanne Ekelberry

# GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Cradle Song"

Heller

\*Response, #583 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #124

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-18, page 922 COMMUNION MEDITATION

"In the Beginning: 1993"

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #219

"O Word of God Incarnate"

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "The Humans Declare His Glory" Beethoven

(\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Randy Turner Organist: Betty Porter Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 7:00 Bible Study, at the parsonage

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

The "Good News" publishes today. Be sure to get your copy.

1993 "Secret Advent Friend" forms are available in the vestibule. Please give your completed form to Pam Faulk. We will draw names after the service today at the front of the Sanctuary.

Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship in the assembly room after the service today.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

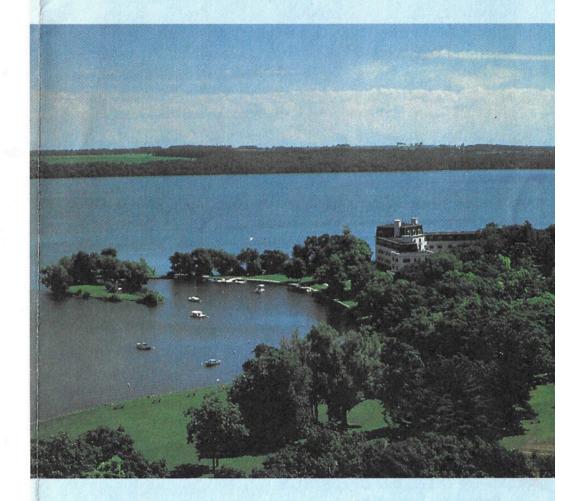
Hebrews 12:1

# **Energized by the Crowd**

In December 1943 the Green Lake Conference Center/American Baptist Assembly (ABA) was purchased for the incredibly (miraculously?) low price of \$300,000 from the Illinois Continental Bank. The first conference season was held the next summer. So it is in 1993-1994 that the ABA will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. The anniversary theme is "Celebrating ... A Half Century of Witness! The Mission Before Us!" The Scripture text is from Hebrews 12:1-2. Celebrations such as this rightly call for intentional, thoughtful reflection on the past. As the author of Hebrews urged his sisters and brothers to remember their great faith heritage, so Green Lake's fifty year birthday party will lift up those men and women of vision, determination, perseverance, and generosity whom God used to give us a national training center and whom God has continued to use over the "half century of witness."

But the race isn't over! There is a goal, a mission before us! An appropriate fiftieth anniversary celebration calls for an eye to the future as well as an eye to the past. Therefore, ABA celebrants will continue to seek to put aside the stuff of life that clings and hinders ongoing witness. We will affirm our unpayable indebtedness to the Living Lord and that great crowd of faithful, cheering witnesses who have gone before us. We will speak of the common mission that was theirs and is now ours-that long relay race that they ran and we now are running. We will testify that the baton has been passed to us and that we now have the responsibility and privilege of carrying it for awhile. We will listen carefully for those hearty, heartfelt shouts of encouragement from the crowd so that we might be inspired and energized for the present and the future. We will remember that they are counting on us to continue the witness with faith, courage, and perseverance. We will look unto Jesus, who is running with us, behind us, ahead of us, and beside us! I invite you to remember, reflect, rejoice, and run with us.

> Ronald Newsom Green Lake Conference Center American Baptist Assembly



# SURROUNDED BY... WITNESSES

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor The Reverend Harold Turner, preaching

January 24, 1993

Third Sunday After Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

**PRELUDE** 

"Jesus, My Lord"

Frick

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Knowing God, penetrate our narrow thinking about who we are as sisters and brothers. Quiet the fears which divide people through ignorance. In our common need to be refreshed and renewed for service, let us sense your presence; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #37

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

ANTHEM "Tis The Blessed Hour of Prayer"

Doane

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Etude"

Chopin

Piano and Organ Duet

\*Response, #583 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #350

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1Corinthians 1:10-17 page 991

MORNING MESSAGE "The Things That Divide Us"

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT (Insert)

"Great Creator, God You Call Us"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Lift Up Your Heads" Paxton

(\*congregation stands)

#### MINISTERING TODAY

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Guest Preacher: The Reverend Harold Turner

Lay Leader: Cynthia Bland Organist: Mary Lou Lovell Pianist: **Betty Porter** Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader: Stefanie Ministeri 

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 **Boy Scouts** 

**TUESDAY** 7:00 Bible Study, at the parsonage

WEDNESDAY 6:30 Annual Meeting, covered-dish dinner 

The Annual Meeting, will be Wednesday, January 27, a covered-dish dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

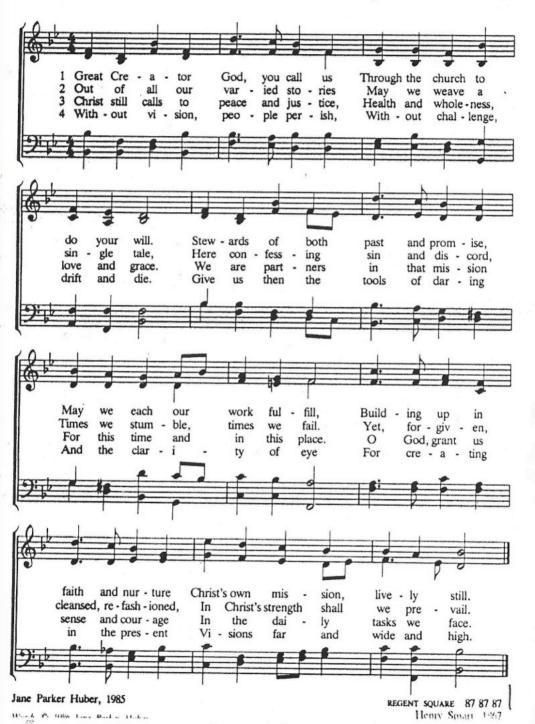
The Parish Council Calendar planning meeting will be

on Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 a.m.

Today is the Annual Pulpil Exchange Sunday. We are pleased to welcome The Reverend Harold Turner, pastor of Zion A.M.E. to our fellowship today.

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# Great Creator God, You Call Us



So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

I John 4:16

# Together in Christ We Love

Together in Christ we love God and each other! You, dear reader, know God's love in Jesus Christ. What a privilege! What a joy!

"Now I, too, am a follower of Jesus and love him," says Abelardo, a young man from Cuba. "I needed to find out about God, and I went to a Baptist church!"

And there is Judith, a Baptist teacher from Harare, Zimbabwe. "I have a strong faith in Jesus," says Judith, who is eager to share God's love with others.

Pastor Jeffrey Modurwa from Boroko, Papua New Guinea, knows God's love, too. "I tried to fill the boredom and emptiness in my life in many ways," he said. "Then I attended a youth convention at a Baptist church, and I found salvation and love in God."

#### Those who know God's love, share that love with others.

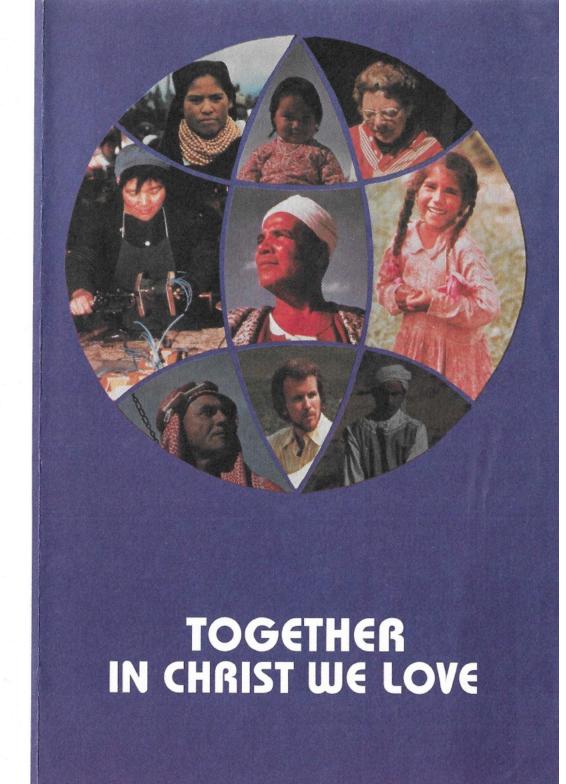
As a drug addict in Boston, Carlos Novelli found hope and joy when he gave his heart to Jesus Christ. His life completely changed, Novelli returned to Argentina and now leads a powerful ministry to drug addicts in Buenos Aires.

Moved by the need for food in the former Soviet Union, a Baptist church in Leesburg, Virginia, mobilized support to send a DC-10 plane loaded with food to Moscow.

Though their churches have been damaged and several of their people killed, Baptists in Croatia are bravely ministering to refugees and the war-battered people in their country.

Yes, we as Baptists, some thirty-seven-million baptized believers in more than two hundred countries represented in the Baptist World Alliance, "have known and believed the love that God has for us," and "together in Christ we love."

> Wendy Ryan Director of the Division of Communications Baptist World Alliance



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

February 7, 1993 Holy Communion 

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

**PRELUDES** 

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

Willan

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Bach

piano/organ duet

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Gracious God, whose mercy embraces our hidden thoughts and whose light shines into the deepest shadows of our lives, let your Word meet us in our weakness. Illuminate our darkness and renew us as carriers of your light. Penetrate our doubts and fears so we may dare to let your light shine through us into other lives. Fill us with good works that glorify you. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE, #403

"Heavenly Sunlight"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 112:1-9, page 529

ANTHEM "According to thy Gracious Word"

Peterson

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** 

Prayer of Dedication Offertory

"Offertory"

Handel

"O, How He Loves You and Me" Kaiser

\*Response, #583 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #398

"In the Garden"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:13-20, page 838

**COMMUNION MEDITATION** 

"Jesus Keeps Getting in the Way"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #515

"Hope of the World"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION **HOLY COMMUNION**

\*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

\*BENEDICTION

**TODAY** 

\*POSTLUDE "Praise Ye the Lord" Hughes

(\*congregation stands)

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Lay Leader: Cynthia Bland Organist: Mary Lou Lovell Pianist: **Betty Porter** Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader: Archie Trigg

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK Marion Assoc. Youth Swim Party

MONDAY 7:00 **Boy Scouts** TUESDAY 7:00 Bible Study WEDNESDAY 12:00 Young at Heart

> 7:00 Choir

The "Good News" publishes today. Please take a copy to a shut-in this week.

Please join us for a time of Fellowship in the Assembly Room after the service.

The B.Y.F. will meet at the church at 1:15 p.m. today, and carpoolswim party. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

Scouts will usher today in honor of Boy Scout Sunday.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luke 9:51

# When We Pray

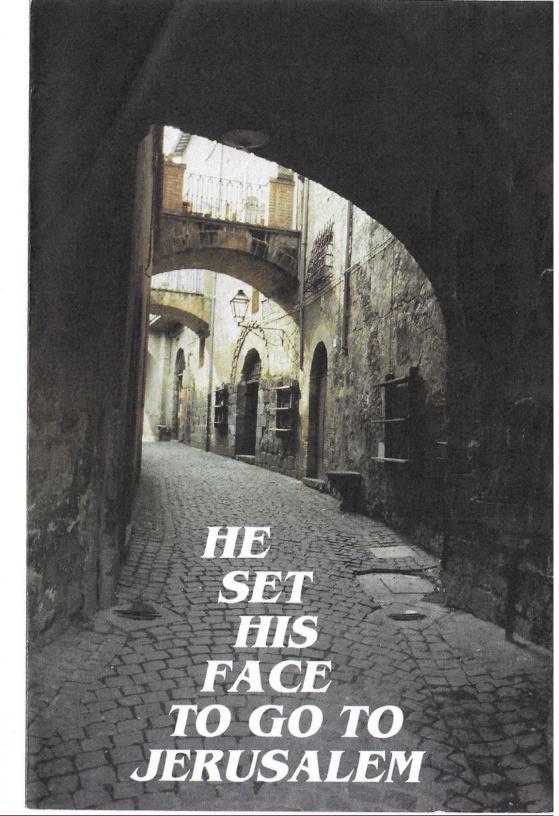
O God, sometimes, when we pray, we are less than prayerful. We give thanks offhandedly, as though we deserve or have a right to expect all that is ours. We forget about your grace, and we abandon our humility. Forgive us.

Sometimes we ask you to do what your love or your justice cannot allow. We are not content to pray that your will be done through us and within us. Forgive us.

Sometimes we implore you to change others to our ways instead of asking you to help transform our ways into yours. We forget that we are called not to be served but to serve. Forgive us.

It is difficult to pray sometimes, for we stumble over our selfishness. Help us to pray humbly, justly, and with devotion. Make our worship worthy of the presence of the Holy Spirit that fills it. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Words of Worship 1991 Pilgrim Press



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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

February 28, 1993

First Sunday of Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE

"A Lenten Prelude"

Pergolesi

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Continue your creation within and among us, Gracious God, as we gather to worship you. Breathe into us the breath of life, so we may discover anew your empowering gifts. We want to use well the talents and resources you place in our hands, with out coveting those beyond our reach. Open our eyes, attune our ears, and increase our awareness of your presence with us, so we may be equipped to face temptation and trial. Amen.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #37

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:1-11, page 837

SOLO

"Come Unto Him"

Handel

Amy Brooks

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Chanton"

Scott

"We Give Thee but Thine Own," #583

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #340

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

MORNING PRAYERS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7, page 2 MORNING MESSAGE

"Snakes, Squirrels and Ground Hogs"

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #506

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

\*POSTLUDE "Sound the Trumpets" Moore

(\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

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Lay Leader: Jim Van Brimmer Organist: Mary Lou Lovell Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader: Archie Trigg

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY Installation of new pastor at University Baptist Church, Columbus

MONDAY 7:00 **Boy Scouts** WEDNESDAY Choir 7:30

FRIDAY Sr.Hi. Youth convention, meet at 5:00

church

SATURDAY 10:00 Lenten Series

This afternoon, University Baptist Church will have a service of installation for their new pastor, The Rev. Sara Day Cheesman. Everyone is invited to attend. A reception will

follow.

This coming weekend, the Sr. Hi. youth will be attending State convention in Columbus. All those attending should meet at the church at 5p.m. on Friday. The youth will be accompanied by advisors Donna and Jeff Reed and Pastor Brummett.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27

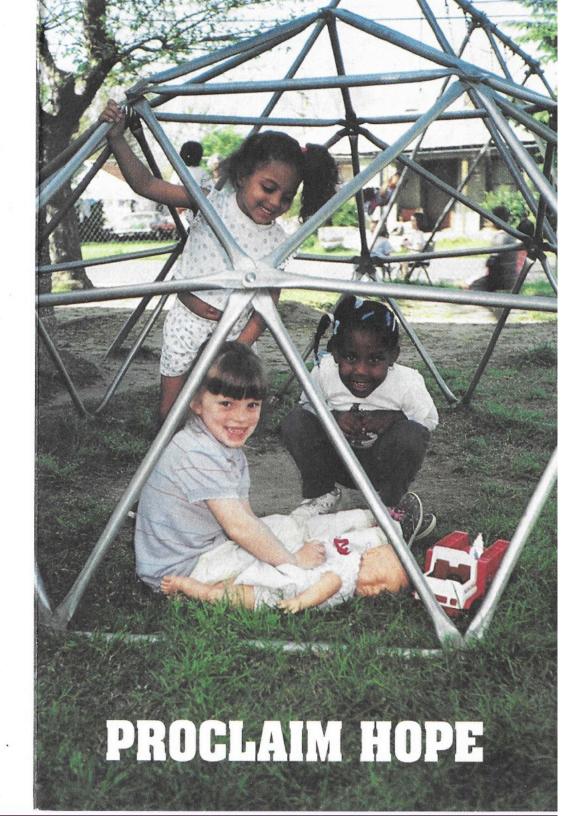
# The America for Christ Offering Proclaims Hope!

Many American Baptist congregations will receive the America for Christ Offering today. This annual mission offering is a strong affirmation of how we "proclaim hope!" It enables hope to become real for refugees from oppressed lands; it enables hope to be grasped by a high school student searching for life's meaning; it enables hope to be claimed by a congregation extending a call to new pastoral leadership.

We proclaim hope to new churches and renewed churches through the America for Christ Offering. The Good Shepherd Baptist Church is a new American Baptist congregation in a growing Delaware community. According to Pastor Sean Lee, programs and resources offered by his region, Educational Ministries, and National Ministries helped to provide a solid base for ministry when the church opened its doors to 138 worshipers on its first Sunday. Rev. Lee is a new church planter commissioned by National Ministries. The congregation is one of the new churches counted in the "500 more by '94" goal.

American Baptists work together to encourage life in Christ and to equip persons for service and ministry. Together we do mission in our congregations, in our communities, and across the United States and Puerto Rico. We commit ourselves to strengthen our personal and church evangelistic outreach. We use gifts of teaching to guide growing disciples of all ages. We accept the call and challenge to begin a new church witness in a growing community. Together we proclaim hope, the hope of Christ in us!

Virginia R. Holmstrom Director of Interpretation Educational Ministries, ABC/USA Valley Forge, Pennsylvania



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

March 7, 1993 Women's Sunday Second Sunday of Lent Holy Communion

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRELUDE "Communion"

Batiste

**MEDITATION** 

We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us.

God invites us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves.

God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ.

God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness.

God bids us to be obedient to a divine will so we might know true freedom. We come to worship our Creator, seeking to have our faith challenged into growth. We root our faith in worship seeking to find nourishment for our spirits in this growing season of Lent.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP(responsively)

The hand of God rests upon this mountain.

WE WILL BE A HAVEN FOR THE POOR.

The hand of God rests upon this mountain.

WE WILL BE A STRONGHOLD FOR THE WORN.

The hand of God rests upon this mountain.

WE WILL BE A SHELTER FROM THE STORM.

This is our God!

WE ARE GOD'S BELOVED MOUNTAIN.

all: BY GOD'S HAND SHALL THIS MOUNTAIN BE MOVED!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #28

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:34 - 40 page 861 ANTHEM "Rejoice, The Lord is King"

Smith

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

America For Christ Litany(insert)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "The Lenten Prayer"

Dvorak

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings," #572

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:36 - 48 page 897

"The Sanctury Zone"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING Meditation on "Germany" Whitworth HYMN OF COMMITMENT #91

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

HOLY COMMUNION

\*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Sing Praise to God"

Hughes

Fellowship Table

(\*congregation stands)

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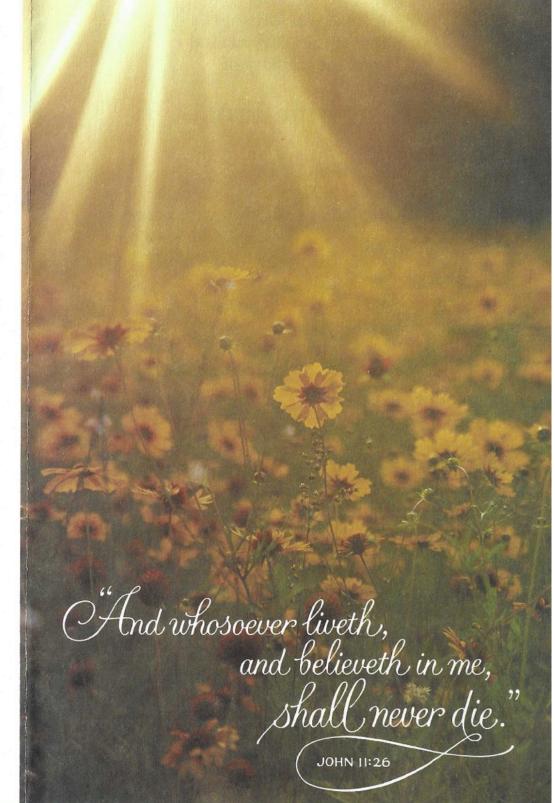
After the service please join us in the Assembly Room

for a time of fellowship.

The Sanctuary Flowers are in memory of Ernestine Frost.

The rose on the alter is in honor of the birth of

Benjamin Currier Turner, son of Randy and Jennifer Turner.





A Service of Worship offered to the Glory of God and the memory of

# **Ernestine Frost**

March 11, 1993 7:00 p.m.

**OPENING MOMENTS** 

INVOCATION
LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #32

"How Great Thou Art"

# PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT (unison)

God of all time, your love for us is everlasting; You alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with reverent and believing hearts, In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises of scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our darkness into the light and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** 

Isaiah 40: 28 - 31

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Jim VanBrimmer

SOLO

"Amazing Grace"

Karen Stoner

**SCRIPTURE** 

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 15

WORDS OF REFLECTION

A PRAYER IN POETRY

"The Traveler"

Jim VanBrimmer

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #236

"The Old Rugged Cross"

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

The family wishes to thank Evelyn Lee and Jean Osborne

for hosting the reception following the service.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God.

2 Timothy 1:8

#### Hold to the Standard

In the first chapter of his second letter to Timothy, Paul urges, "Hold to the standard of sound teaching...guard the good treasure entrusted to you." Faculty and students at the nine American Baptist-related seminaries are committing their lives to sound standards of teaching and learning, guarding God's Word as a treasure and preparing to serve God in the church and the world. Remember these schools and their God-given mission in your prayers and in your giving. Challenge someone to consider whether God might be calling him or her to attend one of these schools to prepare for ministry.

American Baptist Seminary of the West Berkeley, California

Andover Newton Theological School Newton Centre, Massachusetts

Central Baptist Theological Seminary Kansas City, Kansas

Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary Rochester, New York Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

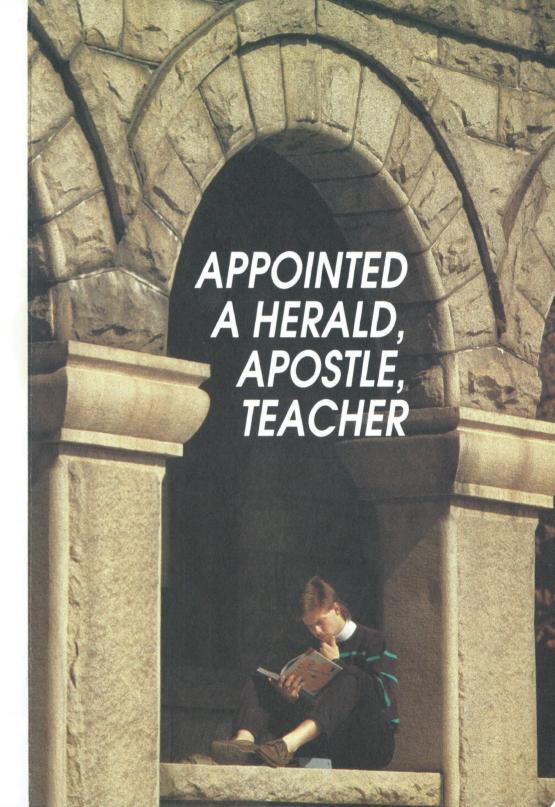
Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico Hato Rey, Puerto Rico

Morehouse School of Religion/ Interdenominational Theological Center Atlanta, Georgia

Northern Baptist Theological Seminary Lombard, Illinois

Virginia Union University School of Theology Richmond, Virginia

> Dr. Jean Kim Executive Director Educational Ministries, ABC/USA Valley Forge, Pennsylvania



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

March 14, 1993

Third Sunday of Lent

10:45am

# PRELUDE PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Holy Spirit, you come to us in ordinary places with extraordinary truth. Quench our thirst, we pray, with living water. May words of long ago lead us to encounter the Word made flesh. Inspire us to live the good news of your loving provision for our lives. We would reach out in service to this world of yours, that all may come to know the peace of deeply grounded faith. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INTROIT
CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #209

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-7, page 60

ANTHEM "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Mozart

#### **GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Prayer of Dedication Offertory "We Give Thee but Thine Own," # 583

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

#### \*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #334

"More Like Jesus Would I Be"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-42, page 925

MORNING MESSAGE "Just Say No?"

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #466

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

(\*congregation stands)

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#### MINISTERING TODAY

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Lay Leader: Harold Van Broekhoven

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Junior Church Leader: Jean Wickum

#### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts WEDNESDAY 12:00 Young at Heart

7:30 Choir

THURSDAY 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries

FRIDAY 6:30 New Members Banquet

SATURDAY 10:00 Lenten Series

The rose on the alter is in honor of a baby girl born to Barb Reed's daughter Holly.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

John 9:35-38

# That They Might See

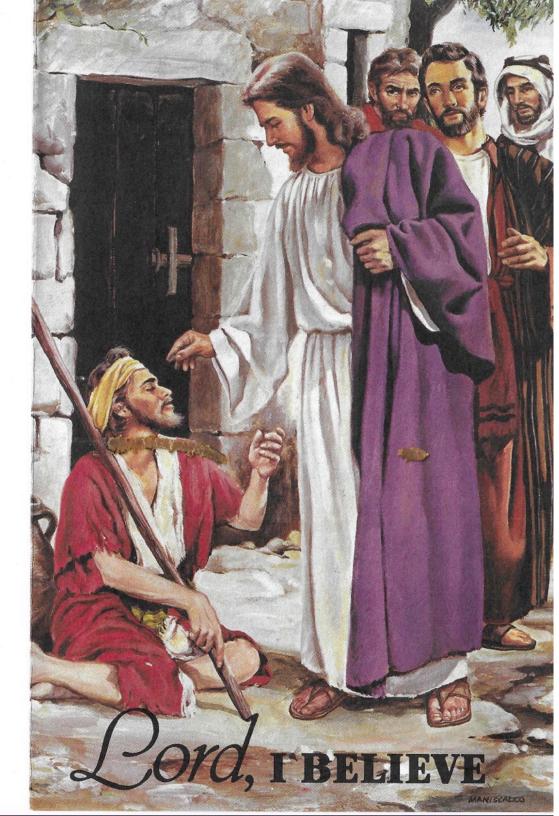
The drama that John 9:1-41 narrates is still the drama of today's life—the drama of humankind's survival.

There is blindness in the world! There still is much blindness around us. The drama tells us about a man who was born blind. He became a beggar to survive, but one day the disciples saw this man and stopped to ask Jesus, the rabbi, the teacher, a theological question: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" (vs. 2). A seminar, a workshop, was started on the spot. At this first encounter with Jesus, the blind man found physical sight, sight that brought him many problems.

In Latin America, as well as around the world, there are different kinds of blindness. Physical blindness can be due to a lack of medical resources, as well as emotional or psychological blocks. Blindness of knowledge, for many there and elsewhere, is pretended blindness: there are those that look but do not see.

We are called to help cure the blindness of people wherever they might be or whatever kind of blindness they suffer.

In the second encounter with Christ, this healed man, who had received physical curing, found salvation. While it is day let us become Siloam—sent, *enviado*—and provide people with the opportunity to find Jesus Christ for their whole well-being and everlasting life, so that the world would marvel when hearing each confess, "I was blind, now I see. Lord, I believe!"



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

March 21, 1993 Fourth Sunday of Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:45am

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "Liebster Jesu"
"Lord, I Have Sinned"

Graham Marpurg

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

We are here, God, because you have called us. Help us to be fully present to your gracious hospitality. There is much in our lives to distract us: the work we do, the difficulties we encounter, the losses we have sustained. Sometimes we are overwhelmed by all we must face. Yet in your house of prayer we sense your calming Spirit, the comfort of your care, the goodness and mercy you provide. In joyous anticipation, we come to worship. Amen.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INTROIT

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light. Sun of righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear! Visit, then, this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief, Fill me, Radiancy divine Scatter all my unbelief; More and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE, #209

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23, #598 (Responsive)

ANTHEM "When My Love to God Grows Weak" Smith

#### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Cross of Sorrow"

Higgins

"We Give Thee but Thine Own," #583

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #288 "Amazing Grace"

#### MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-41, page 932 MORNING MESSAGE "A Call to Confession"

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #374

"Take Thou Our Minds Dear Lord"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*AMEN

\*POSTLUDE "Spread, O, Spread Thou Mighty Word" Bouman (\*congregation stands)

#### MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Harold Van Broekhoven

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Junior Church Leader: Jean Wickum

#### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:30 Peace Camp Meeting

4:00 Bd. of Education

5:30 Deacons

6:30 BYF

7:30 Pastoral Relations

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir

THURSDAY 7:00 Parish Council

 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:9

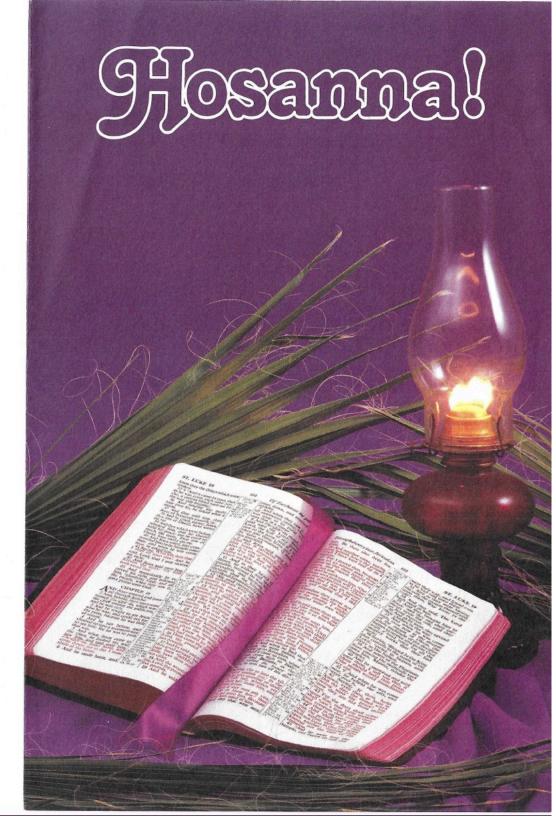
# The King's Offer

One wonders how many of those who enthusiastically cried, "Hosanna!" on Palm Sunday shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" a few days later. Some people may have been keenly disappointed, even angry, that Christ didn't use His miraculous power to establish an earthly kingdom. Hadn't He created a golden opportunity to rally popular support by parading into Jerusalem and offering Himself as King?

What many people failed to recognize was that before Jesus would assert His sovereignty openly He had to rule in their hearts. The Jews' greatest need was not to be freed from Caesar's rule but to be released from the chains of pride, self-righteousness, and rebellion against God. They wanted the visible kingdom prophesied in the Old Testament with all its material benefits. But the Messiah first had to die for the sins of mankind and rise again, the basis for a spiritual rule.

The issue is the same today. Christ does not offer immunity from life's hardships, a cure for every disease, and financial success—contrary to what some may preach. What the King offered then is what He offers today—Himself as the sacrificial substitute for our sins and a challenge to serve Him. If we accept His offer, we will not be disappointed in Him.

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

April 4, 1993 Palm Sunday

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Open the Gates of the Temple"

Knapp

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Awaken us, Loving God, to the possibilities this day may hold for us. Call us forth from our weary routines and meager faith. Stretch us beyond our limited understanding and cramped enthusiasm. Free us to sing "Hosanna in the Highest" and wave branches and spread your love among those who have not experienced its power. Come to us, Gracious God, that we may full experience your presence. Amen.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #131

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

RESPONSIVE READING, # 625

ANTHEM "Hosanna in the Highest"

Hughes

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 2:5-11, page 1023

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "The Palms"

Faure

\*Response, #583 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #134

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 26:14-16,20-29,47-50, page 861 COMMUNION MEDITATION "Accepting Acceptance"

#### FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #213

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer (Unison)

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

\*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Ride On In Triumph, O King" Balcombe (\*congregation stands)

#### MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Randy Turner
Organist: Betty Porter
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Junior Church Leader: Carol Grubbs

#### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 1:00 Peace Camp meeting, 1st Pres.

5:00 Youth Officers

6:30 B.Y.F.

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY 7:30 Candlelight Communion Service FRIDAY 12:00 Good Friday Worship at St. Mary's

SATURDAY 10:00 Lenten Series

The "Good News" publishes today. Please take a copy to a shut-in this week. Please join us for a time of Fellowship in the Assembly Room after the service.

Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

Isaiah 60:18

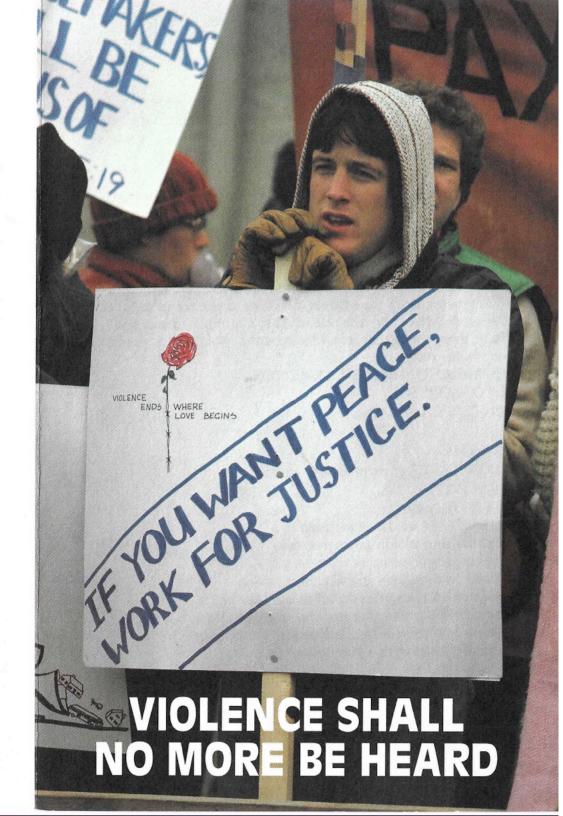
# Violence Shall No More Be Heard Throughout the Land

When the church next door had a huge tree cut down, the wood was left on the lawn over the weekend. My sons joined with the other neighborhood kids in taking the two-foot lengths of trunk and limbs; they added a few pieces of scrap plywood and built an impressive clubhouse. Then, later in the day the bigger boys banded together to exclude the littler ones. They wrote insulting signs of exclusion on the outside and kept the playhouse they all had built for themselves. Early the next morning the little ones struck back, tearing down the playhouse, hacking up the plywood, and painting their own insulting graffiti on the ruins. It wasn't long before I had to come out to deal with the returning big kids on a mission of vengeance.

As we worked through all the wrongs committed and suffered, I showed them that everyone was at fault and that their neighborhood war had left them with nothing. The clubhouse was a total loss, but they could learn from this about life. Their war began when somebody was locked out and put down; injustice lay at the root of this conflict. Fortunately the kids were quick learners and quick to reconcile. Can "big people" learn the same lesson?

During the violent uprising in Los Angeles, demonstrators chanted, "No justice, no peace!" We can work for peace by addressing the root issues of injustice and dehumanization that are violent in themselves and prompt violence in return. God presents a vision through the prophet Isaiah of a society where violence is no longer heard—not even one report on the news! As we labor to build justice, overcome poverty, respect human dignity, and share the transforming love of Christ, we are moving toward that vision, even in the midst of the violence of our own nation.

The Reverend Daniel L. Buttry Director, Peace Progam National Ministries, ABC/USA Valley Forge, Pennsylvania



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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

May 2, 1993

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Livith" Denton Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

## PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Good Shepherd, who calls us by name and leads us in the way you would have us go, grant the wisdom, devotion, and courage to follow you. We would dare to be disciples who are learning patience and generosity, that we might share with others the abundant life you are revealing to us. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #281

"What A Wonderful Change in My Life"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

PSALM 23 (Responsive)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff-they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. SOLO "My Lord is Like a Shepherd"

Smith

Jeanne Ekelberry

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Nature From Her Sleep Awakes" Landon

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #204

"There's A Quiet Understanding"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:42-47 page 949

CALL TO PRAYER #577 "Jesus Stand Among Us"

MORNING PRAYERS

COMMUNION MEDITATION

"Keep the Fire in the Fireplace"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

"Reachout to Your Neighbor"

Copeland

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #213

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

**HOLY COMMUNION** 

\*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Voices Exultant" Nolte

(\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Karen Stoner Organist: Betty Porter Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader: Pam Faulk

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY Mother/Daughter Banquet

MONDAY 7:00 **Boy Scouts** WEDNESDAY

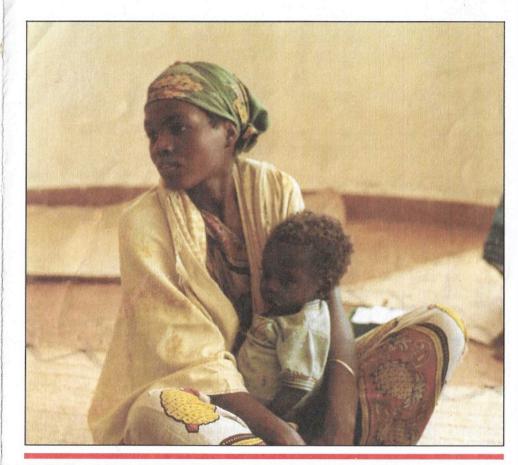
7:00 Choir

FRIDAY Deacon Watchcare Catch-up dinner 6:30

SATURDAY Bible Study 10:00

The "Good News" publishes today. Please take a copy to a shut-in this week.

Please join us for a time of Fellowship in the Assembly Room after the service.



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Let us love...in truth and action. (1 John 3:18)

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

June 6, 1993 Trinity Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE Meditation on "Jacob's Ladder" Johnston
Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping
with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who
believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Amazing God, Creator and Confronter, open our hearts to hear your voice in unexpected times and places. Appear to us in forms we cannot deny. Challenge us in ways we cannot avoid. Lead us in paths from which we cannot turn back. Discipline us, that our self-discipline may be better informed and more consistent. Test us that we may test ourselves by the model of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #4 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

GOSPEL LESSON, Matthew 28:16-20, page 866

ANTHEM "Summer Song"

Haydn

MISSION LITANY (Insert)

#### **GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "A Holy Offering"

Landon

Doxology:

God of our lives whose call comes clear

through Jesus Christ, your presence near,

by Spirit led, your will we heed,

your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION** 

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #564

"Now Thank We All Our God"

MORNING PRAYERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 13:5-13, page 1011

COMMUNION MEDITATION "A Quick Fix"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Trust in the Lord" Callender

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #512

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer (Unison)

Ever-present God, we have ignored your presence and denied your power. We have doubted rather than trusting you. We have complained when we should have celebrated. We have pursued private agendas while you summon us to community concern. We have kept our faith to ourselves when you call us to share the good news. Forgive our unfaithfulness, O God, and enable us to mend our ways. Amen.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

\*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Fantasia on "Forest Green"

Smith

(\*congregation stands)

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Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Jean Wickum
Organist: Betty Porter
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader: Donna Reed

#### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 1:00 Peace Camp meeting, 1st Pres.

4:00 Debbie Lovell Graduation Open House

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts WEDNESDAY 7:00 Bible Study

Room after the service.

FRIDAY 7:00 B.Y.F. trip to Cedar Point

SATURDAY 6:00 Teacher recognition cookout -Stoner's

Barkeloo who died this week.

Please join us for a time of Fellowship in the Assembly

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LEADER: Today we will recognize the various hunger ministries in our church. Please stand as we begin this important commissioning service.

UNISON: The Lord calls us to be servants. Let us rejoice!

LEADER: Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. (Proverbs 22:9)

PEOPLE: Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but those who are kind to the needy honor the Maker. (Proverbs 14:31)

LEADER: Give justice to the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. (Psalm 82:3)

PEOPLE: The righteous know the rights of the poor; the wicked have no such understanding. (Proverbs 29:7)

LEADER: The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. (Leviticus 19:34a)

PEOPLE: You shall not follow a majority in wrongdoing; when you bear witness in a lawsuit, you shall not side with the majority so as to pervert justice. (Exodus 23:2)

LEADER: Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless.

PEOPLE: Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. (Proverbs 31:8-9)

UNISON: Lord, help us love you with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. We rejoice that we are able to love, because you first loved us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

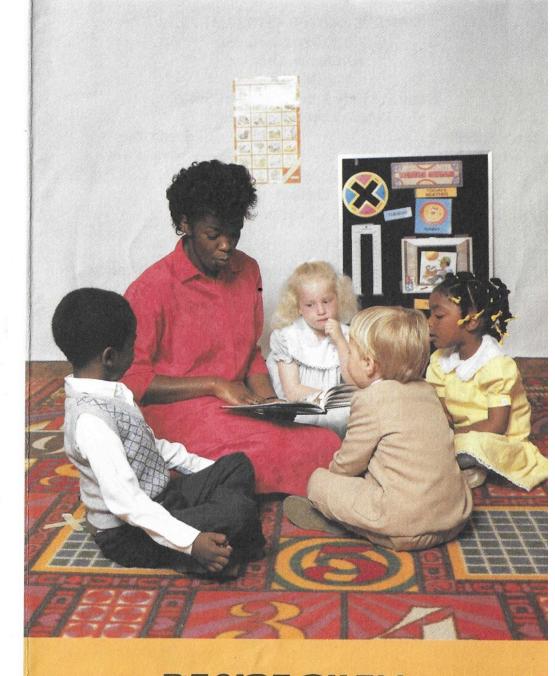
#### In Your Heart

Scripture is full of references to God as loving parent, and many of us find great solace and strength in the vision of ourselves as God's children. These images are powerful when the parent-child relationship we have experienced is one in which as children we received love, forgiveness, protection, food, shelter, clothing—all that is needed for spiritual and physical well-being. That is what we ask of God. And that is what children need from us.

God's love can be known through us in personal relationships, and it also can be known in how we use the resources God has given us. Our task as Christians, whether adult, young person, or child, is to shape the world in which we live so that all people, whatever age, have what is required for spiritual and physical well-being. As we do this, we recite the worl of God to children everywhere.

Love of God cannot be separated from love of neighbor. Few of our neighbors are as vulnerable as children. Children cannot fend for themselves. Children need our help, and they need our love. Children are powerless in the political decisions that shape their lives and futures. We are the ones with the ability and the opportunity to fulfill God's promise to them. As we work to improve their lives today and tomorrow, we are loving God with all our hearts, souls, and might.

From Welcome the Child A Child Advocacy Guide for Churches Children's Defense Fund



RECITE THEM
TO YOUR CHILDREN

363-7021

Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

Debbie Lovell, preaching

June 13, 1993 Children's Day 

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00am

PRELUDE

Songs for Children

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Eternal God, whose love for us is boundless and whose mercy extends to all your children, help us to love you with our whole being, that we may live confidently, growing in our relationship with you and with one another until the whole world shares in the experience of your loving care. May the great teachings of Christ motivate and empower the whole family of humankind. Amen.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Jarrod Trigg

Good morning.

Good morning.

Who are you?

We are God's children.

How do you know?

The Bible tells us so.

Let God's children say amen!

Amen!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, # 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

\*INVOCATION Marci Sander

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

LITANY (insert) Liz Hopkins

**PROMOTIONS** 

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Trust God" Sewell

YOUTH INQUIRER'S CLASS RECOGNITION

YOUTH CHOIR

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalms 67 p.500 Heather McGary **GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** 

Matthew Lovell

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me"

God of our lives whose call comes clear Doxology:

through Jesus Christ, your presence near,

by Spirit led, your will we heed,

your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Natalie Mowery

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#58 "This Is My Father's World"

MORNING PRAYERS

Vic Fogle

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:4-8 p. 1024 Micah Stoner

MORNING MESSAGE "Stepping Stones"

Debbie Lovell

# \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT (Insert) "Prayer for Children"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

\*POSTLUDE

"Hallelu"

(\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett Mary Lou Lovell

Organist: Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Ushers:

**TODAY** 

Barbara Lovell, Richard Davis.

Paul Hopkins, Rick Ramey 

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

11:30 All-church picnic

5:30 Deacons at VanBroekhoven's

7:00 Pastoral Relations

MONDAY 7:00 **Boy Scouts** 

> 7:00 Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY Young at Heart lunch 12:00 7:00

Board of Christian Education 8:15 Bible Study

SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast

# Prayer for Children

(Tune: "For the Beauty of the Earth")

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the children ev'rywhere,
With their sad or joyful cries,
God of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the parents giving birth
For the varied fam'ly ties,
For each child whose life of worth
May be missed by human eyes,
God of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the hungry, homeless ones Seeking life despite despair, For the nations buying guns While the children wait for care, God of all, this plea we raise: Help us change our hurtful ways.

Thanks for gifts the children bring: Love and trust and open hands. Help us give them songs to sing, Meet their needs as love commands. God of all, this prayer we raise:

# LITANY (Responsive)

When people say things that hurt me, it helps to know that

I am a child of God.

When people look the other way and do not see me, it helps to know that

I am a child of God.

When people do not share what they have, it helps to know that

I am a child of God.

When people fight and yell and call others names, it helps to know that

I am a child of God.

"Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1John 3:18)

Please join us for an all church picnic at 11:30 a.m. today at Blue Limestone Park.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-32

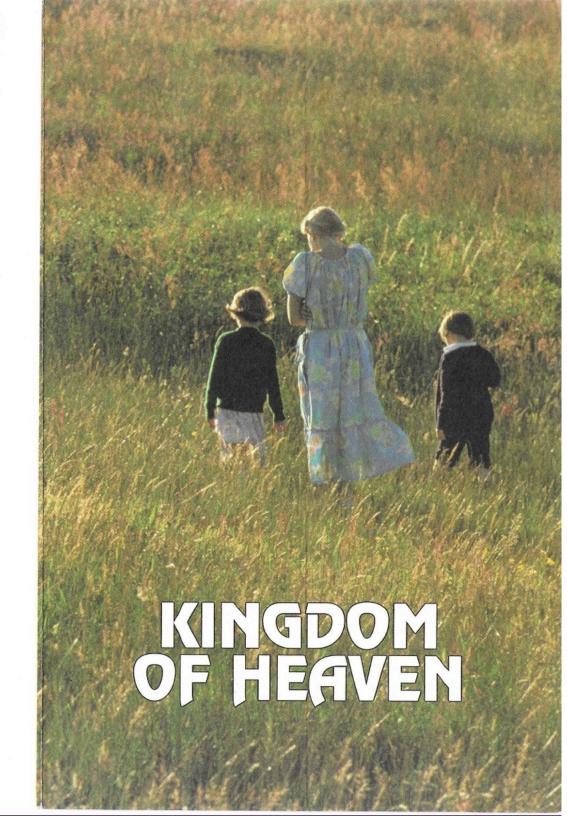
# The Kingdom of Heaven

The kingdom of heaven in the Gospel of Matthew is the domain, dominion, rule, realm, or sovereignty of the Eternal Thou, our God and heavenly Father. In its earthly manifestation, called the church, it is eventually delegated to the resurrected Jesus. It is likened to a mustard seed, yeast, hidden treasure, a merchant in search of pearls, and a net. First, like a mustard seed the kingdom of heaven is increasingly growing or encompassing. Second, like yeast it works internally or effects intuitively the will of the Eternal Thou. Third, like hidden treasure it is priceless and capable of being joyfully discovered. Fourth, like a merchant in search of pearls it searches out that which is most precious at all costs. Fifth, like a net it is universally inclusive and only exclusive at the discretion or direction of God, whose agents examine the quality of its inhabitants.

These parables describe the authority, control, or governance of the Eternal Thou. Everyone is under the Lord's supervision or jurisdiction, which is exercised through human consciousness, though it is not restricted to such. The kingdom of heaven is both discovered and discovering, that is, available and concealed; yet, it encompasses all creation regardless of human divisions. And, finally, the scribe or notetaker who is prepared for service to the Eternal Thou is qualified as a manager or steward of goods and, thus, is capable of distinguishing and distributing the inherited values as well as the newly acquired principles of faith.

We must be open to creation. Within it are the multiple revelations of the Eternal Thou, who plays hide-and-seek with us, that we may joyfully discover and learn the deeper matters of how heaven comes to us and who permits us glimpses of the glory of God until we are fully transformed to comprehend the fullness of the presence of the Eternal Thou, which is heaven itself and indeed!

Jerome Clayton Ross Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew Virginia Union University, School of Theology Richmond, Virginia



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

July 25, 1993 10th Sunday of Pentecost 

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00am

PRELUDE

"All Is Well"

Smith

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, without you, we would be terribly alone. Without your love, there would be no good life. We sense that it is through faith that we can know your presence and your love. Thank you for leading us toward faith. Amen.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God calls to us,

With sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God calls to us.

Claiming us,

Summoning us to become more than we now are..

Calling us by name: God's children.

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE, #

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

- \*INVOCATION
- \*LORD'S PRAYER
- \*GLORIA PATRI #576

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 105:1-11 page 523 **GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Prayer of Dedication

"How Sweet This Lone Vale" Offertory

VanHorn

God of our lives whose call comes clear through Jesus Christ, your presence near, by Spirit led, your will we heed, your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Matter of lessedie \*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING# 342

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

MORNING PRAYERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:26-39, page 983 MORNING MESSAGE Randy Turner

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, # 497

"There Is Joy in Serving Jesus"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God. or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

\*POSTLUDE

"I Will Praise Thee"

Price

(\*congregation stands)

#### MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Guest Preacher: Lay Leader:

Deaccn Randy Turner Jim VanBrimmer

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader:

Alison Mowrey

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7:00 Boy Scouts

7:30 Coed Softball

TUESDAY

7:00 Joint Choir Rehearsal with Zion

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Covered Dish Dinner and

Quarterly Business Meeting

THURSDAY

7:30 Men's Softball 

Our Ecumenical Bible Camp, "Family Reunion '93" will take place at First Presbyterian Church, from Sunday, August 1 through Thursday, August 5. It's an inter-generational event, which begins at 6:00 p.m. each evening with a common meal and ends at 8:30 p.m. You may pre-register by filling out a form from the table in the main entrance of our church.

The Newsletter Deadline is tomorrow.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

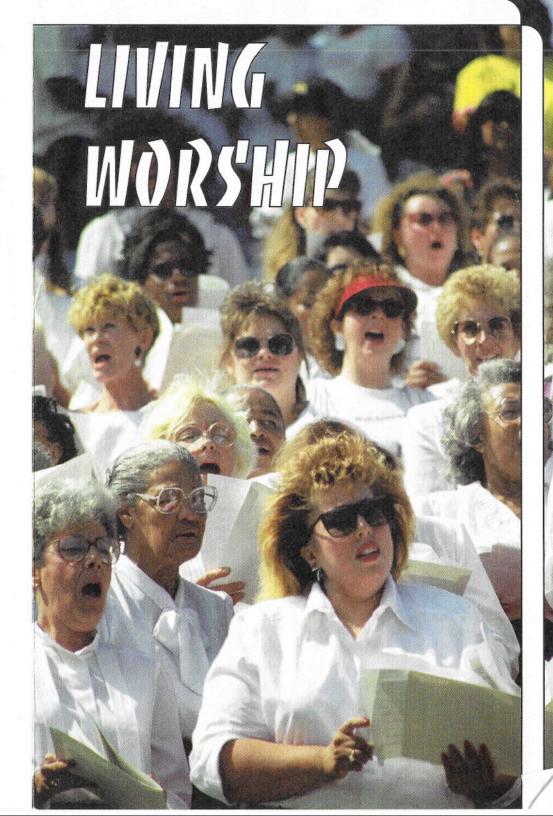
Romans 12:1-2

Living worship means living life as God wants us to—wherever we are, whatever we do. Living worship is an active response to God; in who we are and what we do, we recognize and declare God's worth. As Christians, we move out from the protection of the cross and the water of baptism into the challenges of today's complex, compelling world.

Romans 12:1-2 is a transitional portion of Romans—here faith and daily living come together and journey together. Our daily living worship challenges us to live creatively and positively to celebrate God's value to us and in us. How do you express your daily worship? Do the people around you see your faith demonstrated in your actions? Is your life a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God?

As American Baptist Women's Ministries focuses on "Living Worship" this program year, our hope is for women to realize and experience the transforming power that living worship makes in lives. Worship journeys beyond the Sunday church setting. Living worship leads us to a holistic understanding of who God wants us to be. We are called to renewal through the grace of Jesus Christ as we truly live worship in our daily lives.

Carolyn Soles Editor and Program Associate American Baptist Women's Ministries



363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

September 19, 1993

18th Sunday of Pentecost 

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Berceuse"

Denton

## PRAYER OF MEDITATION

The gospel of Christ has drawn us once more to seek the realm of heaven. Your ways, O God, surprise us, for your standards are not our own. We want quick results, while you work patiently for steady transformation. We seek to comprehend within narrow limits, but you come to us to broaden our horizons. We dare to worship what we cannot see because Christ has demonstrated that your love is real. Love us now into becoming all we are meant to be. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INTROIT

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\* HYMN OF PRAISE, #43

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI #576

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Andante Moderato"

Vivaldi

God of our lives whose call comes clear through Jesus Christ, your presence near,

by Spirit led, your will we heed,

your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.

SOLO Jeanne Ekelberry

CHILDREN'S MOMENT SERVICE OF DEDICATION

# \*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#288

"Amazing Grace"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 20:1-16, page 854 MORNING MESSAGE "Exasperating Grace"

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #205

"Renew The Church, Her Ministries"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

\*POSTLUDE "Great God of Glory" Paxton

(\*congregation stands)

#### MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Cynthia Bland Organist: Mary Lou Lovell Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader: Pam Faulk

#### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**TODAY** A.B.Y. to Fall Rally at Radnor Baptist 4:30 Marion Assoc. Fall Rally, Radnor

MONDAY **Boy Scouts** 7:00

7:00 Bd. of Education at Grubbs

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

> 8:15 Bible Study

THURSDAY 7:00 Parish Council

> 8:30 **Finance Committee**

Remember: Next Sunday is Christian Education Sunday. If you still have your red and white "Come and Learn" button from last year, please wear it.

The deadline for the October newsletter is Monday, September 27.

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
—Isaiah 50:4

# **Christian Education Sunday**

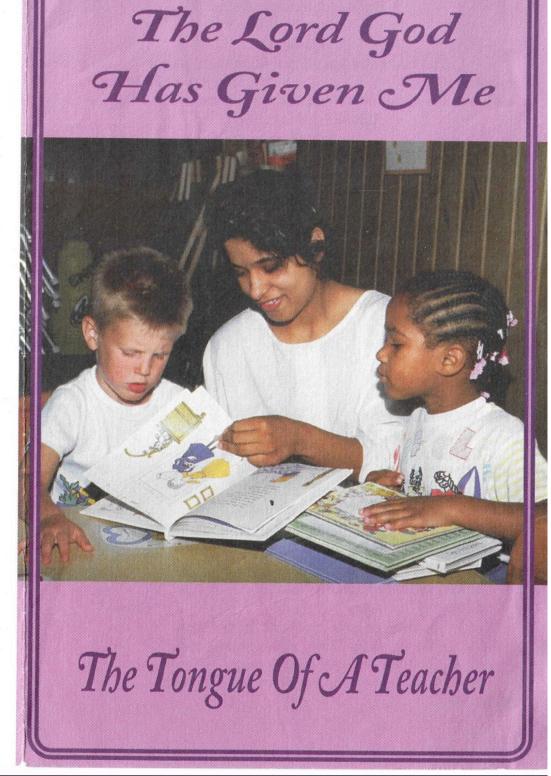
saiah's message is for teachers. But is it just for those people the church has called to be its teachers? Or is the message to both those called to be teachers and to those of us who teach even when we don't know we are teaching? Isaiah's message is for those called to teach and for me and for you—for all of us.

And so we ask, "What kind of tongue does a teacher have?" Verse 4 suggests that it is a tongue of encouragement—"that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word." All of us have been in need of encouragement at one time or another and can recognize the value of offering encouragement to a person standing in need of it—indeed, of offering corporate encouragement to the world, as well!

The tongue of a teacher is also a controlled tongue. As teachers, we are called to choose our words with love and care. We are not to say the first thing that comes to our mind, the hurtful thing. Instead, we are to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

But Isaiah also calls us to do something before and as we teach or speak. We are called to have the ear of a listener. Teachers are called to attentive listening as well as to active speaking and teaching. We are called to find a quiet spot and to listen to God's voice. We are called to listen to those we teach—to their hopes and desires, their worries and cares, their gifts and skills. We are even called to be taught by those we teach!

Linda Isham Director of Planning for Congregational Education Educational Ministries, ABC/USA



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

September 19, 1993

18th Sunday of Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "From God Can Nothing Move Me"

Walther

"I Will Pour Out My Spirit"

Denton

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Lord, amid the clamor of voices and noises of this day, we would lose our voice were it not for the quietness we share before you. Continue to speak, that we will find your strength and guidance to share with others words that are uplifting and a lamp to their pathes we teach. As we come to worship you this morning, instill in us the calmness of your presence and the awe of being your voice in a searching and seeking world. Amen.

#### INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN OF PRAISE, #27

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI #576

DEDICATION OF A.B.Y. ADVISORS AND OFFICERS

#### **GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Prayer of Dedication Offertory

"Avre"

Corelli

God of our lives whose call comes clear through Jesus Christ, your presence near, by Spirit led, your will we heed,

your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.

#### **ANTHEM**

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

#### \*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#378

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:24-29, page 841

MORNING MESSAGE "Rollercoasters 101"

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #388

"God Who Touches Earth with Beauty"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

\*POSTLUDE

"In Thee is Joy"

Denton

(\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Organist:

Cynthia Bland Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader:

Pam Faulk

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**TODAY** 

A.B.Y. at the church 6:30

MONDAY

7:00 **Boy Scouts** 

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Choir

8:15 Bible Study at Gray Chapel

Monday, September 27th. is the newsletter deadline.

The Alter flowers are in memory of Emma Dorsey, who died September 18th.

# LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT

Leader: We celebrate the gifts of teaching and learning, and the many ways we are educated, recognizing no limits to learning.

People: Our faith seeks understanding. Our faith asks our intellect for help.

Leader: Jesus is our ultimate teacher, who calls us toward discovery and understanding.

People: Jesus taught in parables, sayings, sermons, and stories so all people could know and love God.

Leader: We have been blessed with many great teachers in our church, who guide us in our quest to believe.

People: For these people we are ever thankful.

Leader: We are blessed with many in our church who diligently study the Scriptures and share them with others.

People: For these people we are ever thankful.

Leader: As students and teachers we are a community seeking and professing our faith.

All: In this community where God's Spirit is present, we covenant to continue to learn and grow in faith together.

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He then said to the paralytic—"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home." And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

Matthew 9:6-8

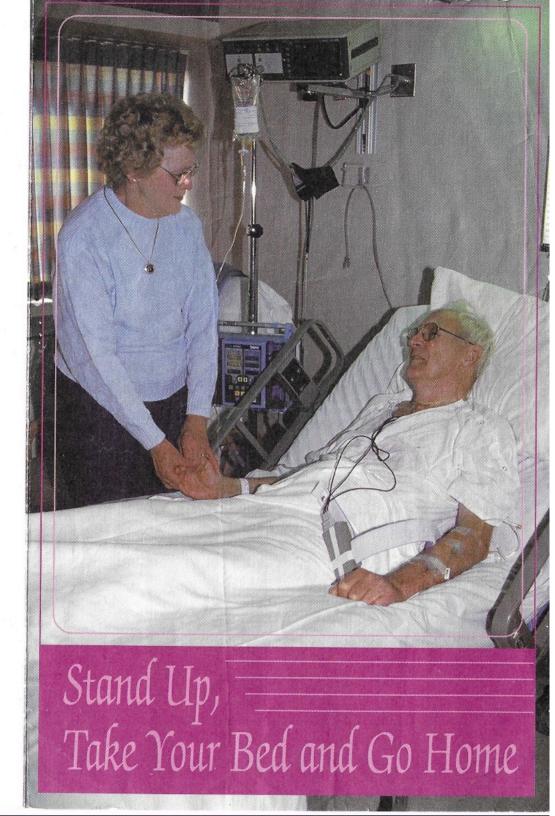
National Pastoral Care Week (October 25–31) honors chaplains of many faith groups all across the country who minister in hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, and mental health centers in the spirit of Jesus Christ, who said, "Stand up, take your bed and go to your home!" This command is carried out in many ways—even when home is one's heavenly reward—as God's love is channeled through the caring ministrations of these dedicated, called, trained, and sensitive institutional pastors.

Pastoral Counselors Sunday, as well. One moving story of spiritual healing comes from American Baptist Chaplain Carber Williams of Marion, Ohio. He writes, "About a year ago a friend of mine who is a nurse called me about a friend who was seriously ill with cancer. I went to see her many times during her chemotherapy, and we have become close friends. I can see her sense of hope returning and a new desire to live each day as it comes. She has fought her way through many life threatening times, leaning more and more upon God to strengthen her. Through the efforts of several other people as well, this woman is feeling loved as she deals with the helplessness of being a cancer patient."

May we all respond in our own way to the challenge of the Savior's healing call.

John J. Gleason Director of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Services National Ministries, ABC/USA

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

October 17, 1993 

22nd Sunday of Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff"

Landon

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God in whom we live and move and have our being, we have gathered in your presence to sing your praise. Gather up the prayer of each heart into one harmony of worship and service, that we might truly be one body in Christ. Accept the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts, for we are yours in Christ Jesus. Amen.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows ans runs upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE, #43

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI #576

**PSALM 146**, page 545

#### **GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "For The Beauty of the Earth" Markworth

God of our lives whose call comes clear through Jesus Christ, your presence near, by Spirit led, your will we heed, your grace to show in word and deed. Amen. ANTHEM "At the Name of Jesus" CHILDREN'S MOMENT \*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#392

"Take Time to be Holy" MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:15-22, page 857 MORNING MESSAGE "Buried Treasure"

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #507

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

Broughton

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

Postlude on "Italian Hymn" Broughton \*POSTLUDE (\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett Pastor:

Harold Van Broekhoven Lay Leader:

Mary Lou Lovell Organist: Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Teresa Griffith **Junior Church Leader:** 

#### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 **Boy Scouts** Board of Education 7:00

**Cub Scouts** TUESDAY 7:00

7:00 Parish Council

WEDNESDAY 4:30 **Brownies** 7:00 Choir

8:15 Bible Study

Decorate Fellowship Hall SATURDAY 9:30

8:00 Halloween Party 

This Wednesday through Saturday (Oct. 20-23), Pastor Brummett will be attending the A.B.C. of Ohio Annual Meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia. Karen Stoner will also be going as a delegate from our church.

He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

-Psalm 107:35

Often when we are most thirsty, we are most blind to where our thirst may be quenched. Often when we feel most justified in our actions, we are most off track. What we believe to be sincere motivation may lack the divine balance of wisdom only Christ can provide. Without this balance we believe in what we are doing yet become naively shackled by good intentions.

Paul's life illustrates the psalmist's words,

He turns a desert into pools of

water,

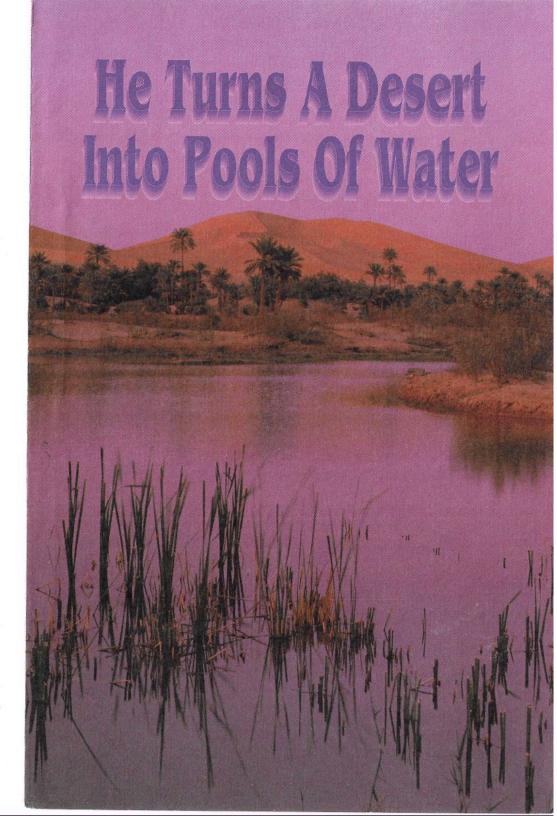
a parched land into springs, of

water.

Before his conversion Paul believed in what he was doing and felt justified in persecuting believers; he had convictions galore! Yet, his certainty bound him to fallacy. He was stuck, yet blind to the fact that he was! Through grace Jesus came to Paul where he was and met him just as he was. Paul's character traits were to be used for spreading the Good News. His desolate, barren places were transformed into a lush oasis from which his ministry continued to flow!

Like Paul, we are challenged to realize that we may be out of kilter and in need of some adjustment from the Master. Like Paul, we are challenged to admit and confess our own desert places and to accept the spiritual oasis available to all!

> Carole L. Collins National Ministries, ABC/USA



363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

October 31, 1993 24th Sunday of Pentecost 

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "For All the Saints"

Gehrke

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Eternal God, we gather as your people to worship you. By your Spirit break the bonds that hold our minds captive to the petty concerns of our lives that we may know the freedom of new possibilities. Quiet the din of our distracted spirits that we may hear your gentle voice calling us. Transform our very lives that we may go forth from this hour with deeper commitment to doing your will, with a firm assurance of your presence. Amen.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### INTROIT

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

## We come to give thanks for them.

As they were called, so we are called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying, "Here I am! Send me."

## We come to ask for guidance and courage.

We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

We come to worship the Holy God.

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE, #200

"Our Church's One Foundation"

- \*INVOCATION
- \*LORD'S PRAYER
- \*GLORIA PATRI #576

PSALM 107:1-9 page 526

#### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "More Love to Thee, O Christ" Larson

> God of our lives whose call comes clear through Jesus Christ, your presence near,

by Spirit led, your will we heed,

your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#338

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 23:1-12, page 857

MORNING MESSAGE "Saint Maybe"

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #205

"Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries"

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#### \*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

\*POSTLUDE "Toccata" I.S. Bach

(\*congregation stands)

#### MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Harold Van Broekhoven

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

#### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**TODAY** 6:30 A.B.Y., at the church

MONDAY 7:00 Piecemakers

> 7:00 **Boy Scouts**

WEDNESDAY 4:30 **Brownies** 

> 7:00 Choir

8:15 Bible Study

THURSDAY A.B.W.Ministries Sewing Group 10:00  My child, if you accept my words
and treasure up my commandments within you,
making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
if you cry out for insight,
and raise your voice for understanding;
if you seek it like silver,
and search for it as for hidden treasures—
then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.

-Proverbs 2:1-5

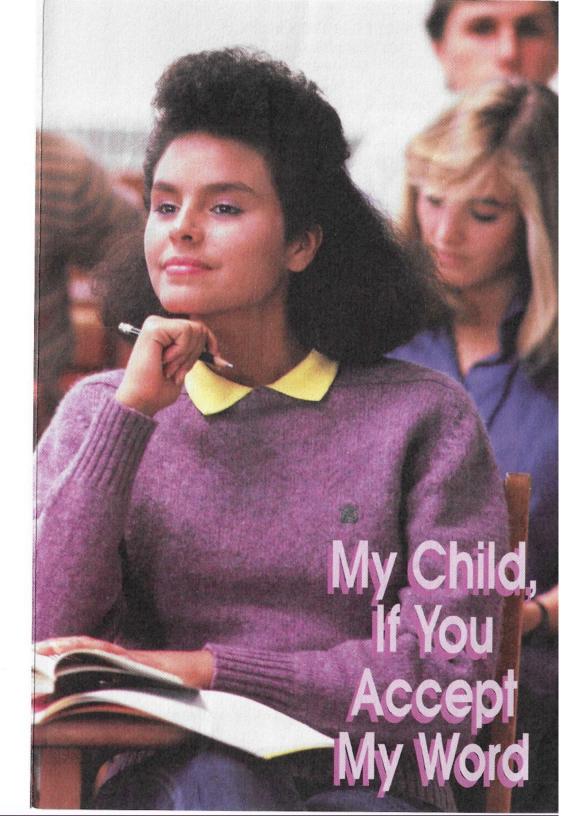
Christian colleges give students the chance to unite honest intellectual endeavor with ethical insight and religious inspiration. Placing education in a Christian context gives learning an added dimension. According to Karrie Kiel, a 1987 graduate of Kalamazoo College, the experience is like "stretching your wings. You learn more about yourself and others than you might think possible." Young adults are looking for a place where they can really spread their wings and test new directions in a supportive, caring environment.

Individual, personalized attention is another characteristic of Christian colleges. Rafael Sanchez, a 1992 graduate of Franklin College, made his school choice because he "wanted a change of lifestyle and people. I have valued the personal touch and the care and concern of my peers, faculty, and the administration."

American Baptists have a longstanding commitment to higher education. This is reflected in the relationship that is maintained with sixteen colleges and universities that affirm their affiliation with American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. These colleges and universities are:

Alderson-Broaddus College, Philippi, W.Va. Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla. Benedict College, Columbia, S.C. Eastern College, St. Davids, Pa. Florida Memorial College, Miami, Fla. Franklin College, Franklin, Ind. Judson College, Elgin, Ill. Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Mich. Keuka College, Keuka Park, N.Y.
Linfield College, McMinnville, Oreg.
Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kans.
Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.
Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S.Dak.
University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif.
Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.
William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Virginia Holmstrom Director, Office of Interpretation Educational Ministries, ABC/USA



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

November 7, 1993

25th Sunday of Pentecost 

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

#### PRELUDE

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Dear God, we thank you that you never forsake us, that you never stop loving us. Trusting in your unfailing love, we have gathered to worship and praise you. Through your Holy Spirit, touch us, renew us, comfort us, challenge us; for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE, #4 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

\*GLORIA PATRI #576

PSALM 78:1-7, page 507

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

ANTHEM "How Wondrous Great"

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** 

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Doxology

God of our lives whose call comes clear through Jesus Christ, your presence near,

by Spirit led, your will we heed,

your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #318

"When We Walk with the Lord"

MORNING PRAYERS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a;14-25, page 206 COMMUNION MEDITATION "No Turning Back"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #326

"God of Our Life, through All the Circling"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, who has promised eternal life to all, we come before you as humble people. You give us many opportunities to serve, but we turn away. Sometimes we think of ourselves before we think of others. We take paths that lead away from you, not toward you. We need you, God. Be with us on our journey. Help us to grow closer to you and to reach out to those in need. Through God the Creater, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. Amen.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

\*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

(\*congregation stands)

### MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett Lay Leader: Deacon Harold Van Broekhoven

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

#### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 6:30 A.B.Y. Meeting MONDAY 7:00 **Boy Scout** TUESDAY 7:00 Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY 4:30 Brownies Meeting

7:00 Choir

8:15 Bible Study

THURSDAY A.B.W. Ministries, Exec. Committee 7:00 SATURDAY 1:30 Deacon's Retreat, at the parsonage 

Please join us for a time of Fellowship in the Assembly Room after the service. The "Good News" publishes today. Please remember yours and a friend's.

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come.

1 Corinthians 16:2

# Saying Thanks to God

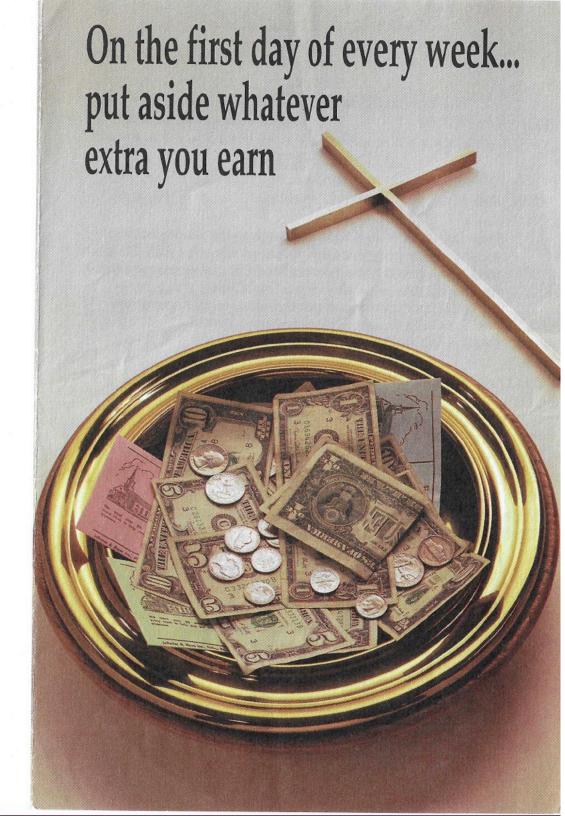
A new week is before us—and before long a new year will be upon us—to be filled with activity and opportunity. For Christians, this means ministry in the name of Jesus! In 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 Paul wrote about the very practical and yet spiritual matter of funding ministry. Believers in Jerusalem had needs, and Paul asked the Corinthians to help by giving money regularly in proportion to their income. William Barclay suggested that Paul urged the Corinthians to give an extra offering. In this way the necessary funding would be available and the needs would be met.

Some things have not changed over the centuries. Today, whether we look across the street or across the ocean, we see needs. Like the Corinthians, we have been called to an active faith and ministry in response to what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

Since we, too, must fund the ministries to which we have been called, Paul's instruction is still good. Set aside something out of all that God has provided so that needs will be met. Give regularly, remembering that some habits are good habits. Paul also said that giving should be related to income. In other words, we need to think in terms of percentage giving. The biblical standard is the tithe (10 percent) required by Old Testament law and affirmed by Jesus (Matthew 23:23). Surely, as we live our lives in response to God's love, we who live under grace can do no less than the law required!

As we consider our financial commitment to God's work for the coming year, will it reflect our relationship to Jesus or to a budget? What has Jesus done for us? How can we begin to express our love and thanks to God? Is regular and proportionate giving (tithing) a good place for us to start?

Donald M. Scott World Mission Support American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Greater Indianapolis



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

November 14, 1993 26th Sunday of Pentecost

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Chanson D'Automne"

Higgins

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Holy God, blessed and wise, you teach us the wisdom of work and the blessing of generosity. Grant us who are called Christian, teachable spirits that we may remain loyal to you; courage that we may risk a new venture of love; and dignity that we may recognize your image in all people and so bring honor to the name of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN OF PRAISE, #37

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI #576

PSALM 123, page 537

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Lovelace

God of our lives whose call comes clear through Jesus Christ, your presence near, by Spirit led, your will we heed, your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

ANTHEM "Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord"

**McPheeters** 

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#370

"Teach Me Thy Will, O Lord"

MORNING PRAYERS
GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:14-30, page 860

MORNING MESSAGE "Playing it Safe"

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #385

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

\*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" Torelli

(\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Karen Stoner
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:00 Young at Heart, lunch with A.B.Y.

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts TUESDAY 7:00 Cub Scouts WEDNESDAY 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir

8:15 Bible Study

THURSDAY 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries, at Anne Linn's

SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast

Orders for Christmas Poinsettias are now being taken. The cost for a 6" pot is \$6.00. Please give your order and money to Jim Stephenson by Sunday, November 21.

Please remember to bring your special Thanksgiving offering next Sunday. The offering will go to help with flood relief in the Midwest.

Next Sunday is Faith Commitment Sunday. Please remember to bring your faith commintment to present in a special litany of dedication.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

—Psalm 100

# **Thanksgiving Sunday**

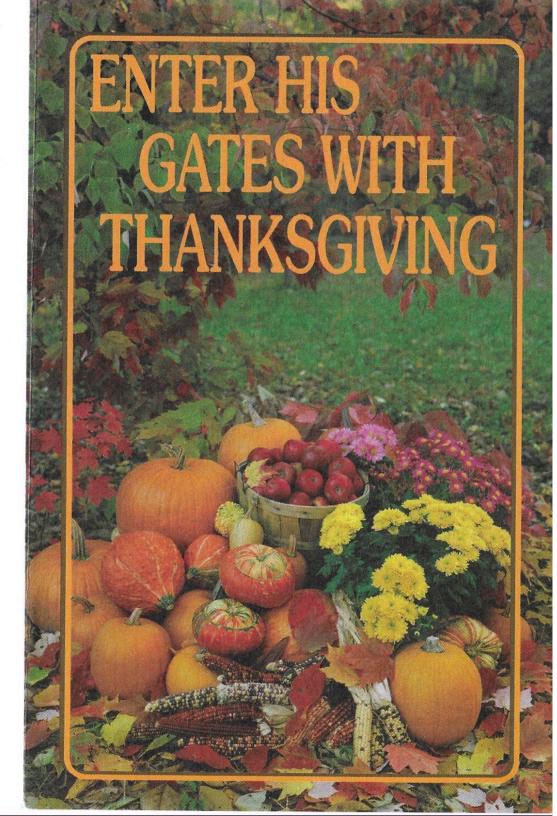
O Lord, how great is your mercy, how bountiful your blessings! We are reminded of your presence in everything we see, smell, and touch. The beauty of your hand abounds everywhere: in the color of a leaf, in the sprinkling of the dew, in the shade of a tree, in the cry of a baby.

During this time of Thanksgiving, we are constantly reminded of the harvest: a time when gatherers bring in their precious crop, when sowers reap the fruits of their labor and restock their bins and shelves.

O Lord, remind us that as laborers in the vineyard we are to sow the seed of your holy Word and, when the season is right, to gather into the fold those brothers and sisters whose hearts have been ripened by your grace. Quicken our spirit, O Lord, to do your work. At the same time allow us to wait on you to renew our strength, to raise us up with wings as eagles, to enable us to run and not faint. Remind us that your children, our brothers and sisters, are precious to you. Each and every life is yours. We belong to you. You, the Master gatherer, are waiting to harvest your precious crop.

Lord, allow us to be mindful of the needs around us and to meet those needs out of the abundance you have blessed us with.

> Sarah Clement-West Editorial Assistant, Office of Communication Office of the General Secretary, ABC/USA



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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

November 21, 1993

Faith Commitment Sunday 

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Thanksgiving Prayer"

Moore

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Gracious God, who gives and gives and gives to us again, hear our plea for one more gift: a generous spirit, that we may find and use and return to you all that you have given of ordinary and extraordinary, for you are the source and gift of life itself. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.

For god has made us and this earth which gives us life.

Let us gether together in gratitude to one another.

For we are the bearers of God's blessing and love for the earth and its people.

Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach out in care and courage so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children. Amen.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE, #498

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI #576

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Simple Gifts" Sewell

God of our lives whose call comes clear through Jesus Christ, your presence near, by Spirit led, your will we heed,

your grace to show in word and deed. Amen. THE EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15-23, page 1017

ANTHEM "Lord, Make Us Free"

Hughes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#564

"Now Thank We All Our God"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 14:13-21, page 848 MORNING MESSAGE "Crunch All You Want...

We'll Make More"

SERVICE OF FAITH COMMITMENT (Insert)

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #208

"There's a Church within Us, O Lord"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

\*POSTLUDE "Ye Servants of God"

Wilson

(\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Karen Stoner Organist: Mary Lou Lovell Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY Board of Christian Ed., at Buehler's 12:00

6:30 A.B.Y., at the church Pastoral Relations

MONDAY 6:45 Choir

> 7:00 **Boy Scouts**

TUESDAY 7:00 Parish Council

WEDNESDAY 8:15 Bible Study

SATURDAY 4:00 Adult Social, at the church

Please note: Because of Thanksgiving, Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 23, instead of Thursday, Nov. 25.

All adults are invited to come to the church on Saturday afternoon to help decorate our church for the holidays. After decorating, we will share together in a soup and sandwich supper.

#### SERVICE OF FAITH COMMITMENT

## Call to Commitment (responsively)

Let us come, O people of God, seeking to serve with all of our heart; searching for a vision of what the Holy Spirit can do in our lives and in the lives of those we serve.

We take, most giving God, the guidance of your Spirit.

Let us bring, O people of God, the gift of our lives and all that we have been, are and will become.

We give, most merciful God, from the gifts that you have given to us.

Let us pray, O people of God, that we will be blessed with the courage and wisdom to give as God has given to us.

We ask, most gracious God, for a true spirit of giving.

## **Gathering of Commitments**

# Prayer of Commitment (in unison)

O God our creator, you have given life to us in all of it's fullness. You have brought us to this place and have given us a common vision of hope. We pray that you will accept our gifts. Please breathe a blessing upon these offerings and upon your people as we commit ourselves to your service. May our actions be humble and our will be yours. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The glory of the LORD shall be revealed . . . Isaiah 40:5

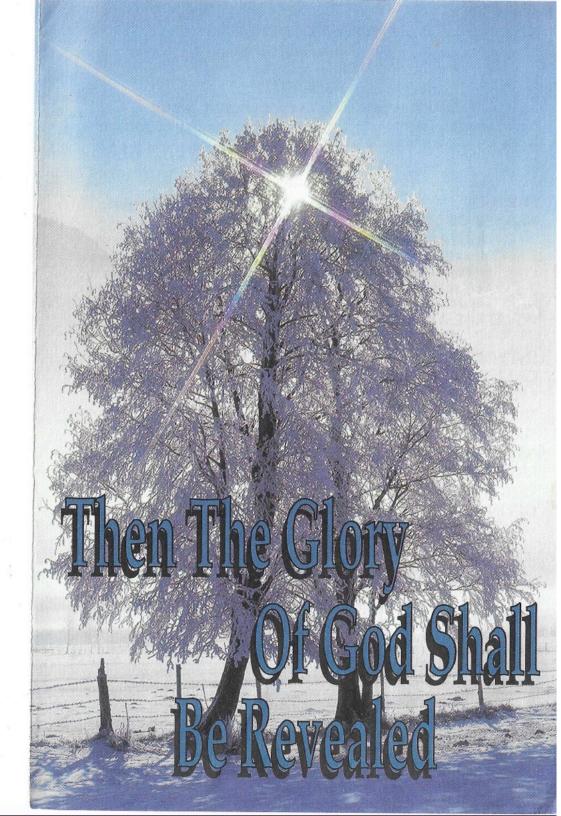
# An Old Idea in a New Setting

The worship center at First American Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida, is striking. The sun's rays shine through a skylight dome onto the communion table. It's an experience that preaches by itself. As you worship, it's hard to avoid thinking, "The glory of the LORD shall be revealed..."

But some people don't come into the church. How will they ever witness this experience or know God's glory? That question haunted pastor Thaine Ford. Experimenting was easy for this congregation, one of the church starts under Alive in Mission, and Thaine had a novel idea. It was one he had used as a Navy chaplain on the carrier *Ranger* in the Gulf of Tonkin—a twenty-two-minute worship service for "those who can only take their religion in small doses."

The story of the service, which began January 31 at eight A.M., was told on the major television networks, CNN, "Prime Time," and the BBC. Television reports compared it to the fast-food craze. But the thirty-nine attending the first service found a welcome and a ministry that the usual church service doesn't provide. That day the glory of the Lord was revealed to twenty people who had never attended church before.

Duncan McIntosh Manager, Division of Evangelistic and New Church Ministries National Ministries, ABC/USA



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

November 28, 1993 1st Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

**PRELUDE** "Christmas Carol Medley"

Hughes

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God of Advent, we live in the promise that you will fulfill your will for earth. Yet nations are in chaos and our lives in turmoil. Gather us together to begin our watch for the coming of your Promised One. Lead us through the chaos by a watchful heeding spirit. In the name of the One who is to come, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN OF PRAISE, #102 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI #576

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 page 991

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** 

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "At Dawn of Day"

Ritter

Hope in the God who reigns above, who holds us all in steadfast love; whose spirit blows across the earth,

preparing us for second birth.

ANTHEM "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hughes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Preschool -Grade 6)

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#340

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 13:24-37, page 882

MORNING MESSAGE "A Timely Matter"

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #177 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

Pastor:

\*POSTLUDE "Rejoice This Day"

Wilson

(\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Karen Stoner Organist: **Betty Porter** Choir Director: Jim Stephenson Jeff & Donna Reed Greeters:

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**TODAY** 12:00 A.B.Y., at the church MONDAY 6:00 Coat and Soup Night

> 7:00 **Boy Scouts**

TUESDAY Crop Walk Meeting 7:15

WEDNESDAY 6:45 Choir

> 8:15 Bible Study

Monday, November 29, is the newsletter deadline

Please remember the Minister's and Missionaries special offering which will be collected on Sunday, December 12.

> Delaware Christmas Concert Delaware Community Choir, O.W.U. Choral Arts Society, Central Ohio Symmphony Orchestra

December 5, 2pm and 4:30pm - Tickets available at Downtown Merchants

Be sure to check the sign-up list in the vestibule for the Progressive Dinner on Dec. 11 at 6pm. This event is for all adults and members of the youth group. We are still looking for host homes.

The Christmas Poinsettias have been donated by: Shirley Parker, the Stoner Family, Don & Flo Faulk, the Richard Lee Family in memory of Dick Lee, Jean Wickum in memory of W.C. "Wick" Wickum, Cynthia Bland in memory of Rena Cheek Bland(her mother) and Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Cheek (her maternal grandparents), and the Stephenson Family in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

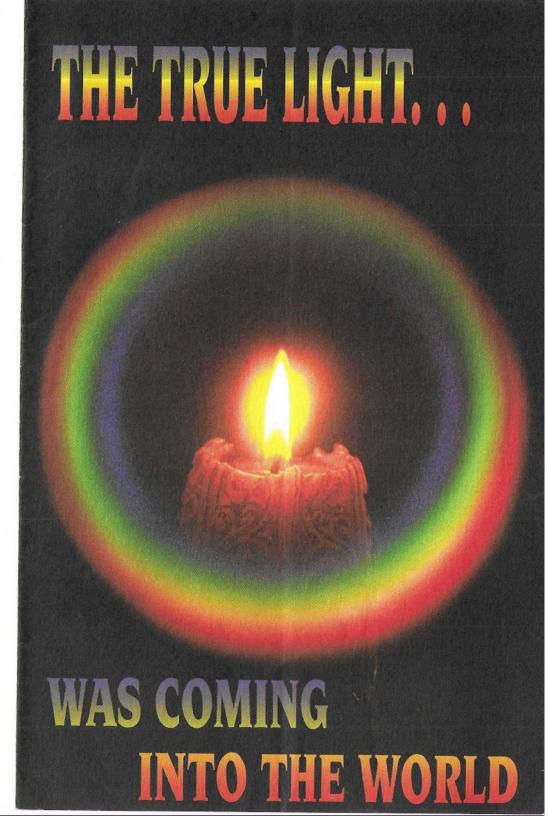
John 1:9

Now I get it," exclaimed Rosita, "John is talking about the same kind of thing we've been experiencing here in El Salvador!" Rosita had made the connection between the unique coming of Jesus in the first century and the recent shedding of light on some of the darkest events of El Salvador's civil war.

No less than in El Salvador in the 1990s, the arrival of light in the person of Jesus involved conflict. Rosita had seen that John's first reference to light also mentions its struggle with darkness (John 1:4-5). She had seen that humanity's response of incomprehension and rejection of the light (1:10-11) is explained by John in terms of our unwillingness to admit our wrongdoing (3:18-19). Whether the light is that of Jesus shining on our personal lives or that of impartial investigators shining on official wrongdoing, human beings naturally seek the dark cloak of cover-ups and denials. The arrival of light always provokes a crisis for people, accustomed as we are to the darkness and half-light of human sinfulness.

"Thanks be to God, whose grace saves us from our fear of the light and even makes us bearers of the light of Jesus," commented Rosita as the day's Bible study ended. Rosita belongs to a group of lay leaders and pastors from several denominations who are learning to relate the Bible to their everyday lives as they study at the Baptist Theological Institute of El Salvador, a ministry supported by American Baptists through the work of International Ministries.

Stan Slade Associate Director of Overseas Division Board of International Ministries



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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor December 12, 1993

December 12, 1993 3rd Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10.45am

PRELUDE "Song of the Angels"

Hughes

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Eternal Source of birth and new life, help us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Smooth our our roughness when it hurts ourselves or others. Lift up the hidden parts of ourselves—the talents, the visions, the tenderness—so that your love may be seen and your glory revealed among us. As this season unfolds, help us, like Mary, your servant, to rejoice in your surprising love. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\* HYMN OF PRAISE, #100

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI #576

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

LITANY

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Still, Still, Still"

Manz

Hope in the God who reigns above, who holds us all in steadfast love; whose spirit blows across the earth, preparing us for second birth.

YOUTH CHOIR "Prepare Ye"

Shovic

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (Insert)

"What Signs Has God Revealed to Us"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:26-38, page 887 MORNING MESSAGE "Ordinarily Sacred"

# \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #121

"Little Town of Bethlehem"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*AMEN

Pastor:

\*POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Emmanuel Shall Come" Denton (\*congregation stands)

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Randy Turner
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:00 Board of Christian Education

6:00 Christmas Caroling, meet at church

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts TUESDAY 7:00 Cub Scouts WEDNESDAY 4:30 Brownies

6:45 Choir

THURSDAY 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries, at the parsonage

FRIDAY 6:30 Pageant Rehearsal (by scene)

SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast

Please join us next Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for our intergenerational Christmas program "The Living Christmas Card." The program will be followed by a reception and the Secret Advent Friend's party. If you won't be able to attend the party, but would like to have a secret Advent friend, please see or call Pam Faulk.



This evenings offering will be used by the Deacons for their Fellowship fund, which is used to meet the special needs of people in our congregation and in our community.

Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from December 25 through January 1. If there is any emergency or need, please call Deacon Karen Stoner (369-7754) or Deacon Randy Turner (363-2169).

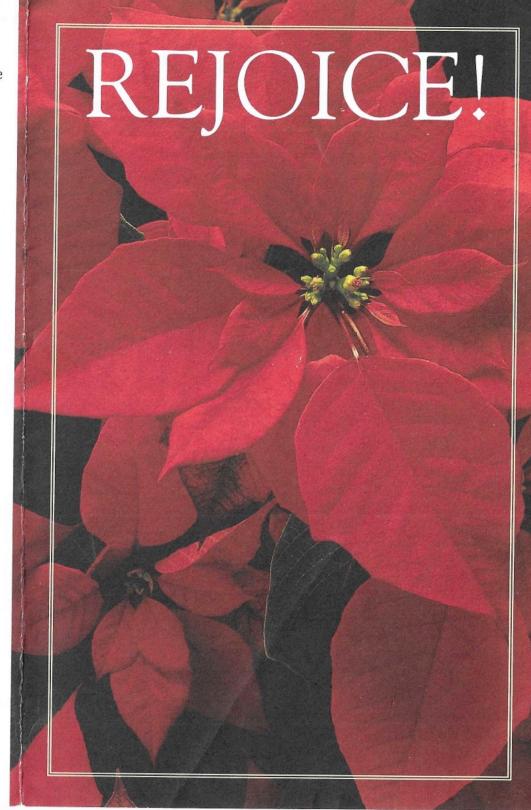
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And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissue fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant.

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compareThat God was Man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine

-John Betjernan From "Christmas' in A Few Late Chrysanthemums



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

December 24, 1993

Christmas Eve 

ORDER OF WORSHIP

6:45pm

### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

We praise you, hidden God, that in Jesus Christ you have come to us to speak your Word of love and life. Touch us with unearthly joy, like the singing of angels; fill us with wonder, like the eyes of children; teach us to humble ourselves before you, like the worshiping shepherds. May our journey to the manger be only the beginning of a lifetime of service to Jesus our Christ. Amen.

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDES

Elizabeth Hopkins and Nikki Howard "Joy to the World"

Jody Lynn Brummet & Matthew Lovell "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Matthew Lovell and Aric Mompher

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Adam Mowery "Silent Night"

Barbara Lovell and Debbie Lovell

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"Bring A Torch Jeannette Isabella"

"Born Is He, This Holy Child"

Betty Davis "Good King Wencelas"

Matthew Lovell, Jeff Faulk and Aric Mompher

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"O Little Town of Beth lehem"

"We Wish You A Merry Christmas"

Erin Faulk "Away in the Manger"

INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.

Come adore on bended knee, one whose birth the angels sing.

Come away, come away, from your noisy celebration, to a place of quietness and peace.

Come with wonder, come with awe. Take your place among sheep and cattle. Sing with joy, praise God, for the time of promise has come. Sing the good news of

Emmanuel: God-with-us! The Christ has come!

Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #103

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ANTHEM "Holy, Holy, Holy, Hosanna"

Scholtes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

YOUTH CHOIR "Sleep, Little Lamb"

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:1-20, page 889

**MEDITATION** 

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** 

Prayer of Dedication

"What Child Is This?"

Rasley

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #106

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

**HOLY COMMUNION** 

\*HYMN, #120

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

(During verses 3 & 4, parents may wish to get their children from the nursery)

\* CANDLELIGHTING & "SILENT NIGHT"

Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright

'Round you virgin mother and Child,

Holy Infant so tender and mild.

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,

Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

"Postlude for Christmas"

Carl Simone

(\*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader:

Deacon Karen Stoner

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell Betty Porter

Pianist: Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no pleasure in them."

Ecclesiastes 12:1

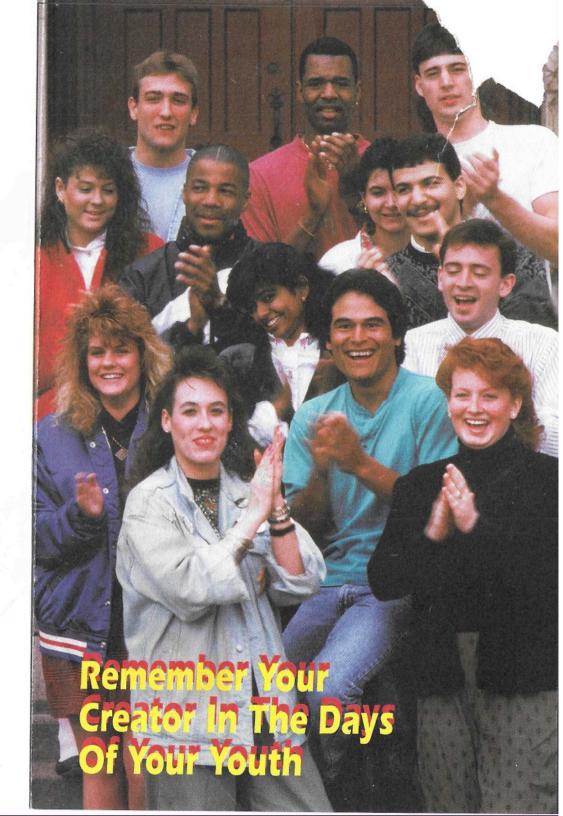
# **Student Recognition Sunday**

Youth is a beautiful and precious stage of life; at least it should be! There are so many places to see, people to meet, things to do, mountains to climb, and bodies of water to navigate. After all, are these not the very things that assist in the educational process and round out character?

Those who grow up knowing the beauty and preciousness of young life are blessed both in youth and throughout the aging process. Yet all too often the roads to places are blocked or lead nowhere, the people are negative or abusive, the waters are stagnant or polluted, and the mountains are portrayed as impossible barriers to the young mind.

College and university students today can be likened to fragile twigs that are on their way to becoming strong limbs or decaying branches. Many have been fortunate enough to have acquired deep spiritual roots and an active faith to accompany them through their growing years. Those who are not fortunate enough to bring those gifts with them to the campus can also be blessed as they encounter peers, staff, and people in the larger community who are mature and exemplary in their faith. It is never too late to learn what is basic and essential.

Rev. Adam J. Kittrell



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor Ms. Heather Rittenhouse, Guest Preacher

December 26, 1993

1st Sunday of Christmas

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

**PRELUDES** 

"Joy to the World"

Handel

"The Holly and The Ivy"

Rasley

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Lord God, we come before you in awe of the wonderful gift which you made known to us through the humble birth of your son Jesus so long ago. We thank you that, through this small child, we are able to experience the tender healing of your love. Help us to share that love with others as we celebrate the joy found in the life of jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN OF PRAISE, #116

"Good Christian Men Rejoice"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI #575

**BRASS QUARTET** 

Matthew Lovell, Marci Sander, Jeff Faulk, and Aric Mompher

## **GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Sleep of the Child Jesus"

Smith

To God, all glorious heav'nly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night, to God the Spirit now we raise our joyful songs of thankful praise.

ANTHEM "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Livingston

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

#### \*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

MORNING PRAYERS

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 1:18-25, page 835 MORNING MESSAGE "Walking in Mary and Joseph's Shoes"

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #115

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

"Jubilate Deo"

Handel

(\*congregation stands)

### MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

Jody Lynn Brummett Heather Rittenhouse

Guest Preacher: Lay Leader:

Kirby Francis

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson 

#### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

12:00 Birthday Party for Jesus

MONDAY

7:00 **Boy Scouts** 

WEDNESDAY

6:45 Choir

Pastor Brummett will be on vacation until January 1. In case of emergency or need, please call Deacon Karen Stoner (369-7754) or Deacon Randy Turner (363-2169)

Tomorrow, December 27 is the deadline for the January newsletter deadline. Please give all articles to Jim Stephenson or leave them in the newsletter mailbox.

If you are interested in participating as a 1994 Secret Advent Friend, be sure to fill out a form (on the table in the vestibule) and give it to Pam Faulk. We will have the drawing next Sunday, January 2nd, after Worship.