

A B I G G E R



Investing in Spiritual Community

September 8, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

First United Methodist Church

1928 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75201

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Dr. Andrew C. Stoker, Senior Minister

First Sunday in Kingdomtide

*Please stand as you are able.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Please ask an usher about using one of the receivers in our assisted hearing system.+

Prelude

My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker

J.G. Walther

Invitation and Intention for Worship

Dr. Andy Stoker

*Processional Hymn No. 577 (UMH) *God of Grace and God of Glory*
(verses 1, 2 and 3)

CWM RHONDDA

*Litany

Phyllis Cummins

God of mission, you remind us this morning once again to seek your kingdom first,
God of abundant living, you call us to steep our lives in your initiatives.

God of infinite provisions, you tell us not to worry about missing out, and promise us that you will take care of our everyday concerns. You summon us back to your kingdom, as the goal and purpose of our lives.

God of faith, hope, and love, you fit your daughters and sons for various activities for the sake of your mission.

Most holy God, you call us to live out your gospel through word and deed,
By public and personal witnessing, through acts of charity and works of mercy.

O God of mystery, we are constantly surprised by the working of your Spirit in our midst.
O Holy Spirit, continue to guide us, as we offer ourselves to your bidding, and commit ourselves to work for the reign of God here and afar.

In the name of One Eternal God,
Jesus, the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Sung Response

CWM RHONDDA

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Dr. Stoker
The Reverend Holly Bandel

Rhys Elizabeth Ann Sandberg
Child of Aaron and Jennifer Sandberg

Congregational Pledge

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Rhys Elizabeth Ann, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Baptism Response *(Please join in singing.)*

STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

Children's Sermon *(Please sing as the children come forward.)*

The Reverend Bandel

**Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.**

Testimony of God's Blessings

Susan McIntyre

Call to Prayer

LIVING GOD

(Please join in singing.)

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend JoNell Lindh

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-12

Dr. Stoker

Focus text: Isaiah 58:10

*If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Radical Hospitality

Dr. Stoker

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Reverend Bandel

Offertory

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Chancel Choir
Charlsie Griffiths and Tim Effler, piano

Dan Forrest

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Dr. Stoker

*Hymn of Invitation No. 2241 (FWS) *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

LAND OF REST

*Benediction

Dr. Stoker

*Choral Response

Amen

Larson

Postlude

Postlude on CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz

(FWS) The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement can be found in the pew back next to The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH).

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of her father, Robert Ewing, by Marcia Ewing-Current.

Acolytes are Tessa McCavit and Vivian Winton.

The small cross on the altar celebrates the birth of Paden Lee Wells, daughter of Clayton and Kelsey Wells. The cross was lovingly handmade by FirstChurch member Joan Bexley.

The Chancel Choir is the service choir, directed by Dana Effler. Tim Effler is the service organist.

+FirstChurch's assisted hearing system has fifteen receivers for use during worship in the sanctuary. These may be checked out from the Communications Department prior to each service. In addition, members and visitors are invited to bring their own portable FM radios with headphones and tune to 107.7 to hear the service.

The 11:00 a.m. service will be broadcast on live streaming video on our church website and re-broadcast at 5:30 a.m. next Sunday on WFAA-TV Channel 8.

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

Dorian Albert, Minister with Youth and Their Families
Leah Bailey, Associate Director with Youth and Their Families
The Reverend Holly Bandel, Associate Minister for Mission and Advocacy
Dana Effler, Director of Music and Arts Ministries
Tim Effler, Organist/Associate Director of Music
The Reverend Evan Jones, Associate Minister of Discipleship Ministries
The Reverend JoNell Lindh, Associate Minister of Congregational Care
Laura McCavit, Director of Children's Ministries
Elizabeth Smith, Director of Welcoming Ministries
Dr. Andrew C. Stoker, Senior Minister
The Reverend Ann Willet, Executive Associate Minister

Join us for worship next Sunday, September 15

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Andy Stoker's message: *Total Authenticity*
Exodus 4:1-17

A Service of Compassion and Contemplation
8:20 a.m.
in the Dickerson Chapel every Sunday

At FirstChurch, our cultural, spiritual and theological alignments to Christ compel us to break down structures that perpetuate poverty and harbor hate in our world – and this starts within our walls. We strive to embody the Kin-dom of God in its true form – a just, loving community in which people are free to be themselves fully and without fear.

We cherish the diversity of humanity vowing to provide a place where no one is exiled, silenced or exploited because of their sex, age, race, class, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, financial means, education, and/or political perspective. We invite all to participate in the life of the church and our beloved community.