

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 30, 2018

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.
For he chose us in him before the creation of the world
that we might be holy and blameless before God.

—from Ephesians 1.3-4

GATHERING AT GOD'S INVITATION

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Marietta Mobley *piano*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Alex Porter

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Alan Sherouse

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dan Goeller

God of Grace and God of Glory
Instrumental Ensemble

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Vancil

In God is glory and strength.
The Lord is mighty.

God is with us.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
In rumbling thunder, God's mighty voice soothes.
The Lord is majestic.

God is with us.

The whisper of the Lord snaps the silence.
The Lord is awesome.

God is with us.

As flames being fanned his presence grows.
In its shadow the wilderness pleads.
The Lord is powerful.

God is with us.

God rules the universe.
The peaceful scepter prevails.
God reigns.

God is with us.

In whirling winds, nature acknowledges his glory.
The people in the temple rejoice.
It is certain.

God is with us.

—based on Psalm 29

†HYMN 669

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

†WORDS OF FRIENDSHIP

Rev. Sherouse

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Christina McCord

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

During the musical interlude, children, ages four through first grade,
may attend **Junior Church** and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Cherry

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OPENING OF GOD'S WORD

Avery White

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21.15-22

Rev. Cherry

SERMON

Why Follow Jesus

Dr. Craig Sherouse

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 710

AUSTRIAN HYMN

We Are Called to Be God's People

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brad Wall, deacon

MUSICAL OFFERING

Steven Curtis Chapman

Be Still and Know
Lollis Reynolds soloist

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

LEMMELE

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful

face; and the things of earth will grow strange - ly

dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

†BENEDICTION

Dr. Sherouse

†ORGAN DISMISSAL

Paul Manz

God of Grace



Sanctuary flowers are given today in honor of the **Sherouse family - Bea, Warner, Della, Jack, Jenny and Alan** - to recognize Alan's five-year anniversary as our senior pastor. With love and appreciation by Alan's Pastor Search Committee - Ken Brannon, Kelly Cornett, Scott Culclasure, Hazel Fisher, Thom Little, Matt Messick, David Rowe, Becky Starnes, Monica Vaughan and Gayle Wiley.

A warm First Baptist welcome is extended to Alan's parents **Craig and Beverly Sherouse**. Dr. Sherouse, our guest preacher today, is the pastor of Second Baptist Church, Richmond, VA (2008). A native of Florida, Dr. Sherouse holds degrees from Stetson University (B.A.) and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.) and has pastored churches in Georgia, Kentucky and Florida. Beverly is a retired elementary school music educator and church musician.

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted.

During the **Words of Friendship** we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a **Connection Card** in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. **Ministers** will be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.