

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

# The Worship of God

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Call to Worship 10:30 a.m.

Lighting the Christ Candle Miller Norman

Opening the Bible Fin Batten

Opening Voluntary *Matthew Compton*

## *If You Will Only Let God Guide You*

October Hymn of the Month  
Adult Handbell Choir



If you will trust in God to guide you with hope - ful  
God will give strength, al - ways be - side you to bear you



heart through all your ways, days. For those who trust  
through the e - vil



God's change - less love build on a rock that will not move.

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

†Responsive Reading

Terri Vancil

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.**

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Hebrews 4.12-16

†Hymn 316

IRBY

## *For Your Holy Book We Thank You*

Words of Friendship

Christina McCord

Bible Presentation

Christina McCord/Christy Jones

Kindergarten

Johnny Duggins, Sophy Gould, Shep Hayes, Molly Lyles,  
Bea Sherouse, Dean Terrell

Third Grade

Hudson Beekman, Charlotte Gill, Raina Gould, Olivia Haynes,  
Griffin Kesler, Max McCracken, Win Moody, Lila Rose Turner

†Scriptural Litany

Christina McCord

O God, with the Psalmist, we treasure your word in our hearts, and we pray the same for our children. Help them to remember your promises, and especially these selected by their parents:

**Praise God, for you are fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are God's works.**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths.**

**Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.**

**Let your light shine before others.**

**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.**

**May your love overflow more and more with knowledge to help you to determine what is best.**

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.**

**I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.**

We will delight in your statutes, O God.  
We will not forget your word.

†Hymn 470

CHINA

*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Courtney Willis

Scripture Reading

Rev. Doug Vancil

Mark 9.38-50

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Another Way: The Way of Life

Musical Interlude

Invitation

Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn 277

HENDON

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

Stewardship Prayer

Mark McCracken, deacon

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At this time we will be dismissed by row to convene for the remainder of the service under the shade trees on the west lawn.

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
praise God for all that Love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit; One. Amen.***

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Sherouse

*If You Will Only Let God Guide You* is our Hymn of the Month in October. We will listen to it played on the organ and handbells, sung by the choir, and also by the congregation throughout the month. The hymn's author and composer, Georg Neumark was only 18 years old when he was robbed of all of his earthly belongings while traveling across Germany to study at the Konigsberg University. For two years he wandered around trying to find work and stay alive, all against the backdrop of the Thirty Years War when economic and social conditions were deplorable. Finally, in 1641, with the help of the lead pastor in Keil, Neumark secured a tutoring position with a wealthy family, and in gratitude he penned these words:

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whatever betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.*