



Sunday

October 20, 2013

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

Seventh Sunday in Kingdome

*Please stand as you are able.

Please silence all electronic devices.

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Prelude to Worship	<i>Voluntary in A Major</i>	William Selby
Welcome and Announcements		Dr. Andy Stoker
Stewardship Speaker		Bill Regan
Introit	<i>Babethandaza</i>	arr. Daniel Hughes

<i>Sin nje ngemi thandazo</i>	We are like this because of prayer
<i>O mama bagudala, Babethandaza</i>	O our ancestors, they were praying
<i>Siyahamb' ekukanyen' kwenkos'</i>	We are marching in the light of God.
<i>Siyahamba, hamba</i>	We are marching, marching
<i>Siyahamb' ekukanyen' kwenkos'</i>	We are marching in the light of God.

NAVE Voices

*Processional Hymn No. 451	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SLANE
*Dedication of the Prayer Blankets		The Reverend Linda Roby

Leader: Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

All: Thank you, Lord, for blessing our hands to be the source of creating prayer shawls of beauty and love to show our love for God and neighbor. We humbly present these shawls to be consecrated to the glory of the almighty God and for service in this holy church and beyond.

Leader: May God's grace continue to be on the creative work of your hands as we accept these gifts as a sacred trust. We promise to guard and share them generously with all who are in need.

All: Thank you, Lord, for grace to be the source of creating prayer shawls of beauty and love... comforting, warming, enfolding, healing and embracing.

Leader: God calls us all to service for the ministries that touch the lives of children, youth, families and persons living on the fringes of our community.

All: Loving God, for your servants who labor in ministries that have enriched the life of our church family, community, and the world, we give you thanks and praise. May the work of their hands stretch far and wide to human needs wherever service may express God's love and our love for the reconciliation of the world through Jesus Christ who died for us. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate these mantles to the glory of God.

The Sacrament of Christian Baptism	Dr. Stoker The Reverend Roby
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Matilda Ann Maley, daughter of John Maley and Jennifer Kukla
Ledy Beatrice Owens, daughter of Brian and Hollis Owens

Congregational Pledge

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that these children, 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.)*

Gretchen Combs

Refrain: **All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.**

Verse: **Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.**
(Refrain)

Anthem

Duh Tvoy

Pavel Chesnekov

Duh Tvoy blagiy

nastavit mia na zemliu pravu.

Spirit Thy goodness

Lead me on the true path.

NAVE Voices

Pastoral Prayer

Scott Anderson

The Lord's Prayer *(Please join in praying together.)*

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.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Evelyn Kelly

Offertory

Alleluia
NAVE Voices

Ralph Manuel

*The Doxology

LAAST 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!**

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:1-8
(New Testament, p. 81)

Dr. Stoker

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Beyond Possible: Hearing Faith First

Dr. Stoker

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn of Invitation No. 463

Lord, Speak to Me
(Verses 1, 4 and 5)

CANONBURY

*Benediction

Scott Anderson

Closing Voluntary

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois

The acolytes are Mary Grace Schayot and Gracie Toombs. Tim Effler is the service organist.

The small cross on the altar celebrates the birth of James Callahan Lee, son of Langston and Britney Lee. The cross was lovingly handmade by FirstChurch member Joan Bexley.

The guest choir this morning is NAVE Voices, directed by Bonnie Borshay Sneed.

The Conductor: Bonnie Borshay Sneed (Edmond, Oklahoma) has been a collegiate choral conductor for over twenty years and has taught high school in Oklahoma, Texas and Florida. In 2013, she was chosen as one of two Fine Arts educators who received the State Superintendent's Award for Excellence in the Arts for Oklahoma. She has been invited twice to the Varna (Bulgaria) International Conductor's Workshop and made her Carnegie Hall conducting debut in 2007. Her American choirs have toured overseas and sung at NAFME and ACDA state conferences. Currently she is the conductor of the McLennan Chorale in Waco where she also teaches music history and appreciation. She proud to be a Furman University graduate, along with Dana and Tim Effler. Visit her web page for more information: sites.google.com/site/bbsneed4.

The Ensemble: NAVE Voices is an adult chamber choir comprised of singers from eight states who are passionate about singing a wide variety of choral music, both sacred and secular, a cappella and accompanied. Some of the day jobs of the singers include: music teachers, church choir directors, nurses, physicists, NASA engineers, philosophy professors and cadaver dog trainers. NAVE Voices will be making their Carnegie Hall debut in January. To find out more visit their website: navevoices.org.

+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 72.9 to hear the service.

This service is being broadcast on live streaming video on our church website and re-broadcast at 5:30 a.m. Sundays on WFAA-TV Channel 8.

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