

The Worship of God

January 10, 2010

10:30 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Piano Prelude

Donna Davis

Welcome

Jim Hunter

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Psalm 25

Nicole Farrar

*Leader: To you, O God, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust,
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.*

**People: Make your ways known to me, O God;
teach me your paths.**

*Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the
God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.*

**People: Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your
steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions;

**People: According to your constant love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O God.**

Leader: You are good and upright; you instruct sinners in the way.

**People: You lead the meek in what is right,
and teach the humble your way.**

*Leader: All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep your covenant and testimonies.*

**People: Is there one who fears God?
Such a person God will teach the way that is right.**

*Leader: Your friendship is for those who fear you;
to them the covenant is made known.*

People: May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Charge to the Candidate and the Church

Jim Hunter

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

*Hymn

“Come, Celebrate the Call of God”

FOREST GREEN

**Come, celebrate the call of God that awakens and renews,
and chooses from us, for our good, the bringers of good news.
The Spirit’s blessing all ordains to show what God has done,
yet brings to focus and contains the many in the one.**

**A chosen one today replies, and fit and ready stands.
Her calling now we recognize with prayer and loving hands.
A servant leader, truthful friend, we gladly will receive,
to stir and comfort, shake and mend, be glad with us, and grieve.**

**Great Spirit, give her words and breath in Christ to live and speak,
and shield against the pow’rs of death the outcast and the weak.
Her flag of faith, above defeats, in heaven’s breeze unfurled,
as all her deepest gladness meets the hunger of the world.**

Litany of Ordination

The People

(Please see insert)

Gift of Ordination

Lynne Huff and Jim Hunter

Laying on of Hands

The People

Prayer

Rev. Joe Laguardia

*Hymn

“Restless Weaver”

BEACH SPRING

**Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom;
dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home;
gathering up life’s varied fibers - every texture, every hue:
grant us your creative vision. With us weave your world anew.**

**Where earth’s fragile web is raveling help us mend each broken strand;
Bless our urgent, bold endeavors cleansing water, air, and land.
Through the Spirit’s inspiration - offering health where once was pain -
strengthen us to be the stewards of your world knit whole again.**

**When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn,
from compassion’s sturdy fabric fashion hope and trust reborn.
Where injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage, God, to dare
live our dreams of transformation. Make our lives incarnate prayer.**

**Restless Weaver, still conceiving new life - now and yet to be -
binding all your vast creation in one living tapestry:
you have called us to be weavers. Let your love guide all we do.**

With your Reign of Peace our pattern, we will weave your world anew.

*Benediction

Jim Hunter

Organ Postlude

“The Master Hath Come”

arr. Mary MacDonald

The master hath come, and He calls us to follow
The track of the footprints He leaves on our way.

*all who are able may stand

Worship Notes

To recognize that God has called a person to live as a minister is to be reminded that God works in our world. To encourage an individual to function as a minister of God is to acknowledge that, in listening to this person or while watching her, we may learn something of God's will regarding our own calling. As an act of worship, we ordain Nicole Farrar to the ministry of the gospel. We ordain Nicole because we want to hear the message from God which she can speak to us. We long to receive the ministry of God which she can perform among us. We have chosen today to affirm, encourage, support, and celebrate the life and ministry of one who can help us as we travel our individual and collective journeys of faith. We are grateful to God.

The hymns for this morning were selected by Nicole Farrar

Sanctuary Flowers for this Sunday
are given by Gary and Gwyn Motz in memory of
Gary's parents, **Leonard and Mildred Motz**
twin brother, **Dennis Motz**, brother, **Richard Motz**
daughter, **Michelle**
and Gwyn's mother, **Martha Butcher**
sister, **Diane**

Gayle Majors, organist

Ann Hacker, pianist

*Immediately following the service,
please join us for a reception honoring
Reverend Nicole Farrar*

in the Fellowship Hall

First Baptist Church
401 North Laurel Avenue
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Litany of Ordination

Pastor: Just as many different strands and colors are woven together to create a cloth, there are different gifts and talents, and many ways and places to serve God.

People: Today we celebrate the ministry of Nicole Farrar among us. The Spirit has led her here to bring us God's message for our family of faith.

Pastor: Discernment of God's will is the privilege and challenge of all who follow Christ. We ordain Nicole to the ministry of the gospel because of what she is called and committed to say and to do.

People: We need among us people dedicated to the work of relationship and reconciliation. We need in our midst individuals who can say what we want to believe but at times cannot articulate. Our fellowship of faith needs persons who can help us envision and embody God's redemption and grace. We rely on our ministers to guide, strengthen, and walk with us as we live out our faith.

Pastor: In this hour of worship, we have reflected on the way that God has chosen Nicole for particular service as a minister of the Gospel of Christ.

People: We celebrate this call, and affirm that Nicole has been gifted and empowered by the Spirit to provide spiritual leadership.

Pastor: Do you, the members and friends of First Baptist Church, covenant to encourage and pray for Nicole as she ministers to and with us?

People: We do. We pledge to support her, and lay our hands on her as a symbol of our confidence in her and our blessings on her.

Pastor: Nicole, do you covenant to represent as best you can, in your ministry here or elsewhere, your understanding of God's will?

Nicole: I do. I have heard my calling and will follow it. I pledge to be God's faithful minister, using my gifts in the work of God's kingdom.

Pastor: We offer a gift as a symbol to accompany Nicole in her ministry.

People: This gift represents our assurance that she will be embraced by the love of God and surrounded by our prayers.

Pastor: The Lord loves us, and has called each of us by name. We ask God's blessing on Nicole, and on each member of this family of faith, in the

name of Christ, whose people we are.

ALL: The Lord weaves us together as a family of faith. Alleluia! Amen.