

Worship Notes

We extend a warm welcome to our guests this morning!

We are very happy that you are in worship with us. Your presence has made this day more meaningful!

If this is your first time at Millbrook Baptist, or if you are a regular visitor, please sign the lavender welcome card located in the pew card rack and include the requested information so that we may welcome you more personally and provide you with information about our church. You may fold the card and place it in the offering plate when passed, or hand it to an usher.

A Word about the Season (or Sundays) after Pentecost:

The Season after Pentecost begins with the day after Pentecost and continues until Advent. During the Season after Pentecost, emphasis is generally focused on the quality of our personal and spiritual lives as well as our growth in the Christian life. More specifically, it is a time to meditate upon our empowerment through the Holy Spirit to be instruments of God's grace and peace in our homes, community and world. This is a time to reflect on creation and what it means to be created by God and to be co-creators with God. This is a season for learning about our faith as we discover whether we have "eyes that will see" and "ears that will hear" and try our best to follow Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the ways of justice, peace, and loving service.

Liturgical Color: Green

Green symbolizes life, growth, hope and the Christian life and is used in the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost, spans of time usually referred to as Ordinary Time. During these seasons, special days call for the use of white or red.

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 1:18-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Children's Worship: Brent Jones and Debbie Sawyer

Please return the Wee Worship Bags after today's worship service. Children are encouraged to take his/her drawings and papers home.

DVDs of the Worship Service:

DVDs are available on loan from the church library. If you'd like a personal copy, at no cost, please email or call the church office.

Altar Flowers:

The 2017 Flower Calendar for the Altar flowers is now on the small bulletin board in the hallway intersection near the library. Arrangements are \$52.50. Please make your check payable to Millbrook Baptist Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line. Please fill out a dedication form which can be found on the table by the church office or at the welcome desk. You can place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

Calendar

Sunday, August 27th

Summer Breakfast	9:00 am - 9:30 am
Dare to Be Different	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Chancel Choir Gathering	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, August 29th

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i>	10:00 am
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Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Lauren Huber (919) 714-9323**

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The Millbrook Mission



Millbrook Baptist Church shares God's love by being an open and inclusive community of faith, developing Christian disciples through spiritual growth, and serving the world through mission and ministry.

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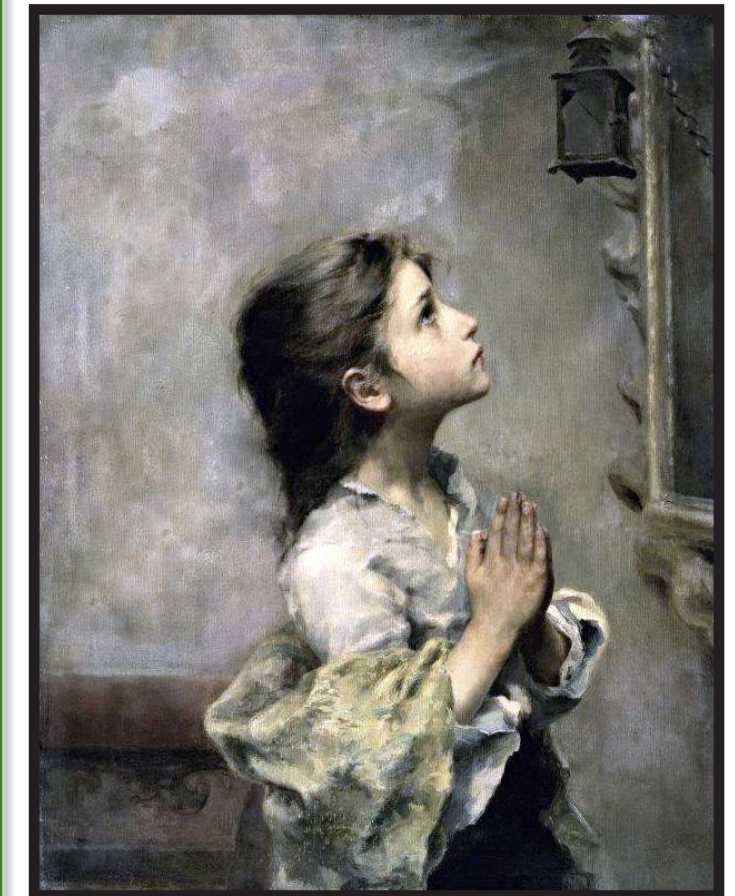


Millbrook Baptist Church

August 27, 2017

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

We Worship Our Lord



Roberto Ferruzzi
Girl

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

Please silence all cell phones and pagers during the worship service.
Please do not bring beverages into the sanctuary.

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Prelude *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart* Larson

Lighting of the Candles

Greeting and Community Life Katelyn McWhorter

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Children’s Invitation to Gather THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

***This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, shine, shine.
Let it shine!***

Blessing of the Backpacks

As you are preparing for school, picking out clothes, packing lunches, and grabbing your backpack:

You are loved and Jesus is with you.

When you’re getting on the school bus, riding in a car, or driving yourself to school, may you be safe and may you remember:

You are loved and Jesus is with you.

When what you’re learning comes easily and when it is hard to understand:

You are loved and Jesus is with you.

When you are excited to be at school, and also when you just don’t feel like being there:

You are loved and Jesus is with you.

On testing days and field trip days, at recess and at story time, on exam days and at basketball games, wherever you are and whatever you are doing:

You are loved and Jesus is with you.

Blessing of the Teachers

When they are preparing for school, writing lesson plans, and buying supplies:

Children: *God bless our teachers.*

When they are excited and passionate about what they are teaching:

Children: *God bless our teachers.*

When they are tired and feel like they don’t have anything left to give:

Children: *God bless our teachers.*

As they do their best each day to help children of all ages to flourish and grow:

Children: *God bless our teachers.*

May our teachers always remember that they are loved by God and that Jesus is with them.

Children: *God bless our teachers.*

†Hymn *God of All Learning* BUNESSAN

*God of all learning, God of all knowing,
We bring these backpacks filled with supplies.
Bless all these tools of learning and growing.
Use them, we pray, to change many lives.*

*Bless all the students, young ones and old ones –
Walking or riding, traveling by bus.
May they remember that you go with them,
And that they all are precious to us.*

*Some kids are poor and some kids are wealthy;
May we give all the tools that they need.
May we make sure they’re safe, loved and healthy
So that they all may thrive and succeed.*

*Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,
Bless those who teach and counsel and care.
May they remember you walk beside them.
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.*

— Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

†Passing of the Peace Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Morning Prayer and 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.***

Words of Assurance

*(Kindergarten-3rd Grade will go to the
2nd floor, Education Building for Children’s Church.)*

PROCLAIMING

†Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-20 (*NT p.18) Brilyn Johnston

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Worship in Giving

Offertory Prayer Lauren Huber

Offertory *O, How I Love Jesus* Traditional Americal Melody

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)

†Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Trinity of Love.
Praise God, within, beside, above.
We praise You! We praise You!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.***

Anthem *O Divine Redeemer* Gounod

Epistle Lesson Romans 12:1-8 (*NT p.161) Lauren Huber

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Andrea Dellinger Jones
Close Calls, Change, and the Christian Way to Make Them

Discipline of Reflection
(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 473 KELVINGROVE

Will You Come And Follow Me

†Blessing
“We, the light of Christ, return to the world.”

†Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy* Arr: Kosnik

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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If you desire membership in our church,
or would like to make a public profession of faith,
we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would
welcome your inquiry.