



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, November 22nd, 2020**

Sunday before Advent

*\*Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

## **We Gather as God's People**

**Silent Prayer:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By Jesus' coming, give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Christa Walsh

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*Song of Gathering

"Days of Elijah"

**These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;  
And we are the labourers in your vineyard declaring the word of the Lord.**

**Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

\*Call to Worship and Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## **We Approach God**

*Hymn of Praise	“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”	#97
Children’s Blessing		Julie Hovey
Gift of Music		Marilyn Phillips
Confession of Sin		Richard Hovey
Assurance of Pardon		

## **We Listen to God**

Scripture Reader Carol Hepting

New Testament Lesson: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 145:1-3, 9-13

Leader: I will exalt you, my God and King, and! praise your name forever and ever.

**All: I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness.

**All: All of your works will thank you, Lord, and your faithful followers will praise you.**

Leader: They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign.

**All: For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations.**

\*Gloria Patri #623

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn of Preparation "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Sermon "He Will Come To Judge the Living and the Dead" Norma Holtslander

## **We Respond to God**

\*Hymn of Response

"The King Is Coming"

Gloria Gaither

**The marketplace is empty, no more traffic in the streets;  
All the builders' tools are silent, no more time to harvest wheat;  
Busy housewives cease their labours, in the courtroom no debate.  
Work on earth is all suspended as the King comes through the gate.**

*Chorus:*

**O the King is coming, the King is coming,  
I just heard the trumpet sounding,  
And now his face I see.  
O the King is coming, the King is coming.  
Praise God, he is coming for me.**

**Happy faces line the hallways, those whose lives have been redeemed.  
Broken homes that he has mended, those from prison he has freed.  
Little children and the aged hand in hand stand all aglow.  
Who were disabled, broken, ruined, clad in garments white as snow.**

*(Chorus)*

**I can hear the chariots rumble. I can see the marching throng.  
The flurry of God's trumpets spell the end of sin and wrong.  
Regal robes are now unfolding, Heaven's grandstands all in place.  
Heaven's choir is now assembled, start to sing 'Amazing Grace'.**

*(Chorus)*

Prayers of the People

Merv Hepting

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Our Gifts & Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

\*Response of Praise

“Praise the Lord”

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,  
He has washed and made me white as snow.  
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.  
Now and forever, praise his holy name!  
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!  
To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy name!**

\*Benediction

Norma Holtslander

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

*Join others for a special, “A Time for Friends”.*

*After the music for departing a few smaller breakout groups will be formed. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. If you wish to take part, simply remain on Zoom to greet the group and hear how others are doing.*