



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, January 31st, 2021**

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

**Silent Prayer:** Creator of heavens and the earth, your word always accomplishes what you intend it to. You speak and light and life appear. May Jesus bright light and new life into our lives and into our world. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

"Rise! Shine! Your Light is a Shining"

"Here I Am, Lord"

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

First Baptist Reflections

Conservatory Singers (MYM '08)

Melissa Morgan & Christa Walsh (MYM '13)

Joel Raney (MYM '13)

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Julie Hovey

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*The Introit

"Come Christians, Be Committed"

*(tune- Hymn of Joy #1)*

**Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.  
Worship him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.  
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word.  
In your work with him find favour, and with joy his praises sing.**

\*Call to Worship  
Prayer

Julie Hovey

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

**People: And also with you.**

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

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**We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began.  
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.**

**You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid;  
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.  
Before the throne absolved we stand; your love has met your law's demand.**

**You are the living truth; all wisdom dwells in you,  
The source of every skill, the one eternal True!  
O great I AM! in you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.**

**You only are true life to know you is to live the more abundant life  
That earth can never give. O risen Lord!  
We live in you: in us each day your life renew!**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Karen Martin

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

Richard Hovey

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Preparation

“Saviour of My Heart”

by John Hartley, Sheila Walsh & Bonnie Bielec/arr. D. Angerman

**You alone are the Saviour of my heart, faithful in all you do.  
You alone are the keeper of my soul, tender and kind and true.  
I will seek you in the morning, I will seek your face at night;  
How lovely is your presence to me, O, Lord to me.**

**Take my heart with all its wand'ring ways. Shelter me in your grace.  
There I'll stay 'til all my days are through, then I shall see your face.  
(I will seek you in the morning, I will seek your face at night;  
How lovely is your presence to me, O, Lord to me.) 2x  
How lovely is your presence to me, O, Lord to me.**

Scripture Reader

Rosemary Ward

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**All: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honour and majesty is the Lord's work, and the Lord's righteousness endures forever. The Lord has gained renown by wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

**All: The Lord provides food for those who fear him; and is ever mindful of the covenant**

Leader: The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just; all the Lord's precepts are trustworthy.

**All: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: The Lord sent redemption to his people; the Lord has commanded the covenant forever. Holy and awesome is the Lord's name.

**All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. The Lord's praise endures forever.**

\*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: Mark 1:21-28

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“Standing On the Promises”

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**Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

*(Refrain:)*

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Saviour;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail.  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God. *(Refrain)***

**Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,  
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God. *(Refrain)***

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. *(Refrain)***

Prayers of the People

Kayely Rich

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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.*