



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

*\*Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

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**Silent Prayer:** God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your rule may come as blessing. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Medley of Hymns

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*The Introit

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”  
(Paul Baloche)

**Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you, we turn to you.**

**Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you, we long for you.**

**When we're with you, we find strength to face the day,**

**In your presence all our fears are met, and from our hearts we say:**

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Life-light of God shine on us, you bring the age of ages.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

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.**

Welcoming One Another

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Come Thou Fount”

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*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for Godly Play (younger group) and Oasis (older group).*

**Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise his name—I’m fixed upon it—name of God’s redeeming love.**

**Hitherto thy love has blest me; thou hast brought me to this place;  
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, oh take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light”  
(A Traditional Zulu Song; Arr. Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

*For those who would like to follow along, the words are printed on page 7.*

Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

**“Blessed be Your Name”**  
(Beth Redman and Matt Redman)

**Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I’m found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out, I’ll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.**

**Blessed be your name when the sun’s shining down on me,  
When the world’s “all as it should be,” blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out, I’ll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.**

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 (p. 866, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 15

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**

Leader: Who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

**All: In whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honour those who fear the Lord;**

Leader: Who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

\*Gloria Patri

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**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.**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 (p. 166, New Testament section)

\*Gospel lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 4, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Which Kingdom?”

Kayely Rich

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust him, precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend;  
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

Prayers of the People

Ron Phillips

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Kayely Rich

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Response of Praise

“Praise the Lord”  
(Arr. Jeff Sotropa)

**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

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

“Jesus Saves”  
(Arr. Callahan)

Mark Anderson

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends”—an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

For those of you on Zoom, after the Music for Departing, a breakout group 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 be invited to the group and hear how others are doing.

## Lyrics for “We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light”

Refrain:

We are singing, for the Lord is our light,

We are singing, for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, for the Lord is our light,

We are singing, for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing,

We are singing for the Lord is, for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing,

We are singing for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light.

Refrain

One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord; To live with God forever.

Refrain

When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone.

Our feet are lifted high; yes, high upon a rock.

Refrain

We walk in the strength of the Lord, God’s love is ever sure.

We shout that the world may hear, we sign a joyful song.

Refrain

## Coming up in February...

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Saturday, February 11th	Ladies Fellowship Breakfast
Tuesday, February 21st	Shrove Tuesday Festival
Wednesday, February 22nd	Ash Wednesday Service

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