



# First Baptist Church

**Worship Service for Sunday, August 13, 2023**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

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**Silent Prayer:** Help us Lord to hear your invitation to us. When we wander astray, remind us of your persistent invite to return to you. When we become complacent, help us to see your great love for us. When we think our way is best, help us to humble ourselves and trust that your ways are best. Prepare our hearts for worship now. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Ave Verum Corpus  
(Mozart)

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

\*The Introit

"Joyful, Joyful"

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Kayely Rich

**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

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

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*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for their class.*

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**The Lord, our Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains He took His seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven,  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

John Nelson

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“Speak O Lord”

(Stuart Townend & Keith Getty)

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory.**

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:73-80

Leader: Your hands have made and fashioned me;

**All: Give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.**

Leader: Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.

**All: I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right and that in faithfulness you have humbled me.**

Leader: Let your steadfast love become my comfort according to your promise to your servant.

**All: Let your mercy come to me, that I may live, for your law is my delight.**

Leader: Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they have subverted me with guile;

**All: As for me, I will meditate on your precepts.**

Leader: Let those who fear you turn to me, so that they may know your decrees.

**All: May my heart be blameless in your statutes, so that I may not be put to shame.**

\*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.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Unthinkable!”

Kayely Rich

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Then when we'd first begun.**

Prayers of the People

Norma Holtslander

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

Norma Holtslander

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“King of Kings”

(Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood )

**In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light,  
Till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes,  
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin, came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!**

**To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross.  
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, you died.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!**

**And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath.  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.**

**And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By his blood and in his name, in his freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!**

\*Benediction

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

Waltz in E Major  
(Frédéric Chopin)

Grace Liu

***Following the service...***

You are invited to meet in front of the church, weather permitting, for a time of fellowship and a cold beverage.

## Coming Up In August...

Aug 15	1:00 pm	“North of 60” Afternoon Tea & Social
Aug 15-17	6:30 pm	VBS @ Argyle Road Baptist for Kids Aged 5-Gr 6
Aug 19	10:00 am	Voice Novel Study
Aug 19	10:30 am	Host Saturday Lunch Program
Aug 20	11:15 am	Hospitality Teams Meeting
Aug 20	6:30 pm	Patio Party: Lynette & Evan Wollbaum
Aug 24		Workday to Prepare Children’s Areas
Aug 27	6:30 pm	Patio Party: Kevin & Julie Rich + Gerald & Kayely Rich