



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, August 20, 2023

Twelfth 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

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering “Plainte des oiseaux et des âmes” Xavier Russell-MacLean
(David L McIntyre)

Opportunities for Life and Service Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit “Joyful, Joyful” #1

**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 Chris Senger

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

*Hymn of Praise

“Wake Up”

Graham Kendrick

The children are invited forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship.

**Wake, wake up, wake up my soul,
Wake instruments of music.
Wake my strength, my will, my tongue,
And fill this house with thankful song. 2X**

**Be exalted high above the heavens.
Let Your glory cover the earth, the sky, the sea.
O the love of God that reaches
Far and wide from Calvary...**

**Wake, wake up, my spirit wake,
Let faith and love awaken.
Long and dark may be the night
But we will wake, wake up the sun.**

**Be exalted high above the heavens.
Let Your glory cover the earth, the sky, the sea.
O the love of God that reaches
Far and wide from Calvary...**

**Soon the shout at dead of night:
Awake, O church from slumber.
Keep the fires burning bright,
Be ready when the Bridegroom comes.**

**Wake, wake up, wake up my soul,
Wake instruments of music.
Wake my strength, my will, my tongue,
And fill this house with thankful song. 2X**

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Kayely Rich

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” #124

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to they glorious throne.**

First Lection: Luke 12:35-38

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:81-88

Leader: I am worn out waiting for your rescue, but I have put my hope in your word.

All: My eyes are straining to see your promises come true. When will you comfort me?

Leader: I am shrivelled like a wineskin in the smoke, but I have not forgotten to obey your decrees.

All: How long must I wait? When will you punish those who persecute me?

Leader: These arrogant people who hate your instructions have dug deep pits to trap me.

All: All your commands are trustworthy. Protect me from those who hunt me down without cause.

Leader: They almost finished me off, but I refused to abandon your commandments.

All: In your unfailing love, spare my life; then I can continue to obey your laws.

*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.

Second Lection: 2 Peter 1:16-21

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dell Bornowsky

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Christ Be Our Light”

Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Prayers of the People

Sue Bornowsky

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 and Offerings

Kayely Rich

We Depart to Serve God

*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,
Now the souls of all who 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,
Through 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

Dell Bornowsky

Music for Departing

“Joyfully”
(David L McIntyre)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*Following our summer services, 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 20	6:30 pm	Patio Party: Lynette and Evan Wollbaum
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Aug 24		Workday to Prepare Children's Areas
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Aug 27	6:30 pm	Patio Party: Kevin and Julie Rich
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