



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, September 17th, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery.

The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary.

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Father in heaven, you revealed your love for us through Jesus, and have poured it into our hearts through your Holy Spirit: change our hearts into hearts capable of loving you and loving others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"Agnus Dei"

(by Michael W. Smith)

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia. Holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

You are holy! Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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

*Hymn of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

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

**To God be the glory—great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

***Unison Confession of the Ten Commandments**

God spoke all these words:

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work.

Honour your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

Neither shall you commit adultery.

Neither shall you steal.

Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbour.

Neither shall you covet your neighbour's wife. Neither shall you desire your neighbour's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin

Kayely Rich

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“More Love to Thee”

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**More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee.
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This all my earnest plea: more love, O Christ to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.**

**Once earthly joy I craved, sough peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek, give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.**

**Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.**

“I Love You, Lord”

by Laurie Klein

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice,
To worship you - oh, my soul, rejoice -
Take joy, my king in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

Scripture Reader

Enoch Ernest

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 10:12 - 11:3

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 78

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

All: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

Leader: Things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the Lord's might and the wonders that the Lord has done.

Leader: The Lord established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which the Lord commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,

All: That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children.

Leader: So that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep God's commandments;

All: And that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

*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 5:13-16

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“And Can It Be”

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**And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!**

**'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!**

**He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed thee.
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!**

**No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!**

Prayers of the People

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

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Build My Life”

(by Pat Barrett)

**Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you,
Open up my eyes in wonder.
Show me who you are and fill me with your love
And lead me in your love to those around me.**

**I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken.
I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Children's Volunteer Training Refresher today

All our volunteers are required to attend one of these training sessions. Please make time to attend. Thank you for your ministry to our children and families.

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in Godly Play and Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.

Coming up in September

Sept 17	12:15 pm	Children's Volunteer Training Refresher
Sept 19	1:00 pm	North of 60
Sept 22		Pastor Cheryl departs to Lebanon
Sept 24	9:30 am	Learning for Life begins: The Book of Isaiah
Sept 30	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast

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