



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, November 12th, 2023

Twenty-fourth 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: Lord Jesus Christ, stir up our wills so that we bear fruit in abundance. May we realize our abundant reward in you as we draw ever closer to the day we will meet you face to face. In your name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service Kayely Rich

Morning Chimes

*The Introit "Days of Elijah" (Robin Mark)

**These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in your world;
And we are the labourers in your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord.**

**Behold he comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

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

“Praise to the Lord”

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The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under his wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

John Hillmer

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #468, v 1, 3-5

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.**

**Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.**

**And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

Scripture Reader

Barry Lyons

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

All: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, who keeps faith forever;

All: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; the Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked the Lord brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

*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 16:21-28

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Powerful Gospel"

Ron Phillips

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“The Solid Rock”

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**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in him be found:
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Kayely Rich

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing “Hear the Call of the Kingdom”
(Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty)

**Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before him, loving all that is right;
That the life of Christ may shine through us.**

**King of heaven, we will answer the call;
we will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim: salvation in Jesus’ name.**

*Benediction

Ron Phillips

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

“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 November...

Nov 18	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
Nov 19	12:15 pm	Fall Business Meeting
Nov 21	1:00 pm	North of 60 Afternoon Tea
Nov 26	12:15 pm	Emergency Procedures Training (for all interested in learning)
Nov 27-30		Prayer Retreat

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