



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, November 19th, 2023

Twenty-fifth 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

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

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 “We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

#544

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

**Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand,
All the ways of God would lead us to that blessed promised land;
But he guides us with his eye, and we'll follow till we die,
We will understand it better by and by.**

**By and by, when the morning comes,
When the saints of God are gathered home,
We'll tell the story how we've overcome,
We will understand it better by and by.**

**Oft our cherished plans have failed, disappointments have prevailed,
And we’ve wandered in the darkness, heavy hearted and alone;
But we’re trusting in the Lord, and, according to his word,
We will understand it better by and by.**

**By and by, when the morning comes,
When the saints of God are gathered home,
We'll tell the story how we've overcome,
We will understand it better by and by.**

**Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares,
And our hearts are made to bleed for a thoughtless word or deed;
And we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,
But we'll understand it better by and by.**

**By and by, when the morning comes,
When the saints of God are gathered home,
We'll tell the story how we've overcome,
We will understand it better by and by.**

“Our Great God”
(Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell)

**Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unending, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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**Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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**Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his word.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Kayely Rich

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“This Is My Father’s World”

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**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father’s world, oh let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died will be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.**

Scripture Reader

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 4, 7-18

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Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens!

All: Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise the Lord, all his host!

Leader: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise the Lord from the earth!

All: Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

All: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

All: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, his glory is above earth and heaven.

All: The Lord has raised up a salvation for his people, praise for all his faithful. Praise the Lord!

*Gloria Patri

#623

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 24:23-27

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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

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”

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**Jesus lives, and so shall I: Death, thy sting is gone forever!
He for me hath deigned to die, lives the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.**

**Jesus lives and reigns supreme; and, his kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.**

**Jesus lives and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will change my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.**

**Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory;
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee.
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust.**

Prayers of the People

Eric Warren

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Business Meeting Today

Following the Music for Departing, we will have our November congregational meeting in the lower hall. Our proposed 2024 budget and the board nominations will be the main topics of discussion. Lunch will be provided.

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 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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