



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, November 26th, 2023

The Sunday before Advent

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, awaken and strengthen our wills so that we would seek you and obey you every day, for you alone are our light and hope and the salvation of the whole world. 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

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

*Hymn of Praise

“Heaven Came Down”

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

**O what a wonderful, wonderful day—day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Saviour I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend—he met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, he made all the darkness depart!**

**Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross my Saviour made me whole;
My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day,
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!**

**Born of the Spirit with life from above into God's family divine,
Justified fully thru Calvary's love, O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made when as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace he did proffer; he saved me, oh praise his dear name!**

**Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross my Saviour made me whole;
My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day,
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!**

**Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal from his precious hand I received.**

**Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross my Saviour made me whole;
My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day,
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!**

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the king above all kings.**

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the king above all kings.**

**This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love:
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life, that I would be set free.
O Jesus, I sing for, all that you've done for me.**

**Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the king above all kings.**

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the king above all kings.**

**This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love:
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life, that I would be set free.
O Jesus, I sing for, all that you've done for me.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach “Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending”

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**Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.**

**Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear:
And his saints, by men rejected, now shall meet him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.**

**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly, O come quickly! Everlasting God, come down.**

Scripture Reader

Carmen Orthner

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary;
Praise the Lord in the mighty heavens.

**All: Praise the Lord for acts of power;
Praise the Lord for surpassing greatness.**

Leader: Praise the Lord with the sounding of the trumpet,
Praise the Lord with the harp and lyre,

**All: Praise the Lord with timbrel and dancing,
Praise the Lord with the strings and pipe,**

Leader: Praise the Lord with the clash of cymbals,
Praise the Lord with resounding cymbals.

**All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
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 24:30, 31, 36-42

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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

“It Is Well”

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**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”**

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.**

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

**My sin—oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin—not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

**And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so—it is well with my soul.**

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Prayers of the People

Jennifer 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

Jennifer Holtslander

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

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 ...

Nov 26	12:15 pm	Emergency Procedures Training (for all interested in learning)
Nov 27-30		Prayer Retreat
Dec 3	12:15 pm	Christmas Brunch Together
Dec 10	7 pm	Christmas Concert

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