



# First Baptist Church

**Worship Service for Sunday, January 14th, 2024**

2nd Sunday in Epiphany

*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:** Almighty God, you are the one who heals all our diseases, forgives all our sins, and redeems our bodies from death. Do not abandon us but be our comfort, courage and peace so that we might increasingly trust you and share what we receive from you with others. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes Oluseye Popoola

\*The Introit “We Are Singing” (Siyahamba)

**We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God. (Repeat)**

**We are singing, we are singing, we are singing in the light of God. (Repeat)**

**We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God. (Repeat)**

**We are walking, we are walking, we are walking in the light of God. (Repeat)**

Call to Worship and Prayer Cheryl Johnston

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**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“O Worship the King”

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*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn before going downstairs for Godly Play and Oasis.*

**O worship the King all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing his wonderful love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“Praise Medley”

Sanctuary Choir

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

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**Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.  
Tell how the angels, in chorus, sang as they welcomed his birth,  
"Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth."**

*Refrain:*

**Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.**

**Fasting alone in the desert, tell of the days that are past;  
How for our sins he was tempted, yet was triumphant at last.  
Tell of the years of his labor, tell of the sorrow he bore;  
He was despised and afflicted, homeless, rejected, and poor. *(Refrain)***

**Tell of the cross where they nailed him, writhing in anguish and pain;  
Tell of the grave where they laid him, tell how he liveth again.  
Love in that story so tender, clearer than ever I see:  
Stay, let me weep while you whisper, love paid the ransom for me. *(Refrain)***

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:9-16

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 102

Leader: You, O Lord, are enthroned for ever; your name endures to all generations.

**All: You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favour it; the appointed time has come.**

Leader: The nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth your glory.

**All: For the Lord will build up Zion; the Lord will appear in glory.**

Leader: The Lord will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer.

**All: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord:**

Leader: The Lord looked down from holy height, from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,

**All: To hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die;**

Leader: So that the name of the Lord may be declared in Zion, and praised in Jerusalem.

**All: When peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship 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: Mark 1:14-34

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response “Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”  
(John Bell & Graham Maule; Arr. John Bell)

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,**

**Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,**

**Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.**

**In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Prayers of the People

Hilary Ryan

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**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“Our Great Saviour”

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**Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.**

**Hallelujah! what a Saviour! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.**

\*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.

## Praise Medley

(Words: J. Paul Williams; Arr: Joseph M. Martin)

God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, he's so good to me!

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord,  
Jesus is Lord, he is Lord of all.

Alleluia, you are worthy, Alleluia, you are worthy,  
Alleluia, you are worthy, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Lift your heart, your soul and voice in one accord.  
With your heart believe, with your tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Lord of my life, Lord of my life,  
Lord of my life, you are Lord of Lords.

Alleluia, you are worthy, alleluia, you are worthy,  
Alleluia, you are worthy, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia.



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