



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, January 21st, 2024

3rd 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: God our heavenly Father, you do not deal with us according to our sins, you sustain and heal people around the world, day after day. Jesus, you keep patiently teaching us to trust the Father and confront our own sinfulness and to be gracious with others. Holy Spirit, help us to do so. Amen.

Music for Gathering Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes Xavier Russell-MacLean

*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

*Hymn of Praise

“Victory in Jesus”

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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.

**I heard an old, old story, how a Saviour came from glory,
How he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood’s atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.**

Refrain:

**O victory in Jesus, my Saviour, forever.
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him and all my love is due him,
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.**

**I heard about his healing, of his cleansing pow’r revealing.
How he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,”
And somehow Jesus came and bro’t to me the victory. *(Refrain)***

**I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I’ll sing up there the song of victory. *(Refrain)***

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“I Will Give Jubilant Thanks to the Lord”
(Words on page 8)

Sanctuary Choir

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Jesus Paid it All”

#210

**I hear the Saviour say, “Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**Lord, now indeed I find thy pow’r and thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

Scripture Reader

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 1:7 - 2:2

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—**

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**All: who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**All: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;**

Leader: as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**All: As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

Leader: For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

**All: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,**

*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 2:1-17

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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. "Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"

(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Michael Farren)

**What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day, I know he will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

“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

Xavier Russell-MacLean

“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.

I Will Give Jubilant Thanks

(Words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Michael Barrett)

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.
I will be glad in the things he has done.
I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord,
To God the ever glorious one.
All glory and honour belong to him,
I will rejoice and rejoice again.
I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.
I will give jubilant thanks.

For the beauty of the earth,
I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.
For the glory of the skies,
I will bring him all my praise.
For the joy which from our birth,
I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.
Over and around us lies.

Christ our God to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful, jubilant, jubilant praise.

I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord.
I will give thanks to the Lord most high.
I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord.
Rejoice and lift my voice to the sky.
For God is the giver of all good things,
I will rejoice, let his praises ring.
I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.
I will give jubilant praise.
I will give honour and glory and blessings and jubilant thanks to the Lord

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