



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, January 28th, 2024

4th 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, you know we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, and that due to the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Traditional collect)

Music for Gathering Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service Joel Russell-MacLean

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

*Hymn of Praise

“My Saviour’s Love”

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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 stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.**

Refrain:

**How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be; How marvelous!
How wonderful! Is my Saviour’s love for me!**

**For me it was in the garden he prayed, “Not my will, but thine;”
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine. *(Refrain)***

**In pity angels beheld him, and came from the world of light
To comfort him in the sorrows he bore for my soul that night. *(Refrain)***

**He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calv’ry, and suffered and died alone. *(Refrain)***

**When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me. *(Refrain)***

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Speak, O Lord”

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail - let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,
And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.**

Scripture Reader

John Hillmer

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord in the heavens; praise God in the heights!

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

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

All: Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and they were created.

All: The Lord established them forever and ever; the Lord fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

All: Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's 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, for the Lord's name alone is exalted; the Lord's glory is above earth and heaven.

All: The Lord has raised up a salvation for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of God who are close to him. 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: Mark 4:35-41

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?**

**Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack:
His wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim,
He knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him.**

**Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkest clouds have been;
My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free;
My Saviour has my treasure, and he will walk with me.**

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “A Shelter in the Time of Storm”

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**The Lord’s our rock, in him we hide, a shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide, a shelter in the time of storm.**

Refrain:

**Oh, Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
Oh, Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**A shade by day, defense by night, a shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no foes afright, a shelter in the time of storm. (*Refrain*)**

**The raging storms may round us beat, a shelter in the time of storm;
We’ll never leave our safe retreat, a shelter in the time of storm. (*Refrain*)**

**O rock divine, O refuge dear, a shelter in the time of storm;
Be thou our helper ever near, a shelter in the time of storm. (*Refrain*)**

Prayers of the People

Ron Phillips

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

Ron Phillips

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

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.



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