



# First Baptist Church

**Worship Service for Sunday, February 25th, 2024**

2nd Sunday in Lent

*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, we have no power to help ourselves: keep us outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes Oluseye Popoola

\*The Introit "Only Our Holy God"  
*"Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson"*

**What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated? Only our Holy God.**

**Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer his only Son?  
Who else invites me to call him, Father? Only our Holy God.**

**Come and behold him, the One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship our Holy God.**

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

“The Love of God”

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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.*

**The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell.  
The wand'ring child is reconciled by God's beloved Son.  
The aching soul again made whole, and priceless pardon won.**

*Refrain:*

**O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure— the saints' and angels' song.**

**When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;  
When men who here refuse to pray on rocks and hills and mountains call;  
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;  
Redeeming Grace to Adam's race - the saints' and angels' song. *(Refrain)***

**Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;  
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev'ryone a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.  
*(Refrain)***

God at Work in our Lives

Hymn

“Gentle Shepherd”

#458

*by Lynn DeShazzo*

**Gentle shepherd come and lead us  
For we need you to help us find our way  
Gentle shepherd come and feed us  
For we need your strength from day to day  
There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day  
Gentle shepherd come and lead us  
For we need You to help us find our way**

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession of Sin

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“If You Will Only Let God Guide You”

#600

**If you will only let God guide you and hope in him through all your ways,  
Whatever comes he’ll stand beside you, to bear you through the evil days;  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that cannot move.**

**Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate’er the Father’s pleasure, and all discerning love have sent;  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known to him who chose us for his own.**

**Sing, pray, and swerve not from his ways but do your part in conscience true;  
Trust his rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in you;  
God hears the call of those in need, the souls that trust in him indeed.**

Scripture Reader

Enoch Ernest

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:5-10

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 25:11-21

Leader: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

**All: Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose.**

Leader: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

**All: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.**

Leader: Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

**All: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

Leader: O guard my life, and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

**All: May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.**

\*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 6:17-29

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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**

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\*Hymn of Response

“His Mercy Is More”

*By Keith & Kristyn Getty*

*(Refrain:)*

**Praise the Lord, his mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more**

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore:  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *(Refrain)***

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *(Refrain)***

**What riches of kindness he lavished on us!  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *(Refrain)***

Prayers of the People

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



“Sing to the Lord”

*(Antonio Vivaldi; Arr: Hal H. Hopson)*

Sing to the Lord. (4x)

Heaven and earth rejoice. Heaven and earth rejoice.

Sing praises. (4x)

Heaven and earth rejoice. (5x)

Heaven and earth rejoice, sing to the Lord.

Sing praises. (4x)

All heaven and earth rejoice and sing.

Hear, O Israel. Hear, O Israel.

The Lord is a mighty God. The Lord is a mighty God.

All earth rejoice and sing.

All heaven and earth rejoice.

The Lord is a mighty God.

Sing to the Lord. (4x)

Heaven and earth rejoice. Heaven and earth rejoice.

Sing praises. (4x)

Heaven and earth rejoice. (5x)

Heaven and earth rejoice, sing to the Lord.

The Lord is a mighty God. All earth rejoice.

All heav'n and earth rejoice. All earth rejoice.

The Lord is a mighty God.

All heav'n, all heaven and earth rejoice.

The Lord is a mighty God. All earth rejoice.

All heav'n and earth rejoice. All earth rejoice.

The Lord is a mighty God.

All heav'n, all heaven and earth rejoice.

Be joyful, be joyful. (3x)

The Lord is a mighty God. The Lord is a mighty God.



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