



# *First Baptist Church*

**Worship Service for Sunday, May 26th, 2024**

Trinity Sunday

*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:** Creator of heaven and earth, the only source of life and salvation for all creatures, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, from eternity and into eternity. May we worship you in the fulness of the truth of your self-revelation. May we be one as you are one. In Jesus' name. Amen

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes

Oluseye Popoola

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!**

Call to Worship  
Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has descended to us! O come, let us worship.

God at Work in Our Lives

Erin Bishop, Maddy Prefontaine  
Katepwa Lake Camp staff

Welcoming One Another

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymns of Praise

“Our Great God”

(Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell)

*The children are invited forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship.*

**Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown  
Your boundless love, unending, in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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**Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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**Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his word.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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## **Athanasian Creed**

Leader: We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their substance.

**All: For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another.**

Leader: But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.

**All: What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has.**

Leader: The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.

**All: The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal.**

Leader: And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

**All: Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God.**

Leader: Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God.

**All: Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord.**

Leader: Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord. Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually as both God and Lord, so the truth forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

**All: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone.**

Leader: The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the Father alone.

**All: The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; he proceeds from the Father.**

Leader: Accordingly there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

**All: Nothing in this trinity is before or after, nothing is greater or smaller; in their entirety, the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other. So in everything we worship their trinity in their unity and their unity in their trinity. Amen.**

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach      "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"      #268

**God, our Father, we adore thee! We, thy children, bless thy name!  
Chosen in the Christ before thee, we are "holy, without blame."  
We adore Thee! We adore thee! Abba's praises we proclaim!  
We adore Thee! We adore thee! Abba's praises we proclaim!**

**Son eternal, we adore thee! Lamb upon the throne on high!  
Lamb of God, we bow before thee, thou hast brought thy people nigh!  
We adore Thee! We adore thee! Son of God, who came to die!  
We adore Thee! We adore thee! Son of God, who came to die!**

**Holy Spirit, we adore thee! Paraclete and heavenly guest!  
Sent from God and from the Saviour, thou hast led us into rest.  
We adore Thee! We adore thee! By thy grace forever blest.  
We adore Thee! We adore thee! By thy grace forever blest.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three in one! We give thee praise!  
For the riches we inherit, heart and voice to thee we raise!  
We adore thee! We adore Thee! Thee we bless through endless days!  
We adore thee! We adore Thee! Thee we bless through endless days!**

Scripture Reader

Enoch Ernest

Old Testament Lesson: The Prophet Isaiah 6:1-7

O.T. page 635

Epistle Lesson: The Letter to the Romans 8:11-17

N.T. Page 158

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**All: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

**All: In the Lord's temple all say, "Glory!"**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**All: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\*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.**

New Testament Lesson: The Gospel According to John 3:11-17

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon. "The God who Ascends and Descends"

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“There Is A Redeemer”

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**There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh for sinners slain.  
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory, I will see his face,  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.  
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

Prayers of the People

Chris Senger

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

Chris Senger

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“Praise the Lord”

*(arr. Jeff Sotropa)*

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,  
He has washed and made me white as snow.  
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.  
Now and forever, praise his holy name!  
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!  
To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy 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.

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