



# First Baptist Church

## Worship Service for Sunday, September 15th, 2025

17th Sunday in Pentecost

*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**

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**Silent Prayer:** God, help us not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

\*The Introit

"Agnus Dei"

by Michael W. Smith

**Alleluia! Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns. (Repeat)**

**Alleluia! Holy! Holy are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.**

**You are Holy. Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.**

Call to Worship and 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.**

Welcoming One Another

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“I Believe in Jesus”

by Marc Nelson

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

**I believe in Jesus, I believe he is the Son of God,  
I believe he died and rose again, I believe he paid for us all;  
I believe he’s here now, standing in our midst,  
Here with the power to heal now and the grace to forgive.**

**I believe in you Lord, I believe you are the Son of God,  
I believe you died and rose again, I believe you paid for us all;  
I believe you are here now, standing in our midst,  
Here with the power to heal now and the grace to forgive.**

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

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**We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began.  
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.**

**You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid;  
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.  
Before the throne absolved we stand; your love has met your law’s demand.**

**You are the living truth; all wisdom dwells in you,  
The source of every skill, the one eternal True!  
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.**

**You only are true life to know you is to live  
The more abundant life that earth can never give.  
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!**

Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

Cheryl Johnston

\*Hymn of Approach

"The Goodness of Jesus"

*by City Alight*

**Come you weary heart now to Jesus,  
Come you anxious soul now and see,  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears:  
Rest here in his wondrous peace.**

*(Refrain:)*

**Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus,  
Satisfied, he is all that I need.  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus.**

**Come find what this world cannot offer,  
Come and find your joy here complete,  
Taste the living water, never thirst again,  
Rest here in his wondrous peace. *(Refrain)***

**Come and find your hope now in Jesus,  
He is all he said he would be.  
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart:  
Rest here in his wondrous peace. *(Refrain)***

## **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Reader

Reade Holtslander

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:17 - 2:10

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 78:1-8

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**All: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Leader: things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

**All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

Leader: He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

**All: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,**

Leader: so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

**All: and that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

\*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: The Gospel According to John 1:43-51

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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      “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”**

*(Refrain:)*

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *(Refrain)***

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *(Refrain)***

**I'm so glad I learned to trust him, precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend;  
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end. *(Refrain)***

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

*(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Michael Farren)*

**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.”**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited outside for refreshments following the service.





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