



# First Baptist Church

**Worship Service for Sunday, October 13th, 2024**

Thanksgiving 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**

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**Silent Prayer:** Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, every good gift comes from you. Life and growth comes from you and is sustained by you. Help us to be grateful every day for our lives, for the good things we enjoy, and especially for the love you have shown in the salvation of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

\*The Introit

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#560

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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

“Come Ye Thankful People”

#559

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

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in, e’re the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast  
But the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

**When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.**

*(Refrain:)*

**Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.**

**Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by. *(Refrain)***

**So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. *(Refrain)***

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“I Give Thanks”

*by Brian Thiessen*

**You have shown me favour unending,  
You have given your life for me,  
And my heart knows of your goodness,  
Your blood has covered me.**

**I will arise and give thanks to you, Lord my God,  
And your name I will bless with my whole heart.  
You have shown mercy,  
You have shown mercy to me,  
I give thanks to you Lord.**

**You have poured out your healing upon us,  
You have set the captives free,  
And we know it's not what we've done,  
But by your hand alone.**

**We will arise and give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
And your name we will bless with all our hearts,  
You have shown mercy,  
You have shown mercy to us,  
We give thanks to you Lord.**

Scripture Reader

Karlee Mock

Epistle Lesson: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:1-14

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 136

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;

**All: Who alone does great wonders, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: Who by understanding made the heavens, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;

**All: Who spread out the earth on the waters, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: Who made the great lights, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;

**All: The sun to rule over the day, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: The moon and stars to rule over the night, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;

**All: It is the Lord who remembered us in our low estate, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: And rescued us from our foes, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;

**All: Who gives food to all flesh, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

**All: For God's steadfast love endures forever.**

\*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.**

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      “Now Thank We All Our God”

#556

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Prayers of the People

Eric Warren

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

“Doxology”

#625

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

### **“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.

### **Benevolent Fund**

First Baptist maintains a benevolent fund from which it helps folks from inside and outside our congregation in times of crisis. Pastors, in discussion with the board, disperse money as needs arise.

Over the past year we have helped different folks with food and housing. We have used all the money given to us to date. If you wish to help replenish this fund, please indicate “benevolent fund” on your donation.

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