



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, February 2nd, 2025

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: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to give us life and to teach us how to live. May we turn to you to receive life and may we take your teaching, hiding it in our hearts and allowing it to renew our minds. In your name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"Thanks and Praise"

by Songs from the Soil

We are here together, to lift our hearts as one.

We're in our Father's presence, his Spirit is with us:

(Refrain:)

It is good to lift the name of the Lord, our God,

It is right to give him thanks and praise;

For his heart is overflowing with love for us

And his mercy, we can never contain.

And each and every morning, we'll tell of his great love,

Of all his faithful mercies, and all that he has done,

For who can match his kindness, and who can count his works?

Oh, let our praise continue, 'til evening draws in close. *(Refrain)*

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

“Wonderful Words of Life”

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

**Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

**Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven:
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

**Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify forever:
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

*Hymn of Approach

“Simple Kingdom”
(Torwalt, Cody Carnes, Duncan)

**Your kingdom is simple, as simple as love.
You welcomed the children, you stopped for the one.
We want to see people the way Jesus does.
Your kingdom is simple, Lord, teach it to us.**

**Your kingdom is humble, as humble as death.
Its king is a saviour, who gave his last breath.
So may we die daily, our pride laid to rest.
His kingdom is humble and the broken are blessed.**

(Refrain:)

**Hallelujah! Hallowed be your name.
May we live and breathe your praise.
And, hallelujah! Let all creation say:
“Oh, the King of Heaven reigns”**

**Your kingdom is coming, your kingdom is here,
Alive in our waiting, our work and our tears.
So come to us quickly - forever our prayer -
Your Kingdom is coming, Lord Jesus come near.**

**Your kingdom is backwards, Lord, teach us to serve.
What you call a treasure, this world calls a curse.
The small become great and, the last become first.
As it is in your kingdom, let it be with your church *(Refrain)***

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Adoniram Holtslander

Old Testament Lesson: The Prophet Jeremiah 1:4-10

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 33

Leader: The word of the Lord is upright, and all the Lord's work is done in faithfulness.

All: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of the Lord's mouth.

Leader: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of the Lord. for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

All: The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of the Lord's heart to all generations.

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven; the Lord sees all humankind. From where the Lord sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth:

All: The Lord who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

Leader: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear the Lord, on those who hope in the Lord's steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

**All: Our soul waits for the Lord; the Lord is our help and shield.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to Luke 6.37-49

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

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**Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the blest bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to thee again.**

**Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood, thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee, thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.**

**We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

**Our restless spirits yearn for thee, Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad that thy gracious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

**O Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, Shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; in one, holy, universal church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of the People

John Nelson

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Dennis Eliot)

Bread of the world in mercy broken, Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, And in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be your feast to us the token That by your grace our souls are fed!

Sit at this place, dear Lord and Father, Fill up the cup and break the bread;
Oh let us feel your loving power, Oh let us hear the words you said:

“This is my blood and body broken, Refresh your spirit, make it whole!
Remember me with food, the token: Bread of the world, wine of the soul.”

Bread of the world, wine of the soul, Bread of the world.

The Words of Consecration

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil.
With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living
sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine
symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us,
in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Communion

We Respond to God

*Hymn for Departing

“The Goodness of Jesus”

by City Alight

**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)**

(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 Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

“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.