



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, January 26th, 2025

3rd 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 God, creator of heaven and earth, thank you for patiently teaching humanity since the first day you made and called us. Though we go astray, you come among us and at our level you show us the way to life. Help us to follow you. In Jesus' name, who lived among us and is coming again, we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*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)***

Call to Worship and prayer

Chris Senger

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

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

**Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise his name- I'm fixed upon it- name of God's redeeming love.**

**Hither to thy love has blest me; thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“The Potter's Hand”

Sanctuary Choir

(Lyrics included at the back of the bulletin)

(by Darlene Zschech; Arr. Lloyd Larson)

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Approach

“Speak, O Lord”

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail - let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,
And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.**

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Debbie Nelson

Old Testament Lesson: The Prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

All: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye

All: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

All: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Leader: But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

All: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Leader: Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*Gloria Patri

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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 Luke 6.17-36

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Trust and Obey”

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**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.**

(Refrain:)

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey. *(Refrain)***

**But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour he shows, for the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey. *(Refrain)***

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey. *(Refrain)***

Prayers of the People

Dell Bornowsky

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

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“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 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)***

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited outside 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.

"The Potter's Hand"

(by Darlene Zschech; Arr. Lloyd Larson)

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour,
I know for sure all of my days are held in your hand,
Crafted into your perfect plan.
You gently call me into your presence,
Guiding me by your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through your eyes.
I'm captured by your holy calling.
Set me apart, I know you're drawing me to yourself.
Lead me Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand, the Potter's hand.

You gently call me into your presence,
Guiding me by your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through your eyes.
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