



# *First Baptist Church*

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, July 6th, 2025**

**4th Sunday in the season of 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:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wisdom of God. Through you and for you all things were created. Help us to hear your voice calling us each day. Help us to see you and to know the path we should take each day. We place our lives and our trust and faith in you. All the praise and glory are yours and yours alone. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

\*The Introit

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

*By Brian Doerksen*

**Come, now is the time to worship,  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess you are God,  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now. Come. Come.**

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 Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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*The children are invited to come forward for the children's blessing.*

**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

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Preparation

“Trust and Obey”

#349, v 1, 3, 5

**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.**

**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)***

Scripture Reader

Debby Nelson

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:15-22

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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;

**All: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**All: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

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

**All: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

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

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

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

**All: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

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

**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.**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon. "Jesus: the Personal Order of Nature"

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Response: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

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**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and Man, the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honour, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Saviour! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honour, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.**

\*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; the one, holy, universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Call to the Supper

Cheryl Johnston

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

Cheryl Johnston

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  
The Lord's Prayer

Cheryl Johnston

**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.**

\*Hymn of Approach

"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.**

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 Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing "Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (2x)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)**

**Give thanks. Give thanks.**

\*Benediction Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing Grace Liu

Lemonade in Shade

Everyone is invited outside for refreshments following the service.

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in the Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.