



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 17, 2025

10th 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

Silent Prayer: Eternal God, to whom the hidden is as clearly known as the visible: Before you your people bow their heads, to you they submit their hard hearts and unruly bodies. Send down blessing from your glorious dwelling on these men and women, lend them a ready ear and answer their prayers. Set them up firmly with your strong hand and protect them against all evil passions. Preserve their bodies and souls, increase their faith and fear and increase ours, through your only Son. Through him and with him and with the Spirit may glory and power be yours, now and always and forever. Amen. (From: Hippolytus of Rome, 2nd century)

Music for Gathering

Adoniram Holtslander

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"As the Deer"

by Martin Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

(Refrain:)

You alone are my strength, my shield,

To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire,

And I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother even though you are a king.

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything. *(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

*Hymns of Praise

“Immortal, Invisible”

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise.

In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.

Almighty, victorious—thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might.

Thy justice like mountains, high soaring above,

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest—to both great and small.

In all life thou livest—the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render—O help us to see

’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

*Children's Hymn

"Awesome God"

by Rich Mullins

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love;
Our God is an awesome God.**

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love;
Our God is an awesome God.**

Call to Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Norma Holtslander

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Only a Holy God”

(Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, & Rich Thompson)

**Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.**

**What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.**

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God.**

**What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.**

**Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God.**

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God.**

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 2:1-5 (p. 585, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

All: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

All: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

All: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

*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.

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:15-18 (p. 241, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Paradox of Fear and Wisdom”

Dell Bornowsky

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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

*Hymn for Departing

"Jesus, Be the Centre"
(Michael Frye; Arr. Chris Mitchell)

Jesus, be the centre, be my source, be my light, Jesus.

Jesus, be the centre, be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Refrain:

Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails,

Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus. (*Refrain*)

*Benediction

Dell Bornowsky

Music for Departing

Adoniram Holtslander

"Lemonade in the Shade:" Everyone is invited outside for refreshments following the service.

Parents: Please go to meet your children in the nursery and children's program as they can only be dismissed into your care.



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