



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 24, 2025

11th 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: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight O Lord, my rock and my redeemer (Psalm 19:14). Help us to learn and put into action your way of seeing the world and acting in it. We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit through the work and example of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Lui

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

*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

“O Be Careful Little Eyes, What You See”

Traditional

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

**O be careful little eyes, what you see,
O be careful little eyes, what you see,
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful little eyes what you see.**

**O be careful little ears, what you hear,
O be careful little ears, what you hear,
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful little ears what you hear.**

**O be careful little tongue, what you say,
O be careful little tongue, what you say,
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful little tongue, what you say.**

**O be careful little mind what you think,
O be careful little mind what you think,
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful little mind what you think.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Ron Phillips

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Make Me a Blessing”

#452

**Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.**

**Make me a blessing, make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Saviour I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

**Tell the sweet story of Christ and his love,
Tell of his pow’r to forgive;
Others will trust him if only you prove
True, every moment you live.**

**Make me a blessing, make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Saviour I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

**Give as ’twas given to you in you need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.**

**Make me a blessing, make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Saviour I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:21-28 (p. 194, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:97-105

Leader: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

All: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

All: I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

Leader: I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

All: I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

All: Through your precepts I get understanding;

Leader: Therefore I hate every false way.

All: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*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.

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 6:16-19; 12:17-22, 21:3 (pp. 589, 595, 603, Old Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Honesty”

Cheryl Johnston

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“All For Jesus”

#368

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs;
All my thoughts and words and doings, All my days and all my hours.**

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my days and all my hours.
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my days and all my hours.**

**Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.**

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Let my lips speak forth his praise.
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Let my lips speak forth his praise.**

**Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the crucified.**

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Looking at the crucified.
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Looking at the crucified.**

**O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.**

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Resting now beneath his wings.
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Resting now beneath his wings.**

Prayers of the People

Chris Senger

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

Chris Senger

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

Cheryl Johnston

Music for Departing

Grace Lui

"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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