

# First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

# Worship Service for Sunday, August 31, 2025

12th 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**: Father in heaven, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life do not come from you but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does your will, lives forever. May we set out hearts on heaven, on your kingdom, so that in the end, we might lose nothing and gain everything. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

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)

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth; Shelters thee under his wings, yes, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.

Children's Blessing

**Cheryl Johnston** 

Holiness, holiness is what I long for.

Holiness is what I need.

Holiness, holiness is what you want from me.

So take my heart and form it.

Take my mind transform it.

Take my will conform it

To yours, to yours, oh Lord.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for.

Faithfulness is what I need.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what you want from me.

So take my heart and form it.

Take my mind transform it.

Take my will conform it

To yours, to yours, oh Lord.

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for.

Righteousness is what I need.

Righteousness, righteousness is what you want from me.

So take my heart and form it.

Take my mind transform it.

Take my will conform it

To yours, to yours, oh Lord.

Call to Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

#### We Listen to God

\*Hymn of Preparation

"More Love to Thee"

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More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to thee!

Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;

This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;

Now thee alone I seek, give what is best;

This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;

This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;

This still my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Scripture Reader

Joel Russell-MacLean

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 5:16, 19-24 (pp. 190-191, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Selected Proverbs

Leader: This is the way of an adulterer: they eat, and wipe their mouth, and say, "I

have done no wrong."

All: That house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.

Leader: The leech has two daughters; "Give, give," they cry.

All: Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, and human eyes are never satisfied.

Leader: Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

All: From the fruit of their words good persons eat good things, but the desire of

the treacherous is for wrongdoing.

Leader: A desire realized is sweet to the soul, but to turn away from evil is an

abomination to fools.

All: Desire without knowledge is not good, and one who moves too hurriedly misses the way.

Leader: Do not love sleep, or else you will come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.

will have plenty of bread.

All: Do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist.

Leader: If you have found honey, eat only enough for you, or else, having too much,

you will vomit it.

All: The righteous have enough to satisfy their appetite, but the belly of the

wicked is empty.

Leader: It is not good to eat much honey, or to seek honour on top of honour.

All: Like a city breached, without walls, is one who lacks self-control.

Leader: Two things I ask of you; do not deny them to me before I die:

All: Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor

riches; feed me with the food that I need,

Leader: Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always continue in the fear of the LORD.

All: Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

\*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.

\* Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to Luke 12:29-34 (p. 75, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Need and Enough" Joel Russell-MacLean

## We Respond to God

\*Hymn of Response

"The Goodness of Jesus"

(Fiona Aghajanian, Harrison Druery, Michael Farren, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson)

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. (2x - last verse)

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)

Prayers of the People

Bryan Orthner

## 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 Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing Oluseye Popoola

"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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