



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 12, 2025

18th 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: Merciful God, our provider, at your bidding the earth withholds her increase, or offers its fruits in due season: give us grace to learn that we depend entirely upon you. As we consider all your blessings in our lives, may we respond in thanks, giving those in need a share of our abundance and offering you our very lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit

"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.

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, Ye Thankful People, Come”

#559

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

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, e're the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
Wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest-home;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Chris Senger

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#560

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezra 1:1-5, 3:10-13 (pp. 421 and 423, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

All: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

Leader: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

All: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*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.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-3 (p. 226, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Joy and Weeping"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#43

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)**

Prayers of the People

Margaret Friesen

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

“Doxology”

#625

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends”—an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together

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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