



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Epiphany

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: Lord God, creator of heaven and earth, thank you for patiently teaching humanity since the first day you made and called us. Though we go astray, you come among us and, at our level, you show us the way to life. Help us to follow you. In Jesus' name, who lived among us and is coming again, we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

*The Introit

"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"

(by Paul Baloche)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you; we turn to you;

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you; we long for you;

When we're with you, we find strength to face the day.

In your presence all our fears are met, and from our hearts we say:

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Life-light of God, shine on us; you bring the age of ages.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Call to Worship and Prayer

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

“My Saviour’s Love”

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

**I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.**

Refrain:

**How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Saviour’s love for me!**

**For me it was in the garden he prayed, “Not my will, but thine;”
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine. *(Refrain)***

**In pity angels beheld him, and came from the world of light
To comfort him in the sorrows he bore for my soul that night. *(Refrain)***

**He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calv’ry, and suffered and died alone. *(Refrain)***

**When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me. *(Refrain)***

Gift of Music

“Jonah”
(Words printed on p. 7)

Sanctuary Choir and FBC Children

Call to Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Way Maker”

(by Osinachi Okoro; Arr. Dan Galbraith)

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, working in this place; I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, working in this place; I worship you, I worship you.

Refrain:

**You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness,
My God, that is who you are.**

**You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness,
My God, that is who you are.**

You are here, touching every heart; I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, healing every heart; I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, turning lives around; I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, mending every heart; I worship you, I worship you. *(Refrain)*

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-7 (p. 638, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord; that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

All: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Leader: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

All: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

Leader: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

All: Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

*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.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23 (pp. 3-4, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Following Jesus Into Change”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”
(John Bell & Graham Maule; Arr. John Bell)

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoner free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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

“Transfiguration Hymn”

(Words: Ken Bible; Tune: “Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah (CWD Rhondda))

Jesus Lord, we see your splendour

Here and now by daily faith.

In our service, in our suffering

We will follow unafraid,

On from glory into glory

Till we see you face to face,

Till we see you face to face.

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla Dawn Brooks

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/or children’s program, as they can only be dismissed into your care.

“Jonah”

(Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman)

Jonah was a mighty good man, a mighty good man each day.
He did not like the Ninevites because of their evil ways.
God told Jonah you must go to a city called Nineveh
And preach to the people of Nineveh to follow God’s own law.

Jonah said, “Why me? Why me? Why me Lord?
To Tarshish I will sail away. I better get on board.”

The ship set sail and a storm came up, the weather got very bad.
The sailors prayed with all their might to every god they had.
The storm grew worse, Jonah was below. The sailors found him asleep.
They blamed the storm on Jonah and threw him in the deep.

Jonah said, “Oh dear, oh my,” and he began to flail.
Next thing that poor Jonah knew, he was right inside a whale.

In the belly of the whale with seaweed on his head,
Poor Jonah had a change of heart: He’d rather be alive than dead.

Jonah cried, “Save me! Save me! Save me Lord!”
I’ll preach your word in Nineveh and serve you evermore.

God commanded the great fish, “You must spit Jonah on the land.”
Out he came in one big belch. He shot onto the sand.
Off he went to Nineveh to preach the word of the Lord.
The people fell down on their knees, a repentant humble hoard.

The people cried, “Oh Lord, oh Lord, we repent
And follow you with all our hearts, with a true intent.”

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