



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

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: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illuminates the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, the one and only God. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"

(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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

“Agnus Dei”

(Michael W. Smith)

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

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia. Holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

You are holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

Amen.

“I Stand in Awe of You”

(Mark Altrogge)

You are beautiful beyond description,

Too marvelous for words,

Too wonderful for comprehension,

Like nothing ever seen or heard.

Who can grasp your infinite wisdom?

Who can fathom the depth of your love?

You are beautiful beyond description,

Majesty, enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of you.

I stand, I stand in awe of you.

Holy God, to whom all praise is due,

I stand in awe of you.

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“Transfiguration”
(Words printed on p.7)

Marilyn Phillips

Call to Confession

Chris Senger

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!**

Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-19 (p. 236, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

All: **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

All: **What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

Leader: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: **O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*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: Matthew 16:24 - 17:9 (pp. 18-19, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Human Being”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymns of Response

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

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Jesus, name above all names

Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us

Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

“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.

Refrain:

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. (Refrain)

Prayers of the People

Owen Winter

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))

See our Lord in all his glory, now arrayed in dazzling white!

See him shine in holy splendour, bathed in everlasting light!

See the law and prophets gather, lifting high the living Christ!

Lifting high the living Christ!

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

Oluseye Popoola

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.

Transfiguration

Who is this, who looks like us?

Flesh and bones, common dust.

Yet, now clothed in white, dazzling white!

Other, Son, God of Light!

Who are we, flesh and bones,

Full of sin, cries and groans?

Yet, now clothed in Him,

Changing, glorious, children of the King!

What is this world but dust and pain,

Life to death, all in vain?

Yet, groaning, healed, set right by

The returning Lamb who once was slain,

Now returned to restore again... God's good Creation.

Words by Ron Phillips; Music by Marilyn Phillips; February, 2026

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