



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

Throughout these Lenten days and nights

We turn to walk the inward way,

Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,

We live in hope till Easter day.

And though the road is hard and steep,

The Spirit ever calls us on

Through Calvary's dying, dark and deep,

Until we see the coming dawn.

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

“Our Great God”
(Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell)

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

**Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unending, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.**

Refrain:

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**Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *(Refrain)***

**Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his word. *(Refrain)***

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Our Great Saviour”

#89

**Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Saviour, makes me whole.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! what a Saviour!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *(Refrain)***

**Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. *(Refrain)***

**Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry. *(Refrain)***

**Jesus! I do now receive him,
More than all in him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine. *(Refrain)***

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:12-19 (p. 156, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

All: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

All: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

All: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Leader: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

All: Many are the torments of the wicked,

Leader: But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*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 4:1-11 (p. 3, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“It Is Well with My soul”

#493

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”**

Refrain:

**It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul. (*Refrain*)**

**My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (*Refrain*)**

**And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul. (*Refrain*)**

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, Draw Me Ever Nearer”
(Words: Margaret Becker; Music: Keith Getty)

**Jesus draw me ever nearer as I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage, and I’ll follow, though I’m worn.**

**May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart’s testing, with your likeness let me wake.**

*Benediction

Nigel Pollock

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

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