



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter 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**

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**Silent Prayer:** Almighty God, with life you defeat death, with light you overcome darkness, with love you conquer evil. May we believe in your Son, risen from the dead, and be filled with your Holy Spirit, so that we might receive these gifts of life, light and love which you offer in abundance, and live in such a way that you are glorified, now and forever. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Responsive Call to Worship

Heather Russell-MacLean

Leader: Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.

**All: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!**

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;

**All: For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.**

Leader: I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing. I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

**All: To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Leader: I saw a new heaven and a new earth. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new! I will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things is passing away."

**All: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed.**

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**All: He is risen indeed.**

Leader: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed.**

\*The Introit "It's Easter! It's Easter!"

**It's Easter! It's Easter! The stone's rolled away!**

**It's Easter! It's Easter! This is the Lord's day!**

**New faith for the doubter, new joy for the sad,**

**Our Saviour walks with us to make our hearts glad.**

**It's Easter! It's Easter! Christ lives once again.**

**It's Easter! It's Easter! God's loudest "Amen"!**

**We sing "Hallelujah"! We sing "Praise the Lord"**

**Who raised up our Jesus and spoke the last word.**

Prayer of Invocation

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.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed.**

Welcoming One Another

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

#217

*The children will remain with their parents for this service. Activity packets are available from our greeters.*

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!  
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Gift of Music

“Jesus is Risen”  
*(Jon Page; Arr. Joseph Martin)*

Sanctuary Choir

Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen indeed.  
Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen, let all the heavens ring, let all creation sing,  
Jesus is risen indeed.  
Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia, sing.  
Let the world praise his name, let every tongue proclaim, Jesus is risen indeed.  
For three days the tomb was still; for three days the grave hid life.  
For three days earth’s heart was broken; silence ruled in endless night.  
Then the dawn brought alleluias and the hope of never-ending light.  
Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen indeed.  
Alleluia, let the world praise his name, let every tongue proclaim, Jesus is risen indeed.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## We Listen to God

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\*Hymn of Approach

“Christ Arose”

#216

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour!**

**Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

*Refrain:*

**Up from the grave he arose!**

**With a mighty triumph o’er his foes;**

**He arose a victor from the dark domain,**

**And he lives forever, with his saints to reign;**

**He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Saviour!**

**Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (*Refrain*)**

**Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Saviour,**

**He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (*Refrain*)**

Scripture Reader

Debby Nelson

Epistle Lesson: Romans 10:9-13 (p. 160, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 118 (*selected verses*)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10 (pp. 33-34, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "You Are Looking for Jesus: He Is Alive!"

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Preparation

"Agnus Dei"

*(Michael W. Smith)*

**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.**

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one, holy, universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Unison Confession

**Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

## The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed..., saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayers of the People

Cheryl Johnston

### 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.**

### The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

### Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

### Communion

## **We Respond to God**

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*Members of the congregation wishing to join the Sanctuary Choir in the singing of Handel's "The Hallelujah Chorus" are invited to come to the front platform during the singing of "Thine is the Glory." Leaders will hold signs for each part. Music will be provided.*

\*Response of Praise

"Thine Is the Glory"

#227, vs 1-2

**Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*(Refrain)*

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *(Refrain)***

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

\*Choral Benediction

"The Hallelujah Chorus"

*(George Frideric Handel)*

Following the service, you are invited to join others in the lower hall for a special Easter edition of "A Time for Friends."

### **Children's Easter Egg Hunt after the worship service – not before or during!**

Scattered and hidden around the Sanctuary today you will find Easter Eggs. An egg is a symbol of hidden, new life. Baptism is another way that we can think about the new life we have in Jesus. The Bible says, "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation – the old is gone, the new has come!"

Parents: Please go to meet your children in the nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.

If you are visiting or just getting to know us, visit our welcome page:



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