



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday in Easter

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: Thank you, heavenly Father, for you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and have brought us into the kingdom of your Son. Just as through his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love may raise us to eternal joy. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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.

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.

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed.

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymns of Praise

“Beautiful Saviour”

(Stuart Townend)

**All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delight;
For in my helplessness you heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

Refrain:

**Beautiful Saviour, wonderful Counsellor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, you're the way, the truth, the life.
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's champion, and you reign, you reign over all!**

**I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end. *(Refrain)***

**I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb! *(Refrain)***

“Jesus, Be the Centre”

(Michael Frye)

**Jesus, be the centre. Be my source, be my light, Jesus.
Jesus, be the centre. Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.**

Refrain:

**Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.**

Jesus, be my vision. Be my path, be my guide, Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Chris Senger

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“He Lives”

#220

**I serve a risen Saviour, he’s in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever men may say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him he’s always near.**

Refrain:

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

**In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that he is leading, through all the stormy blast,
The day of his appearing will come at last. *(Refrain)***

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. *(Refrain)***

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 10:12-21 (p. 167, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

All: They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Leader: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

All: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

All: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour.

Leader: No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

*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 13:31-35, 44-50 (pp. 14-15, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

#409

**I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.**

Refrain:

**But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

**I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart. *(Refrain)***

**I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing all of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in him. *(Refrain)***

**I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noontide fair,
Nor if I walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air." *(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

“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

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.

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



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