



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 17, 2026

Ascension 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: Almighty God, your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens; may we also in heart and mind ascend to him, and abide in him continually; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Adoniram Holtslander

*The Introit

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

#232

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!

To his throne beyond the skies; alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, alleluia!

Enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!

Lift your heads, eternal gates, alleluia!

He hath conquered death and sin, alleluia!

Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!

See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!

Hark! His gracious lips bestow, alleluia!

Blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, alleluia!

Raise our hearts to reach thy height, alleluia!

There thy face unclouded see, alleluia!

Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!

Call to Worship and Prayer

Adoniram Holtslander

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

God at Work in Our Lives

Payton Veltkamp (KLC Director)

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise “Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending” (Tune: Helmsley)

The children are invited to come forward during this song and remain at the front for the remainder of the service.

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;

Thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.

Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty;

Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,

Deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear:

And his saints, by all rejected, thrill the trumpet sound to hear:

Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia! See the day of God appear.

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;

Saviour take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.

O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Cheryl Johnston

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Our God Reigns”

#229

**How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns, our God reigns!**

Refrain:

**Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!**

**He had no stately form, he had no majesty,
That we should be drawn to him.
He was despised and we took no account of him,
Yet now he reigns with the Most High. (*Refrain*)**

**Out from the tomb he came with grace and majesty,
He is alive, he is alive.
God loves us so, see here his hands, his feet, his side.
Yes, we know, he is alive. (*Refrain*)**

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:1-5 (p. 201, New Testament section)

New Testament Lesson: Acts 1:3-11 (p. 118, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 24:3-6

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

All: Who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation.

All: Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

*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: John 17:1-5 (p. 111, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Ascension”

Ron Phillips

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#231, vs 1-3

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
Its grateful honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud “Amen!”**

Prayers of the People

Merv Hepting

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

Cheryl Johnston

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“You Are My All in All”

(Dennis Jernigan)

You are my strength when I am weak,

You are the treasure that I seek;

You are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jewel,

Lord to give up I'd be a fool;

You are my all in all.

Refrain:

Jesus Lamb of God worthy is your name.

Jesus Lamb of God worthy is your name.

Taking my sin my cross my shame,

Rising again I bless your name;

You are my all in all.

When I fall down you pick me up,

When I am dry you fill my cup;

You are my all in all. *(Refrain)*

*Benediction

Ron Phillips

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

Following the service, there will be a Katepwa Lake Camp luncheon fundraiser in the lower hall. We are raising funds to sponsor campers who otherwise cannot afford to attend. Everyone is invited!

Parents: Please go to meet your children in the nursery and/or children's classes, 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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