



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost 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 Spirit, you are a river of life poured out over creation, renewing and refreshing all creatures and all who receive you. We praise you and celebrate your coming among us with joy. Apart from you there is no life. Come and live within us. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“The Comforter Has Come”

#257

**O spread the tidings 'round wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:
The Comforter has come!**

Refrain:

**The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from heaven, the Father's promise given;
O spread the tidings 'round wherever man is found:
The Comforter has come!**

**Lo, the great King of kings with healing in his wings,
To every captive soul a full deliverance brings;
And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings;
The Comforter has come! (*Refrain*)**

**O boundless love divine! How shall this tongue of mine
To wondering mortals tell the matchless grace divine:
That I, a child of hell, should in his image shine!
The Comforter has come! (*Refrain*)**

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

“Pentecost Hymn”

(Tune: Immortal, Invisible)

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

You’ve poured out your Spirit, Great Father of Life,

Your presence, your power, the Spirit of Christ,

The fruit of his triumph, the breath of his love,

The proof he has risen and reigns now above.

Your promise is given in wind and in flame,

With lives now ignited to burn in your name.

Now loving, now holy, now bold in the truth,

Your body, your people are one, Lord, in you.

We praise you, our Father, the Fountain of Life,

For comfort and challenge, for purpose and light.

In love we will share all the gifts you provide

That all may be blessed and our Lord glorified.

Your challenge is sounding. Our calling is clear:

To live out a gospel the needy can hear.

Lord, help us to go till all people have heard

And touch every life with the love of the Lord.

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Adoniram Holtslander

Assurance of Pardon

Gift of Music

“Ye Shall Be Witnesses”
(Words and credits on p. 7)

Sanctuary Choir

God at Work in Our Lives

Youth For Christ: Nathan Riech and Kirstie Kline

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

**“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
(Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)**

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.**

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9 (p. 9, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 68 (Selected verses)

Leader: Let God rise up, let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee before him.

All: As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

Leader: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

All: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds—God's name is the Lord—be exultant before the Lord.

Leader: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

All: God gives the desolate a home to live in; God leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

All: Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belongs escape from death.

Leader: Let bronze be brought from Egypt; let Ethiopia hasten to stretch out its hands to God.

All: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

Leader: O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, God sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

All: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; God gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

*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.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2: 1-8, 14, 16, 17, 21 (p. 119, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Respond to God

*Hymns of Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

#247

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

“In Christ There is No East or West”

#285

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,

But one great fellowship of love thru’out the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts ev’rywhere their high communion find.

His service is the golden cord close binding humankind

Join hands, then, children of the faith, whate’er your race may be!

Who serves my Father as a child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

All Christly souls are one in him, thru’out the whole wide earth.

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

“Hymn of the Holy Spirit”

(Pat Garrett)

**Holy Spirit, guide my vision,
Help me see the way you see.
Always Jesus, ever Jesus,
Christ in all and Christ in me.**

**Holy Spirit, lead me onward,
Walking through the great unknown.
Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging,
Till the day you lead me home.**

**You’re the light; you’re my path.
You’re the shepherd of my soul.
All I am, all I have,
Holy Spirit, lead me on.**

*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 classes, as they can only be dismissed into your care.

“Ye Shall Be Witnesses”

(Jerry Kirk)

Ye shall receive pow’r when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,

And ye shall be my witnesses, and ye shall be my witnesses

Unto the ends, unto the ends of the earth.

Ye shall receive pow’r! And be my witnesses, and be my witnesses.

Ye shall be witnesses unto the ends of the earth, the ends of the earth.

Jerusalem! Judea! Samaria, and the ends of the earth!

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Witnesses! Jerusalem! Witnesses! Judea!

Witnesses. Samaria, and the ends of the earth!

Witnesses! Jerusalem! Witnesses! Judea!

Witnesses. Samaria, and the ends of the earth!

Ye shall receive pow’r! And be my witnesses! And be my witnesses!

Ye shall be witnesses unto the ends of the earth! The ends of the earth!

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