



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, July 12, 2026

7th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

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: God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such a love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(From the Book of Common Prayer)*

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Adoniram Holtslander

*The Introit

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#262, vs 1 & 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Cheryl Johnston

Assurance of Pardon

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission—all is at rest. I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”
(Stuart Townend)

**How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss – the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart – his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Epistle lesson: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 (pp. 232-233, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 17 (Selected verses)

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

All: From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

Leader: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

All: Incline your ear to me; hear my words.

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O saviour of those who seek refuge at your right hand.

All: Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings,

Leader: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;

All: When I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

*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 13:24-30, 36-43 (pp. 14-15, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“More Love to Thee”

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More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to thee!

Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;

This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;

Now thee alone I seek, give what is best;

This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;

This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;

This still my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Prayers of the People

Derrick Bellows

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 “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”
(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Michael Farren)

**With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day, I know he will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me.” (2x)**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Grace Liu

Following the service, you are invited outside for “Lemonade in the Shade”—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.

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