



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 9, 2026

11th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

*Welcome! Young children are welcome in their classes, in our staffed nursery, or in the service.
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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life. Give us grace to receive your forgiveness purchased by Jesus with his life, and in daily life, to follow the example of his holiness, obedience, and self-control. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Adoniram Holtslander

*The Introit

"Speak O Lord"

(Stuart Townend & Keith Getty)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you

To receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us;

Shape and fashion us in your likeness;

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us

All your purposes for your glory.

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

*Hymns of Praise

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

#30

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

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name.

O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God;

O Lord God Almighty. (2x)

“Great Is the Lord”

#31

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;

By his power we trust in his love.

Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;

By his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord;

Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord! (2x)

Great are you Lord and worthy of glory!

Great are you Lord and worthy of praise.

Great are you Lord;

I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:

Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

Children’s Blessing

Adoniram Holtslander

Call to Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

"His Mercy Is More"

#211

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!

Stronger than darkness, new every morn,

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more! (*Refrain*)

What riches of kindness Christ lavished on us,

His blood was the payment, his life was the cost!

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more! (*Refrain*)

Scripture Reader

Old Testament lesson: Ezekiel 18:25-32 (p. 785, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 25 (Selected Verses)

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;

All: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

All: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

All: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: The LORD leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep the LORD's covenant and decrees.

*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 21:23-32 (pp. 23-24, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Road to Life is Obedience”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

"Jesus, I Come"

#336

**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health, out of my want and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.**

Prayers of the People

Jennifer Holtslander

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

Jennifer Holtslander

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Be Thou My Vision”

#382 (vs 1 & 4)

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

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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