



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 4, 2026

19th 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 our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness. May they acknowledge the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"To God Be the Glory"

#66, v 1

To God be the glory—great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory—great things he hath done!

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

“He Lives”

#220

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

**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)***

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

#96

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him,

Crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,

Ye ransomed from the fall, ye ransomed from the fall;

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him,

Crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,

On this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball;

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him,

Crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall!

We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him,

Crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 4:1-4 (p. 864, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 98

Leader: Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

All: The LORD will judge the peoples with equity."

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

Leader: Let the field exult, and everything in it.

All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD;

Leader: for The LORD is coming, for The LORD is coming to judge the earth.

All: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:1-14 (p. 162, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Boundaries, the Goal, and the Authority" Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach "Jesus Shall Reign" #231

**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 ev'ry creature rise and bring its grateful honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud "Amen!"**

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one, holy, universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed..., saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Gift of Music

"In This Moment of Remembrance"
(Words and credits on p. 7)

Sanctuary Choir

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Communion

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“The Kingdom of God”

#547, vs 1 & 3

**John saw the heav’n and earth made new, the first had passed away,
The holy city coming down, the new Jerusalem.**

**“Behold, I make all things anew,” these faithful words are true,
To him who overcometh sin, on earth with God shall rule.**

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

“In This Moment of Remembrance”

(Dale Wood and Carlton C. Buck)

In this moment of remembrance the sacrament is spread;
Here we celebrate Christ’s presence through the wine and broken bread.
At this table of communion, in the light shed from above,
We are sheltered in his mercy and surrounded by his love.

There is healing and forgiveness, there is strength as we partake;
Here we know the Saviour’s promise that he never will forsake.
“Take and do this in remembrance,” are the words our Saviour said;
And we join now in the presence through the wine and broken bread.
“Take and do this in remembrance, in remembrance of me.”

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