



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 13, 2026

16th 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, without you we are not able to please you. In your mercy, grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

*The Introit

"To God Be the Glory"

#66

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.

Refrain:

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!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

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

"Thanks and Praise"

(Jonny Riggs, Chloe Edmonds, & Lucy Grimble)

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

We are here together to lift our hearts as one.

We're in our Father's presence, his Spirit is with us.

Refrain:

It is good to lift the name of the Lord, our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

For his heart is overflowing with love for us

And his mercy, we can never contain.

And each and every morning we'll tell of his great love,

Of all his faithful mercies and all that He has done.

For who can match his kindness and who can count his works.

Oh, let our praise continue 'til evening draws in close. *(Refrain)*

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

*Hymn of Praise

"Jesus Loves Me"

#579, v 1

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Call to Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“His Glory and My Good”

(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Ben Fielding)

**I have seen my Father’s glory revealed in Jesus Christ.
And the more that I behold him the more he satisfies.
When I gaze upon his beauty when I see him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward for his glory and my good.**

**There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards him and help me bear the thorn.
So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood.
For I know that he is working for his glory and my good.**

Refrain:

**To our God be the glory, to our God be praise.
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God,
For I know his glory is my good.**

**See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day.
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise.
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood.
Yes, I know that he has saved me for his glory and my good. *(Refrain)***

**Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise him for his glory and my good.**

**To our God be the glory, to our God be praise.
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God,
For I know his glory is my good.**

**To our God be the glory, to our God be praise.
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God,
For I know his glory is my good.
For I know his glory is my good.**

Epistle lesson: Romans 1:1-17 (p. 152, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 33

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

All: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear the LORD, on those who hope in the LORD's steadfast love,

Leader: To deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

All: Our soul waits for the LORD; the LORD is our help and shield.

Leader: Our heart is glad in the LORD because we trust in the holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

*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 1:9-14 (pp. 91-92, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Becoming Children of God"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

#409

**I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.**

**But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

**I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart.**

**But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

**I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing all of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in Him.**

**But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

**I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair,
Nor if I walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."**

**But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

Prayers of the People

Ron Phillips

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

“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

Oluseye Popoola

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.

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