



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 20, 2026

17th 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: 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

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*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

John Hillmer

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

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

#96

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

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.

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

*Hymn of Praise

“Change My Heart, O God”

(Eddie Espinosa)

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Call to Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Only a Holy God”

(Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, & Rich Thompson)

**Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.**

**What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.**

**Come and behold him the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God.
Come and worship the holy God.**

**What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.**

**Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him Father?
Only a holy God.**

**Come and behold him the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God.
Come and worship the holy God.**

Epistle lesson: Romans 14:7-23 (p. 163, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 72 (Selected verses)

Leader: Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

All: May the King judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

All: May the King defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Leader: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

All: May he have dominion from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

All: Blessed be the LORD's glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

*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: Luke 19:41-44 (p. 83 New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What Makes For Peace"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“We Are God’s People”

#283

**We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God’s loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.**

**We are the body of which the Lord is head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

Prayers of the People

Margaret Friesen

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

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.

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