



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 18, 2026

21st 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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through Jesus Christ our Saviour, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

*The Introit

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

#559, v 1

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home;

All is safely gathered in, e're the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied:

Come to God's own temple, come—raise the song of harvest-home.

Call to Worship and Prayer

Chris Senger

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

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

(Rick Founds)

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

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life,

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high. (2x)

“Kings of Kings”

(Jason Ingram, Brooke Ligertwood & Scott Ligertwood)

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,

Till from heaven you came running. There was mercy in your eyes.

To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word

From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Refrain:

Praise the Father, praise the Son,

Praise the Spirit, three in one.

God of glory, majesty,

Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,

To redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross.

For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.

Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died. (Refrain)

And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath,

Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,

For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.

Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.

By his blood and in his name, in his freedom I am free,

For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. (Refrain)

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#92

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!**

Epistle lesson Romans 3:9, 10, 19-24 (p. 154, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

All: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

All: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

All: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

All: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Leader: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*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 3:16-21 (p. 94, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Role of Law and the Role of Jesus"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“And Can It Be?”

#203

**And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

Refrain:

**Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**

**He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. *(Refrain)***

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray: I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee. *(Refrain)***

**No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *(Refrain)***

Prayers of the People

Eric Warren

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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#556, v 1

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

Following the service, you are invited to the lower hall for a special Missions luncheon.

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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