

First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, November 22, 2026

Last 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: Father in heaven, your Son came into the world to destroy the works of the devil and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; so that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering — Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service — Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit — "Freedom Reigns" — *(Kim Walker & Michael Larson)*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom;
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom;
Lift your eyes to heaven, there is freedom.
Lift your eyes to heaven, there is freedom.

Freedom reigns in this place,
Showers of mercy and grace,
Falling on ev'ry face, there is freedom.

If you're tired and thirsty, there is freedom;
If you're tired and thirsty, there is freedom;
Give your all to Jesus, there is freedom.
Give your all to Jesus, there is freedom.

Jesus reigns in this place,
Showers of mercy and grace,
Falling on ev'ry face, there is freedom.

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 "Come Christians, Join to Sing" #108

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

Come, Christians, join to sing, alleluia, amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King, alleluia, amen!
Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice; alleluia, amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; alleluia, amen!
Let praises fill the sky; alleluia, amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end; alleluia, amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; alleluia, amen!
Life shall not end the strain; alleluia, amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more, alleluia, amen!

Children's Blessing — Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession — Cheryl Johnston
Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation "What a Beautiful Name"
(Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood)

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High;
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in you, our Christ.

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater; what could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. (2x)

Death could not hold you; the veil tore before you.
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory,
For you are raised to life again.

You have no rival, you have no equal.
Now and forever, God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory.
Yours is the name above all names.

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus. (3x)

Scripture Reader Susan Bornowsky

Epistle lesson: Romans 10:5-13 (p. 160, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 22:23-31

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

All: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

All: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

All: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

*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 12:20-33 (pp. 106-107, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Jesus Is Our Only Hope" Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymns of Response "Lord You Are"

Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with you.

"Hallelujah, What a Saviour" #175

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood—
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he,
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

Lifted up was he to die; "It is finished" was his cry;
Now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

Prayers of the People John Hillmer

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 "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"
(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Michael Farren)

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

*Benediction Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing Xavier Russell-MacLean

Business Meeting Following the Morning Service
Following the Music for Departing, we will have our November congregational meeting in the lower hall. Our proposed 2027 budget will be the main topic of discussion. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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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