



# First Baptist Church

JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024

10:45am

### Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

### Prelude

*Jesus Loves Me with Jesus Loves the Little Children*

arr. Sorenson

### Call of Approach

Chad Hartsock and People

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned.

A new day has been born,  
and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

**We celebrate the beauty of creation  
and the wonder of human family.**

**We remember those whose love has shaped our lives  
and those whose struggles for justice  
have been unsleeping despite opposition.**

We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts,  
to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

**May God bless us,**

**so that what we do in this time together**

**may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.\*\***

**\*Hymns of Praise Medley 362 and 364**

*I Love You, Lord*

I LOVE YOU, LORD

*I Love Thee*

ANONYMOUS

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

Bethany Davenport

**Hymn**

*Welcoming God*

ASSURANCE

(tune: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*)

**Hymn 603**

*Jesus Love Me This I Know* (verse 1)

CHINA

**Prayer of Confession**

Major Treadway and People

Gracious God, we open our hearts and confess our sins—  
against you, against our neighbor, against even ourselves.  
For the wrongs of our minds, our hearts, our hands,  
our spirits—

**Forgive us.**

For failing to love our neighbors and failing to love  
ourselves—

**Forgive us.**

For trusting others or things more than trusting you—

**Forgive us.**

For the waste of your gifts—

**Forgive us.**

For our part, known and unknown, in the suffering of any  
of your children—

**Forgive us.**

For our failures in justice and peace—

**Forgive us.**

For all the times we do not walk the way of love—

**Forgive us in the name of Jesus Christ who goes before  
us, so that we can know love. Amen.\*\***

**Prayer Response 389**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

**\*Hymn of Unity 270**

*Christian Hearts, in Love United*

CASELL

**Offertory Prayer**

Kevin Davenport

**Offertory**

*I Love You, Lord*

arr. Larson

*Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray*

DIADEMATA

## Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Susan Garber

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Hymn of Proclamation 440

*Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*

GIFT OF LOVE

**Sermon**

*In Love*

Major Treadway

**Time of Reflection and Response**

*The Love of God*

arr. Root

**\*Hymn of Commitment and Departing 281**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

**\*Benediction**

Major Treadway

\*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

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## THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

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### ***Sunday, August 4***

- 9:30am Bible Study Classes for Adults/Various Rooms
- 9:30am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook and Youtube
- 5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

### ***Monday, August 5***

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- 8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

### ***Tuesday, August 6***

- 12:00pm Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting/Office

### ***Wednesday, August 7***

- 5:00pm Youth Gathering/214
- 6:00pm Common Prayer, Bible Study, Music Ste

### ***Thursday, August 8***

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

### ***Friday, August 9—Church Office Closed***

### ***Sunday, August 11***

- 9:30am Bible Study Classes for Adults/Various Rooms
- 9:30am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook and Youtube
- 10:45am Children's Bible Study/Birth-K Room 119, 1st-5th grade Room 218
- 5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

## ***Welcome to First Baptist Church!***

**Our membership is open to all persons regardless of race, social status, gender, and sexual identity and affirms our motto, “Breaking down barriers to proclaim the love of Christ.”**

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant  
Angie France, Organist  
Dr. Chad Hartsock, Minister for Students  
Steven Lloyd, Custodian  
Rev. Nnette Measels, Minister of Music and Worship  
Cameron Rowlett, Video Editor  
Melanie Simpson, Pianist  
Karen Treadway, Interim Administrative Coordinator  
Dr. Major Treadway, Senior Pastor

### **Deacons & Minister of the Week:**

Carolyn Blevins & Mel Hawkins/Major Treadway

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### **CONTACT US**

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### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30pm, Closed on Friday

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<https://onrealm.org/fbcjeff/give/now>

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