



First Baptist Church

J E F F E R S O N C I T Y T E N N E S S E E



THE WORSHIP OF GOD Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

10:45am

Centering Words (Matthew 10)

*In Christ Jesus,
all are welcome here.
Welcome, people of God!*

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Berry

Call to Worship

In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

In faith, we seek to follow God as we travel through life.

In faith, the church seeks to discern the future
to which God calls us in our age.

**In faith, we gather now to worship,
seeking new life in Christ.**

God of present, past, and future,

guide us now into your new age of promise.

Let us worship together.**

Musical Call to Worship

Guide My Feet

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Worship Ensemble

Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race,
Search my heart while I run this race,
Search my heart while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

***Hymn of Proclamation 425**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

(Children, meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study.)

Offertory Prayer

Ricke Hester

Offertory

The Blessing

arr. Kingsmore

Response of Thanksgiving (707 tune)

Laney/OLD 100TH

Do justice, says the One we praise,
in loving kindness spend your days,
walk humbly with the living Christ:
the way, the truth, our endless life! Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Major Treadway and People

O God of watchful care, you have offered us,
and our ancestors before us,
Your life-giving presence, yet we don't always respond.

**Your abundance overwhelms us;
Your faithfulness confounds us,
and we draw back.**

You have shown us in Jesus the humanity

You have long hoped could be ours.

**It sounds so good—freedom, justice, and peace—
but it asks so much of us!**

**And forgetting to rely on the help of your Spirit,
we grow discouraged or indifferent too easily.**

And yet, we do want what you want—

a new creation where we shall live,
one and all, as Your children.

So let this newness now be in us!

Forgive what lies behind

and turn our hearts and hands to what is ahead.

Refresh our hope and vision as Your church

and renew our commitment to the many ministries
in which we serve.

May we nurture one another as we share

the mystery of life and

the proclamation of the Gospel!

This we pray, trusting in you, transforming God!

Amen. ****

***Hymn of Formation 291**

God of Beauty, Truth, and Goodness

MOSSY CREEK

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Cyndi Harrell

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were

killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Musical Offering

Follow On

arr. Muskrat

Men's Quartet: Thomas Bass, Tom O'Neal,
Bill Rosser, Clark Measels

Down in the valley with my Savior I would go,
where the flow'rs are blooming and the sweet waters flow,
ev'rywhere He leads me I would follow, follow on,
walking in His footsteps till the crown be won.

Chorus

Follow! Follow! I would follow Jesus!
Anywhere, ev'rywhere, I would follow on!
Follow! Follow! I would follow Jesus!
Ev'rywhere he leads me I would follow on!

Down in the valley with my Savior I would go,
where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow;
with His hand to lead me I will never, never fear,
danger cannot fright me if my Lord is near. [Chorus]

Down in the valley, or upon the mountain steep,
close beside my Savior would my soul ever keep;
He will lead me safely in the path that He has trod,
up to where they gather on the hills of God. [Chorus]

Sermon

Can I Get a Witness?

Major Treadway

with Cary Bible, Pam Hester, Karen Smith

Time of Reflection and Response

To Worship, Work, and Witness

arr. Dicie

*Hymn of Departing 513

Go Now in Peace

EARTH AND ALL STARS (abridged)

*Benediction

Major Treadway

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

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, August 17

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, August 18

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, August 19

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, August 20

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Chicken)/
Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Common Prayer and Bible Study/Music Ste.

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste.

Thursday, August 21

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, August 22 - Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, August 24, 2025:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6;

Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

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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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We are glad that you are here!

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card.

You can also scan the code to submit a prayer request or let us know that you are interested in membership at First Baptist. Response cards and offering envelopes are also available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.