



# 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

10:45am

**Centering Words** (Matthew 10)

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

**Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation**

Major Treadway

**Prelude**

*Simple Gifts/Brethren We have Met to Worship* arr. Kelsey

**Call to Worship**

(Psalm 16:11, Luke 10:39) Nnette Measels and People

In the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy;  
at His right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Draw near to the Lord, sit at His feet,  
listen to His teaching and worship Him.\*\*

**Let us worship the Lord together.**

**\*Hymn of Praise 352**

*All Praise to Thee*

SINE NOMINE

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

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 81:10-13

Joel Sanford

I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.  
But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.  
So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.  
O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

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

**\*Hymn of Unity 275***Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother*

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**Offertory Prayer**

Karen Treadway

**Offertory***Open Our Eyes*

arr. Sharon Wilson

**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, we confess that we have not acknowledged you  
as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves.

**We have been far more ready to complain  
when things go wrong than to praise when all is well.**

We have fed our bodies a rich diet  
while neglecting to feed our souls.

**Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us  
than sensitivity and service.**

We have allowed religious words and forms  
to substitute for living encounters  
with the persons you have called us to love.

**Forgive us, compassionate Creator,  
and grant us the opportunity  
to start over again in this new week.**

Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past  
or from new evils that could mislead or destroy.

**In the name of Christ, we offer our earnest prayers  
for forgiveness and deliverance. Amen.\*\***

### **Prayer Response Hymn 392**

*Open Our Eyes*

OPEN OUR EYES

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Kristi Sanford

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

## Musical Offering

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Althouse

### Worship Ensemble

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

### Chorus

When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn, will be our delight,  
till by turning, turning we come 'round right.  
'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the gift to be kind.  
'Tis the gift of grace we know that we will find.  
And when we see the light at the break of day,  
we'll know that the truth will show us the way. [Chorus]

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'twill be in the valley of love and delight. [Chorus]

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'tis the gift to be simple and free.

**Sermon**

*Places of Honor*

Major Treadway

### **Time of Reflection and Response**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Shackley

### **\*Hymn of Service and Departing 652**

*Make Me a Servant*

SERVANT

**\*Benediction**

Major Treadway

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

## ***The Coming Week at FBC***

### ***Sunday, August 31***

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

### ***Monday, September 1, Labor Day - Church Office Closed***

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

### ***Tuesday, September 2***

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

### ***Wednesday, September 3***

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

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

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 103

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

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste.

### ***Thursday, September 4***

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

### ***Friday, September 5 - Church Office Closed***

Readings for next Sunday, September 7, 2025: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33
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