



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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

Love

Keveren

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock and People

God alone is our rock and our salvation,

Our stronghold in whom we dwell secure.

In God alone is our safety and our honor;

God is our strong defense and our refuge.

Put your trust in God always,

and pour out your hearts before God in prayer.

Power belongs to the Lord alone,

and steadfast love is God's promise to us.**

*Hymn of Praise 281

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

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

Scripture Reading

Edward Treadway

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

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

***Hymn of Identity 264**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

RESIGNATION

Where charity and love prevail,
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
By love we thus are bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ God's holy Son;
As members of each body joined,
In Him we are made one.
Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be His our only peace

For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.
We now forgive each other's faults
As we our own confess,
That we may love each other well
In Christian gentleness.

Offertory Prayer

Ann Porter

Offertory

Jesu

Brickman

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God!

Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy,'

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth,

and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

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

Litany of God's Calling and Our Response 470

Major Treadway and People

Prayer Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Carter

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

Scripture Reading

Julia and Thomas Bass

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will

***Response of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* *Kemper/OLD 100th*

Praise God whose light upon us shines,
Praise Word made flesh by love's design,
Praise Spirit who reveals the way
to wise ones seeking to this day. Amen.***

Musical Offering

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Choplin

Worship Ensemble

Beloved, let us love one another
with love that comes from God. [repeat]
For love is from God,
And ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
For love is from God,
and ev'ryone who loves surely knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God
for God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another,
Beloved, let us love one another
with love that comes from God. [repeat]

Let us love one another,
so let us love.

Sermon

A Call to Love

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

More Love to Thee, O Christ

arr. Wolz

Communion

Ministers, Deacons and People

***Hymn of Unity 272**

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

ST. BRENDAN'S

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

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

Communion and Children

At First Baptist, each family may decide when children should begin receiving communion. Children whose families decide that they need to wait to receive

Communion can come forward to receive a blessing. They may signify that they wish to receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chests when they approach a deacon who is serving bread. It is our hope that this option will provide all children a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, "Let the little children come to me."

Our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, February 2

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, February 3

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, February 4

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Office

Wednesday, February 5

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

5:00pm WNS (Lasagna) Fellowship Hall

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 218

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

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste.

Thursday, February 6

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, February 7—Church Office Closed

Saturday, February 8

1:00pm Celebration of Life for Maurine Hansen

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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.”

CHURCH STAFF

Angie France, Organist

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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.