



First Baptist Church

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Boy Scout Sunday

February 8, 2026

10:45am

Centering Words

Today and everyday Jesus says, "Come! Follow Me."

Today and every day, let us answer,
"You, Lord Jesus, are the one we seek."

**Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Scout Recognition/
Invocation**

Bill Ellis

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Bennett

Call to Worship

Jocelyn McPeak and People

Children of God, today Jesus calls to each of us:
"Come! Follow me!"

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

Some say, "But we are walking in darkness."

In Christ, we have seen God's light.

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

Some say, "But divisions tear us apart."

In Christ we are united in mind and purpose.

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

Children of God, today we gather to worship God
and to follow Jesus.

The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Musical Offering

I Have a Song

Tracey

Music Makers; Pam Hester, director;
workers: Angie France, Julia Bass, Donna Dobyns, Susan Garber

I have a song, a joyful song,
music of love and light.

I will rejoice and live each day,
growing in grace, sharing my praise,
giving my song to the Lord!

I have a song, a joyful song,
music of hope and peace,
I will rejoice and live each day,
growing in grace, sharing my praise
giving my song to the Lord!

Alleluia! I will make a beautiful noise,
Alleluia! I will sing and lift up my voice.

I have a song, a song to share,
music to change the world!
I will rejoice and live each day,
growing in grace, sharing my praise
giving my song to the Lord!

***Hymn of Epiphany 155**

We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light

SIYAHAMBA

Music Makers, Congregation, Carey Bible, cajon

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Ray Dalton

Shout out; do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

***Hymn of Following 495**

Step by Step

STEP BY STEP

Prayer for Yearning

Chad Hartsock and People

Jesus, You come into our lives
as a light shining in our darkness,
and You call us to follow You.

We long to seek You.

We long to follow You.

Sometimes our losses and failures overwhelm us,
and we don't hear Your call.

**Sometimes we are caught up in our disagreements
and our desires to prevail,
and we don't hear Your call.**

Sometimes we are so busy with our responsibilities
and our successes, comfortable in our routines,
and we don't hear Your call.

Yet, we have seen Your great light.

**We have heard Your appeal to come together
in mind and purpose.**

May we, like Peter and Andrew, and James and John,
step away from our darkness and our conflicts
and our devotion to our set ways.

**Help us to hear Your call,
for Your kingdom draws near. Amen.****

Prayer Response Hymn 96

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Caroline Simpson, solo; Congregation

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
 the people who sat in darkness
 have seen a great light,
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
 light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

***Hymn of Service 660**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

Offertory Prayer

Peggy Dalton

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Berry

***Response of Thanksgiving**

Doxology

Laney/OLD 100th

O Light of lights to you we sing!
 With seeking Magi, gifts we bring
 in thanks for Love among us come,
 enfleshed, a child, beloved One! Amen.***

Musical Offering

Footsteps

Cook/Courtney

Worship Ensemble

I see His footsteps in the way,
 and follow them through darkest night.
 unafraid, I stumble not,
 in the glow of perfect light, I see.

I walk in footsteps of His love,
 and find His light leads on before.

Then He gently turns to me,
 softly whispers, “trust me more.”
 I walk, I walk.

Then as I follow in His way,
my path ahead will brightly shine,
for in His path of guiding light,
I find His footsteps first,
I find His footstep first,
then mine.

Sermon *On Following* Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest arr. Schalk

***Hymn of Unity 278**

We Are Travelers on a Journey BEACH SPRING

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

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

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, February 8

2:00pm Church Advisory Council/Music Suite

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, February 9

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, February 10

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, February 11

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

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

6:00pm Valentine Bingo/Fellowship Hall

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste.

Thursday, February 12

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, February 13 - Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:
Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9, (10)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

Readings for Next Sunday:
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

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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

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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.