



First Baptist Church

JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE



THE WORSHIP OF GOD Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

May 3, 2026

10:45am

Centering Words

Trusting God sounds so simple,
but trust is a journey.
Join the journey toward trust,
for Christ will show us the way.

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

Medley of Praise

arr. Keveren

Call to Worship

Seth Hunnicutt

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." In the sacred hush of this moment, Jesus whispers in the darkness to the very depths of our souls: "Believe in God; believe also in me."

We come this morning with open hearts. We seek a faith that is more than just a quiet thought, but rather an abiding lamp that guides our every word and deed.

We often contain our belief to unspoken thoughts or reserve it for the joyful songs of a Sunday morning. But Jesus whispers beyond the dark, "the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do," inviting us into a sacred belief that blazes in the whole of our being.

May Your holy fire and light help us to believe. Transform our speech, redirect our thoughts, bring a holy peace to our words, and grant us the tools to shine Your love amidst the darkness of the world.

To believe in Jesus is to find comfort in His presence and walk in His footsteps. He teaches us that belief is to let His love flow through the merciful work of our hands.

May our belief shine forth in thought, word, and deed. May our worship here be the holy beginning to our belief in action—carried out into a hurting world.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Becky Stout

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and
persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

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

Pastoral Prayer

Major Treadway

Prayer Response

A Clean Heart
Worship Ensemble

Harlan

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart,
renew my spirit, renew my spirit.
Create in me a clean heart.
REPEAT

A heart that's free to give
as You have given to me,
a heart that's free to love
as You have loved me,
a heart that really cares,
a heart that always shares.
Create in me a clean heart.

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Create in me a clean heart,
renew my spirit, renew my spirit.
Create in me a clean heart.

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

Joe Dobyns

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."
Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does His works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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***Hymn of Testimony 588** *I Know Whom I Have Believed* EL NATHAN

Offertory Prayer Donna Dobyns

Offertory *In Christ Alone* arr. Keveren

***Response of Thanksgiving (307 tune)** LASST UNS ERFRUEN/Luti

Praise God whose mercies never cease;
Praise Christ the Dawn, our Easter peace!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Spirit, making all things new;
One God, we sing our thanks to you!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Musical Offering *Let My Whole Life Be Filled with Praise* T. Wilson
Worship Ensemble

O Lord, my God, let my whole life
be filled with joyful praise.
And every day I will proclaim
Your kind redeeming ways.
Let every word I speak today
bring hope and not despair.
So those I meet along the way
will see the Christ who cares.
I pray the journey that I walk
will honor you, O Lord.
For every step and prayerful thought
is guided by Your Word.
I know the story that I sing
is ageless and is strong.
It heals and brings new life
to all who join in God's love song.

Sermon *Believe, Believe, Believe* Major Treadway

Communion

Time of Reflection and Response *I Am Thine, O Lord* arr. Smith

***Hymn of Declaration of Faith 208**

He Is Lord

HE IS LORD

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

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

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, May 3-Communion Sunday

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, May 4

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, May 5

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, May 6

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm WNS (Taco Salad)/Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Common Prayer and Bible Study/Choir Suite

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Choir Suite

Thursday, May 7

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, May 8-Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Readings for Next Sunday:

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

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Deacons & Minister of the Week: May 3-May 9

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Wi-Fi: FBCJC-Guest/Password:Welcome2026

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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.