First Baptist Church
JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 10:45am

Centering Words
We gather to learn about God.
We gather to know Christ more deeply.
We gather to remember and give thanks
that we are a part of the community of faith—
a community that reaches around the world.

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation
Major Treadway

Prelude
Psalm 19 Marcello/Lau

Call to Worship (Psalm 19) Nenette Measels

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
We too proclaim what God has done in our lives.
Voices of praise shout to the ends of the earth.
May we join the chorus
as we sing of God's great and abiding love!**

***Hymn of Praise 323**
How Great Thou Art HOW GREAT THOU ART

Scripture Reading Psalm 19: 7-10, 14 Edward Treadway

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable to you.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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

***Hymn of Proclamation 425**
How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

Prayer of Confession Major Treadway and People

God of grace, from the very beginning,
You have watched over Your people
and given them ways to live in harmony
with one another.
But too often we have forgotten Your ways.
Forgive us for mocking Your holy name.
Forgive us for harming others and ourselves.
Forgive us for stealing ideas and property from others.
Forgive us for being jealous.
Forgive us for neglecting to rest our bodies, minds and spirits.
Forgive us for turning away from You.
Holy One, grant us your mercy;
and help us live again in Your ways
of love and grace. Amen.

Offertory Prayer Carolyn Blevins

Offertory
Come, Thou Fount arr. France
Catherine Davenport, violin; Angie France, organ

***Response of Praise (707 tune)** OLD HUNDRETH/Luti
Praise God whose mercies never cease,
whose justice raises up the least
and sits all creatures down to feast—
God's mercy is our hope and peace!*** Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:33-46 Clark Measels

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"
They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."
Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."
When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Musical Offering

A Communion of Compassion Stewart/Johnson

Worship Ensemble

When our hearts are open wide,
our eyes will learn to see
a hunger in the hunger,
a need within the need.
Then our ears will understand
the Word within the words.
We will see as we are seen,
and hear as we are heard.

<u>Chorus</u>

Let your life become a table.
Let your living be a feast,
a communion of compassion,
serving love with grace and peace.

Be the bread and cup of kindness,
fill the body, feed the soul,
see God's tenderhearted mercy
heal the world and make it whole.

Be a cup of kindness poured
completely to the brim.
Lift it up that all may taste
and drink the sweetness in.
Be the bread to those who hunger
and nourish them with love
as Christ, whose lovingkindness
has fed us from above. [repeat Chorus]

We share one cup of blessing;
we share one loaf of bread.
In Christ, we are one body;
by grace, we all are fed. [repeat Chorus]

Watch God's tenderhearted mercy
heal the world and make it whole.

Sermon *Whose Vineyard?* Major Treadway

Time of Preparation 303
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

Communion

Time of Reflection and Response
How Great Thou Art arr. Rice

***Departing Hymn 513**
Go Now in Peace EARTH AND ALL STARS (abridged)

***Benediction** Major Treadway

*Please rise by standing or lifting your heart.

Communion and Children

There are many perspectives on when it is appropriate for children to begin taking Communion. At First Baptist, each family may decide when children should begin. Children whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing. To signify that they wish to receive a blessing but not Communion, children should cross their arms over their chests when they approach the person serving the bread. This option will provide all children a way to 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, October 4 - Communion Sunday

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, October 5

6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 194/Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 76/Fellowship Hall
7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, October 6

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, October 7

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor
5:00pm WNS (Spaghetti)/Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Music Makers/Room 103
5:45pm Young Musicians/Room 103
6:00pm Common Prayer and Bible Study/Music Suite
6:45pm Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Suite

Thursday, October 8

8:30am Men's Breakfast

Friday, October 2 - Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:	Readings for Next Sunday:
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 19	Psalm 106:1-6
Philippians 3:4b-11	Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 21-33-46	Matthew 22:1-14

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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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Deacons & Minister of the Week: October 4 - October 10
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Wi-Fi: FBCJC-Guest/Password:Welcome2026

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.