



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

10:45am

Centering Words (Matthew 10)

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

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Bennett

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock and People

Let us worship God who is rich in mercy,
who makes alive when we are dead,
who gives new life out of great love for us.
Let us worship God together.**

***Hymn of Praise 58**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

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

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Robert Burts

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Hymn of Testimony 587Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

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Prayer of Confession

Major Treadway and People

Holy God, we don't understand why you keep on loving us.

We hurt our loved ones. We turn our backs on need.

We seek revenge for petty wrongs in petty ways.

We don't understand why you keep on loving us.

Yet even as we speak these words,
we know your presence and your love.

**Forgive us, O God, for we know
that sins against one another are sins
against You.**

**Make us strong and tender, we pray,
that we may live more
as You would have us live.**

Amen.**

Prayer Response Hymn 405*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

Offertory Prayer

Angie France

Offertory

The Lord Is My Shepherd

arr. Willings

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.***

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Donna Dobyns

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

Musical Offering

Shepherd of My Soul

S. Dengler/L. Dengler

Worship Ensemble

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,
Guardian of each step I take,
lead me, lead me, lead me in your way.

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,
Author of each plan I make,
lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.

The Lord will always be my shepherd.

The Lord will always be my guide;

He leads me into pleasant places,
and keeps me safe, and keeps me safe,
He keeps me safe by His side.

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,
Guardian of each step I take,
lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.

When I am lost, my Shepherd finds me
and brings me back into the fold;
He speaks to me with words of comfort,
and shelters me, and shelters me,
He shelters me from the cold.

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,
Guardian of each step I take,
lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,
Author of each plan I make,
lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.

Shepherd of my soul, lead me in Your way.

Sermon

Oneanothering

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

The Good Shepherd

arr. Powell

Departing Song (tune *Amazing Grace*)

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Through Christ you are a child of God,
Who dearly loves us all.

Go forth in peace to share God's love;
Rise up to heed Christ's call.**

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, September 14

- 2:00pm Church Advisory Council Mtg./Music Suite
5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, September 15

- 6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, September 16

- 1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, September 17

- 9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301
4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Lasagna)/
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 18

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, September 19- Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, September 21, 2025:
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9;
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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September 14 - September 20

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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.