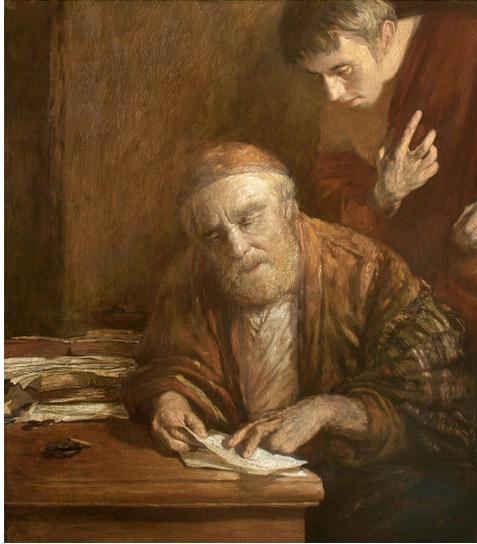




First Baptist Church

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

10:45am

Centering Words (Matthew 10)

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

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Major Treadway

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Chesterton/Kellner

Call to Worship

Major Treadway

God has been acting in our lives
and in the world around us this past week.

**We have come for this hour of worship
to make ourselves more aware of God
and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

God is here even now, ready to strengthen us
and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

Fill us with your goodness, O God.

**Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world
that we might fulfill the purpose
for which you created us.****

Let us worship God together.

***Hymn of Praise 436**

Seek Ye First

LAFERTY

Seek you first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you
seek and you shall find,
knock, and the door
shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

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

Scripture Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Clark Measels

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

***Hymn of Praise and Adoration 364**

I Love Thee

I LOVE THEE

Pastoral Prayer

Major Treadway

Prayer Response Hymn 490

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

Offertory Prayer

Karen Smith

Offertory

Because I Have Been Given Much

arr. Kerrick

***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 16:1-13 Bud Smith

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

Musical Offering

Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven

Choplin

Nenette Measels, solo; Worship Ensemble

Chorus

“Lay up your treasures in heaven.

O people, lay up your treasures in glory
where nothing in this world can take them away,”

O listen people hear the Master say,

“Come and lay up your treasures in heaven.

O people, lay up your treasures in glory,
your treasures in this world will fade away
but the things of the Lord will last forevermore!”

Well the Lord looked out and saw the people there.

Tied up in worry and burdened with care,

He said, “Seek first the kingdom and you will see
the things that will last for eternity,
come and [repeat Chorus]

Some people trust in their silver and gold,
they put their faith in the wealth they hold.

But fortunes will fade and kingdoms fall.

So put your trust in the Lord of all,
won't you [repeat Chorus]

Forevermore, forevermore!”

Sermon

Use Wealth Shrewdly?

Chad Hartsock

Time of Reflection and Response

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

arr. McDonald

***Departing Hymn of Service 652**

Make Me a Servant

SERVANT

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

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

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, September 21

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, September 22

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, September 23

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, September 24

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Taco Salad)/
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 25

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, September 26 - Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, September 28, 2025:
Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6;
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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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."

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September 21 - September 27

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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.