



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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 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

My Tribute

arr. Purifoy

Call to Worship

Bethany Davenport and People

When we stumble and faith falters,
God's faithfulness bears us along.

**When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong,
God's faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.**

When our daily duties distract, and our visions grow fuzzy,
God's faithfulness pierces the fog to beckon us.

God's faithfulness endures forever!

We lift our hearts in praise to the One

Who is our God this day and forever more!

Let us worship God together.**

***Hymn of Praise 45**

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

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

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Natalie Clark

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

***Hymn of Testimony 625**

Standing on the Promises

Promises

Prayer of Confession

Major Treadway and People

O God, our God, we celebrate the new life
which You have given us.

**We have experienced broken lives made whole,
old wounds of alienation healed over,
and tired spirits rejuvenated with new vision.**

Gracious God, we are so grateful
for the purpose and possibilities
you have placed before us.

Yet there are times when doubt has overcome hope,
cynicism has replaced dedication,
the world's values have captured us more than yours.

Forgive us those times, we pray.

**Help us let go of the past that we might move joyfully
into a new future that points to your love and justice.**

Amen.**

Prayer Response Hymn 400 (verse 1)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Offertory Prayer

Cary Bible

Offertory

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Keveren

*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.***

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Karen Treadway

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am

in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house-- for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

Musical Offering

Still Changing Me

Metzger

Worship Ensemble

Buried in brokenness, burdened by strife;
raised up in glory, in newness of life.

All my iniquity nailed to the tree,
and my precious Savior is still changing me.

Drawn by the tempter’s snares;
then called by the Father, I run to His arms.

Mercy and love is where I choose to be.
and my blessed Redeemer is still changing me.

Jesus, the fountain that cleansed ev’ry stain;
how precious is the flow!

Though I was scarlet I now will proclaim:
He washed me whiter than snow!

Oceans of tenderness, rivers of grace;
hope for the dawning and light for my days.

All my tomorrows, He holds the key
for my precious Jesus is still changing me.

He’s still changing me.

Sermon

Major Treadway

Cultivating Sustainable Faith:

Listening for the Promises of God

Time of Reflection and Response

If My People's Hearts Are Humbled

arr. Page

*Departing Hymn of Calling 477

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Benediction

Major Treadway

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

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, September 28

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, September 29

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, September 30

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, October 1

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Chicken)/
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, October 2

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, October 3 - Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, October 5, 2025: Lamentation 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

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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 28 - October 4

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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.