First Baptist Church
JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026 10:45am

Centering Words**
Open the eyes of my heart, O God.
Help us see more clearly, think more openly,
feel more deeply and love more abundantly.

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation
Chad Hartsock

Prelude
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee/
Praise to the Lord the Almighty/ Doxology arr. Bennett

Call to Worship Chad Hartsock

Come into the light of God,
Christ's brightness will guide our way.
Come into the wisdom of God,
The Spirit's insight will reveal new truths.
Come into the praise of God,
Worship opens new doors in our hearts.
Come, let us worship.**

***Hymn of Gathering 310**
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

Scripture Reading Catherine Davenport

Psalm 149:1-5,9b (CEB)

Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!
Let Israel celebrate its maker;
let Zion's children rejoice in their king!
Let them praise God's name with dance;
let them sing God's praise with the drum and lyre!
Because the Lord is pleased with his people,
God will beautify the poor with saving help.
Let the faithful celebrate with glory;
let them shout for joy on their beds.
Praise the Lord!

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

Pastoral Prayer Major Treadway

Prayer Response 694
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive MORNING SONG

Offertory Prayer Jim Wilson

Offertory
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name arr. Berry

***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 18:15-20 Jean Love

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on

earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Musical Offering *Song of Unity* Marolli
Worship Ensemble

Behold how good and how pleasant it is
for people to walk hand in hand.
How precious, how glorious
when God's people dwell in unity
all through the land.

When the ties that bind us are stronger by far
than the walls that can only divide.
Behold how good and how pleasant it is
when God's people stand side by side.

Behold how good and how pleasant it is
when led by the call from above,
through words and through actions
all God's people tell
the story of peace and love.

When the roads of compassion and love
lead us home,
far away from the wasteland of fear.
How precious, how glorious
when God's people choose
to hold loving kindness dear!

Hand in hand, side by side,
we will build what the darkness would divide!
World of light, world of peace,
kingdom where hate and division shall cease!

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above!

We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

Hand in hand, side by side,
we will build what the darkness would divide!
World of light, world of peace,
kingdom where hate and division shall cease!

Behold how good and how pleasant it is
for people to walk hand in hand.
How precious, how glorious
when God's people dwell in unity
all through the land.

When, in wholeness through Christ,
we establish a world
where the lost have no longer to roam,
where each wandering soul finds a haven of love,
embraced like a child at home. (REPEAT)

Sermon *Together* Major Treadway

Communion

Time of Reflection and Response
We Are One Skillings

***Hymn of Identity and Departing 267**
Blest Be the Tie That Binds RESIGNATION

***Benediction** Dennis

*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, September 6 - Communion Sunday

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, September 7 - Church Office Closed

6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 194/Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 76/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 8

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, September 9

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor
5:00pm WNS (Barbecue)/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, September 10

8:30am Men's Breakfast

Friday, September 11 - Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:	Readings for Next Sunday:
Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 14:17-31
Psalm 149	Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35

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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."

CHURCH STAFF

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Deacons & Minister of the Week:

September 6 - September 12

Betty Watkins/Jean Love/Chad Hartsock

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Wi-Fi: FBCJC-Guest/Password:Welcome2026

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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.