



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 Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

May 18, 2025

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Major Treadway

Prelude

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

arr. Kelperen

Call to Worship

Clark Measels and People

Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

Listen, for God's voice is not obvious.

We who come to worship the God who became one of us.

Who calls us by name,

Who is God Incarnate,

Who is!

Let us gather together in joy and hope—

Let us worship the God of Love!**

*Hymn of Praise 281

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Led by Clark Measels

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

Responsive Reading 257

The Church as Community

Bethany Davenport and People

Pastoral Prayer

Major Treadway

***Hymn of Identity 258**

In Christ We Live

WIEUCA

Offertory Prayer

Pam Hester

Offertory

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Braman

***Response of Thanksgiving (307 tune)**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Ricke Hester

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

Musical Offering

Love One Another

Choplin

Worship Ensemble

Beloved, let us love one another
let us love one another
with love that comes from God.

Beloved, let us love one another,
let us love one another
with love that comes from God.

For love is from God,
and ev'ryone who loves is born of God.

For love is from God,
and ev'ryone who loves surely knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God
For God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another,
let us love one another
with love that comes from God.

Beloved, let us love one another,
let us love one another
with love that comes from God.

Let us love one another,
so let us love.

Sermon

The Sound of Home

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love

Scholtes

***Hymn of Commitment and Departing 514**

Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him

HOLY MANNA

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

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



Join us **TODAY**
in the Fellowship Hall, immediately
following the worship service.

Lunch is provided!

We hope you'll join us in collectively exploring
God's calling for our church.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, May 18

12:00pm Dawnings/Lunch/Fellowship Hall

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, May 19

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, May 20

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, May 21

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm Summer Celebration/Church Grounds

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste.

Thursday, May 22

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, May 23—Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, May 25, 2025:
Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5; John 14:23-29

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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

Angie France, Organist

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Deacons & Minister of the Week: May 18-24

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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.