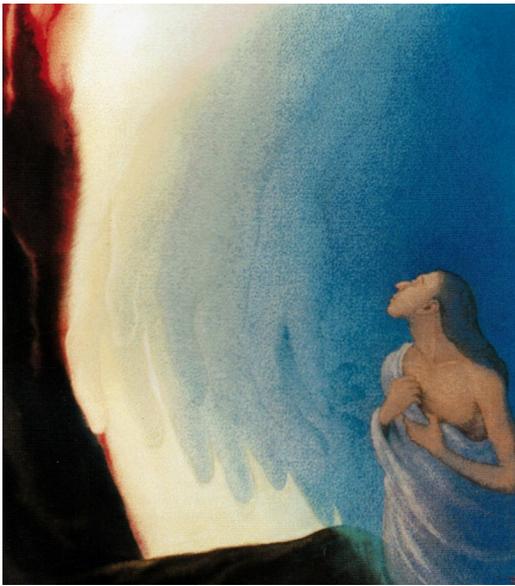




First Baptist Church

JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE



THE WORSHIP OF GOD Reign of Christ Sunday

November 23, 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

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

arr. Page

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock and People

We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

**We gather, despite many conflicts, many doubts,
within our souls.**

We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit
to give us courage and renewal.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest.

**Bless us through the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage to live as your disciples
day by day. Let us worship the Lord together.**

***Hymn of Praise and Adoration 223**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

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

God is our refuge and strength,
 a very present help in trouble.
 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
 though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
 though its waters roar and foam,
 though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 the holy habitation of the Most High.
 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
 God will help it when the morning dawns.
 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
 he utters his voice, the earth melts.
 The Lord of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.
 Come, behold the works of the Lord;
 see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
 he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
 he burns the shields with fire.
 "Be still, and know that I am God!
 I am exalted among the nations,
 I am exalted in the earth."
 The Lord of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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

***Hymn of Praise 342**

He Is Exalted

HE IS EXALTED

Prayer of Confession

Major Treadway and People

Glorious God of power and majesty,
 You hear our every sigh;
 cast down our pride and teach us humility.

**Prevent us from trying to raise ourselves
 by lowering others.**

Take down the barriers of self-defense
 and teach us the security that comes
 from trust in you and shared life
 in mutual respect among neighbors.

**Lead us in the lowly steps of Jesus
 until we attain pure joy and eternal life,
 through Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*****

Prayer Response Hymn 383

Near to the Heart of God

McAFEE

Offertory Prayer

Jean Love

Offertory*For All the Blessings of the Year*

arr. Hamlin

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

Peggy and Ray Dalton

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you

not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

Musical Offering

Is He Worthy?

arr. Sorenson

Rachel Bass, solo; Worship Ensemble

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.

Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord

to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root

and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.

Does the Spirit move among us? He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah,

hold forever those He loves? He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave

He is David's Root

and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests

to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is! He is!

Sermon

Major Treadway

Cultivating Sustainable Faith:
The Beginning of Sustainable Faith

Time of Reflection and Response

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Krapf

***Departing Hymn 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 wordship service

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, November 23

11:45pm Budget Discussion, Ricke Hester/Sanctuary

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, November 24

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, November 25

The office will be closed on Wednesday, November 26, and Thursday November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 28 - Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, November 30, 2025:
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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November 23-November 29

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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.