First Baptist Church
JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 10:45am

Centering Words
God asks that we choose this day whom we will follow
and whom we will serve.
Will we choose God? The choice is ours.**

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation Chad Hartsock

Prelude *Holy Spirit* Sorenson

Call to Worship Chad Hartsock
(Joshua 24, Psalm 78, 1 Thessalonians 4)

The God of our ancestors has called us here.
We are witnesses.
The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
We are witnesses.
The choice to follow God has called us here.
We are witnesses.
The Lord of life has called us here.
We are witnesses.**
Let us worship God together.

***Hymn of Identity 262**
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

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

Scripture Reading Psalm 78:1-7 Kieran Braun

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might
and the wonders that he has done.
He established a decree in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children,
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.

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

***Hymn of Christ's Coming 99**

View the Present Through the Promise AR HYD Y NOS, alt.

Prayer of Yearning Major Treadway and People

When our courage wears thin, O God,
strengthen our resolve to choose You each day.
Steel us for the long watches of the night
for we long to be found ready
when You appear in Your glory.
Fill our lamps with Your grace
that we might share Your light with our children
and with the generations that follow. Amen.

Prayer Response

God of Justice Love and Mercy Wilmington

Worship Ensemble

God of justice, love, and mercy,
pour Your wisdom on our souls;
by Your all-sustaining power
keep our spirits strong and whole.
Lift our eyes to see Your vision
of a world in urgent need;
grant us courage then to follow,
bringing comfort with each deed.

God of justice, love, and mercy,
with compassion, let us care;
as we come in humble weakness,
may Your strength be ours to share.
Press our hearts to know the struggle
of the ones we cannot see;
brothers, sisters, all who suffer,
may Your kindness set them free.

God of justice, love, and mercy,
send us out and make us bold.
As we strive for Your high calling,
let our hands Your mercy hold.
You have blessed us with abundance,
gifts to share with those in need;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
may we follow as You lead.

Offertory Prayer Jill Massie-Braun

Offertory

Good, Good Father Kingsmore

***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 25:1-13 Bethany Davenport

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Musical Offering *Keep Your Lamps!* arr. Thomas

Worship Ensemble, Ian Braun, conga drum

Refrain:
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh. [repeat all]

Children, don't get weary,
children, don't get weary,
children, don't get weary,
till your work is done. [repeat all]

Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
the time is drawing nigh. [repeat all then Refrain]

Sermon *I Wish They'd All Been Ready* Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

Ready Pethel

***Hymn of Commitment 495**

Step By Step STEP BY STEP

***Benediction** Major Treadway

*Please rise by standing or lifting your heart.



The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, November 8

12:00pm Budget Discussion/Room 301
12:15pm Measurable Indicators/Room 301
5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, November 9

6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 194/Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 76/Fellowship Hall
7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, November 10

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, November 11

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor
5:00pm WNS (Spaghetti)/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, November 12

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Hardee's

Friday, November 13 - Church Office Closed

Readings for Today	Readings for Next Sunday
Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25	2 Chronicles 7:14
Psalm 78:1-7	Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30

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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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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.