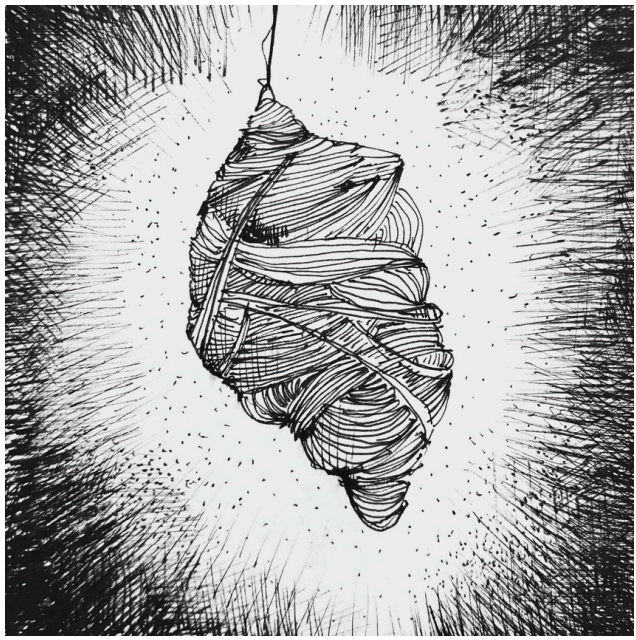
First Baptist Church
JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 10:45am

Centering Words
Love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.
Love your neighbor as you love yourself.
Sounds so simple but turns out to be complex.**

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation
Chad Hartsock

Prelude
My Jesus I Love Thee arr. Bennett

Call To Worship Chad Hartsock
Come to us, O God.
Breathe through our worship
with Your Holy Spirit.
Fill us with Your faithful love.
Guide us with Your ancient teachings.
Come to us, O God.
Be in our prayer and praise.**
Let us worship God together.

***Hymn Medley of Love for God and Others 362, 268 and 289**
I Love You, Lord I LOVE YOU, LORD
The Bond of Love SKILLINGS
The Servant Song GILLARD

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

Scripture Reading Psalm 1 Ian Miller

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
The wicked are not so
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

***Hymn of Proclamation 440**
The Gift of Love GIFT OF LOVE

Pastoral Prayer Major Treadway

Prayer Response 365
More Love to Thee, O Christ MORE LOVE TO THEE

Offertory Prayer Bill Ellis

Offertory *I Love You, Lord* arr. Brahman

***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 22:34-46 Kristen Miller

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the

Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet?"

"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Musical Offering *Open Prayer* Choplin
Worship Ensemble

Open, open my eyes.
Open, open my eyes.
I'm passing people rushing by
and never notice, never try
to ease their pain or sympathize,
open my eyes.

Open, open my heart.
Open, open my heart.
When my heart is growing cold,
warm me 'til compassion flows,
loving people where they are,
open my heart.

Too long I have been closed and guarded
in the safety of my world.
Now help me to expand my vision,
open up my eyes and open up my heart
and let Your love shine,
open my life!

Then open, open my hands.
Open, open my hands.
Release my grasp 'til I live
to touch, to heal, freely give.
Teach me how to love again,
open my hands.

Teach me how to love again,
open my eyes,
open my heart,
open my life.

Sermon The Greatest Command Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

I Love Thee, My Lord arr. Graham

***Hymn of Service 658**
Let Your Heart Be Broken WYE VALLEY (abridged)

***Benediction** Major Treadway

*Please rise by standing or lifting your heart.





The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, October 25

12:00pm Measurable Indicators Meeting/Room 301
4:00pm Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 26

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, October 27

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, October 28

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor
5:00pm WNS (Lasagna)/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, October 29

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

Friday, October 30 - Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:	Readings for Next Sunday
Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 1	Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 22:34-46	Matthew 5:1-12

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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.