



# 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

May 5, 2024

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

10:45 am

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

arr. Page

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock and People

Today is a new day!

**New life is rising among us!**

Today we are challenged to live fully in God's love!

**So we will greet one another in love and praise God who uplifts each of us in grace! Let us worship God together.\*\***

\*Hymn of Gathering 281

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

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

Prayer of Confession

Ian Braun

Tender Savior, we receive with gratitude your love, which you demonstrated by laying down your life for us. You have chosen us as your own and called us to love one another as you have loved us. But we cling in fear to the little we have, rather than laying it down so that your riches of love may fill us and flow through us.

Pour out your spirit on us anew; that we may know and proclaim the depth, the breadth, the height, and the length of your love that passes all measure. Cause us to abide in that love so fully that it will overflow among us, and through us, to the world around us; that we would be faithful children of our heavenly Father, who loves us with everlasting love. Amen.\*\*\*

Prayer Response

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Carter

Worship Ensemble

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving 376

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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Offertory Prayer

Jill Massie-Braun

Offertory

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Purifoy

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

Kieran Braun

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Musical Offering

*I Am The Vine*

Doig

Laurissa Backlin, soprano

I am the True vine and my Father is the Husbandman,  
Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, He takes away,  
And every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it,  
That it may bring forth more fruit.

Chorus

I am the vine, you are the branches;  
He that abideth in me and I in him,  
The same bringeth forth much fruit,  
For without me you can do nothing at all.

Now are you clean through the Word which I spake unto you.

Abide in me and I in you; and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself lest it's in the vine,

No more can you lest you be in me. [Chorus]

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,

You shall ask what you will and it shall be done to you.

Herein is my Father glorified, glorified!

That you bring forth much fruit. [Chorus]

I am the True Vine.

Sermon

***Fruit That Will Last***

Major Treadway

Time of Response and Reflection

*O We Have Found a Lovely Vine*

arr. Young

\*Hymn of Departing 520

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

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\*Benediction

Major Treadway

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

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## THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

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### **Sunday, May 5**

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

### **Monday, May 6**

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

### **Tuesday, May 7**

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

12:00pm Senior Adult Fellowship Bingo/  
Fellowship Hall

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

### **Wednesday, May 8**

9:30am Women's Bible Study/301

4:00pm Meditation Practice Group/Prayer Rm

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Spaghetti  
Meal)/Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Common Prayer/Music Ste

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

### **Thursday, May 9**

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, May 10—Church Office Closed**

### **Sunday, May 12**

9:30am Bible Study Classes for Adults/Various  
Rooms

10:00am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary

10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook  
and Youtube

10:45am Children's Bible Study/Birth-K Room  
119, 1st-5th grade Room 218

2:00pm Church Advisory Council Meeting/214

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

### **Monday, May 13**

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

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**Welcome to First Baptist Church! 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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## CHURCH STAFF

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant

Kelli Epps, Administrative Coordinator

Angie France, Organist

Dr. Chad Hartsock, Interim Minister for Students

Steven Lloyd, Custodian

Rev. Nenetete Measels, Interim Minister of Music

Cameron Rowlett, Video Editor

Melanie Simpson, Pianist

Dr. Major Treadway, Senior Pastor

**Deacons and Minister of the Week:**

Ken Morton & Peggy Dalton/Major Treadway

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