



# First Baptist Church

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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

10:45am

### Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

### Prelude

*There Shall Be Showers of Blessing*

arr. Smith

### Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock and People

The Christian life is not so much a destination as a journey. Even so, the worship of God is not to be found solely in the gathering of this people of faith nor in their act of worship or faithful service. But true worship happens in those moments when we sense God's presence among us and respond together in joy.

**Let us worship God.\*\***

### \*Hymns of Gathering 297 and 436

*Here I Am to Worship*

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

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

## Scripture Reading

Mark 12:38-44

Sierra Bevins

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

## \*Hymn of Identity 264

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

RESIGNATION

## Prayer of Confession

Nenette Measels, Major Treadway, and People

O God, who has created your children to be free, we attest in words and deed that you are our God and we are your people. From our earliest days as the people whom you intend to be free, O God, you have called us forth from self-seeking bondage, comfort, complacency, and complaint, to freeing and redeeming action for justice everywhere in the world.

**You are our freeing God, and we would be your free and freeing people.**

O God of the Exodus and the Burning Bush, of the Prophets and of Jesus, we hear your powerful calling to be your servants in the service of all those who are oppressed. At every turn we hear your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken, for you have made yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace.

We share a vision, a promise, and a yearning for the day of your reign, O God.

**You are our Servant God, and we would be your serving people.**

O God, our Sustainer, search our hearts and reveal to us our sinfulness, all the ways that we contribute to injustice and to self-destroying bondage. Give us deep courage to find the true path of your way, ready to give our very selves as living sacrifices for your will. We have heard your calling. Hear us now as we make our pledge.

**You are our God and we are your people. We pledge ourselves now to pursue relentlessly that living, breathing justice which transforms persons and peoples. To your will for justice we recommit ourselves, our funds, and our actions. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.\*\***

### **Prayer of Response 665**

*Because I Have Been Given Much*

SEMINARY

### **Offertory Prayer**

Cyndi Harrell

### **Offertory**

*We Ask the Lord's Blessing*

arr. Wilkinson

### **\*Response of Thanksgiving**

*Doxology*

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O hear your people as we trace  
Your mercy and your boundless grace;  
Receive our praise that's never done,  
O God, O Christ, O Spirit, One!

### **Musical Offering**

*Simple Gifts*

American Shaker Song/arr. Althouse  
Worship Ensemble

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.

To turn, turn, will be our delight,  
till by turning we come 'round right.

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the gift to be kind.  
'Tis the gift of grace we know that we will find.  
And when we see the light at the break of day,  
we'll know that the truth will show us the way.

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## **Sermon**

*What We Have To Give*

Major Treadway

## **Time of Reflection and Response**

*A Prayer for Unity*

Powell

## **\*Hymn of Service and Departing 670 (verses 1 and 3)**

*Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You*

MADILL

## **\*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, November 10***

- 11:45am Budget Discussion/Fellowship Hall
- 2:00pm Church Advisory Council Meeting/214
- 5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

### ***Monday, November 11***

- 6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- 8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

### ***Tuesday, November 12***

- 10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting/Office

### ***Wednesday, November 13***

- 9:30am Community Bible Study/301
- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Spaghetti)/Fellowship Hall
- 5:00pm Youth Gathering/214
- 6:00pm Common Prayer & Bible Study/Music Ste
- 6:00pm Music Makers/Room 218
- 6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

### ***Thursday, November 14***

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

### ***Friday, November 15—Church Office Closed***

## ***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

Angie France, Organist

Dr. Chad Hartsock, Minister for Students

Steven Lloyd, Custodian

Rev. Nenette Measels, Minister of Music and Worship

Cameron Rowlett, Video Editor

Melanie Simpson, Pianist

Karen Treadway, Interim Administrative Coordinator

Dr. Major Treadway, Senior Pastor

### **Deacons & Minister of the Week:**

Betty Watkins and Peggy Dalton / Major Treadway

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#### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30pm, Closed on Friday

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<https://www.fbcjeff.org/give>

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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.