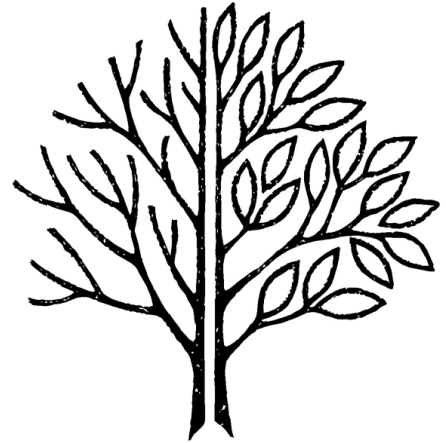


**changing and
beginning:**
A Season for Everything



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026
10:30 AM**

Welcome to worship! We're so glad you're here at First Baptist.
If this is your first time visiting us, we have a small gift for you!
One of our deacons will find you at the conclusion of the service.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Words spoken by the assembly are printed in **boldface**. Hymns can be found numerically in either the Red or Black hymnals.*

gathering

Prelude

[†]Welcome and Call to Worship

This is the day that God has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We come with bodies, minds, spirits, voices,
Praising the One who made us.

We welcome dancing, sitting, standing, and all bodily expressions of worship.
The One who made us unbinds us to freely live and express.

We celebrate diversity and welcome the stranger.

Let us learn from each other how to praise God.

Join in thanksgiving for the wonder of community and the gift of relationship.

Remember and rejoice! We are not alone.

Gathering Song

Trees

G C G C Dsus D G

(Ps. 1) 1 Tree of Wis-dom, fruit-ful, green, flour-ish-ing be - side the stream;
(Ps. 26) 2 Tree of Jus-tice, ev - er bless; shade me with your right-eous-ness.
(Ps. 52) 3 Tree of Plen-ty, feed my soul; nur-ture me, and make me whole.

C G C Dsus D G

spread your knowl-edge day and night; make your law my true de - light.
Teach me how to live your ways, and my lips shall sing your praise.
Give me strength, cast fear a - side; let me in your love a - bide.

D G C Dsus D G

Fash-ion me, O Lord, to be strong and splen-did as a tree.
Fash-ion me, O Lord, to be ev - er branch-ing as a tree.
Fash-ion me, O Lord, to be firm - ly plant - ed as a tree.

(Ps. 92)

4 Tree of Promise, keep your vow:
with me then, and with me now.
Springtime blossoms, winter tears,
mark the seasons of my years.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be
always changing as a tree.

5 Like a forest all around,
so the gifts of grace abound:
flowing waters, fertile sod,
sunlit dawn, the Word of God.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be
living, giving as a tree.

Words: Michael Morgan from Psalms 1, 26, 52, and 92 © 2011 Michael Morgan, admin. Faith Alive
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Music (DIX 7.7.7.7.7.7): Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

[†]Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray. Heavenly God,
you have made everything suitable for its time.
You have put a sense of past and future in our minds,
yet we cannot find out what you have done
from the beginning to the end.
In this chapter of transition for our church,
send your Holy Spirit to move in and around us
to comfort us, surprise us,
and guide us in the path of love and discipleship.
We are yours, and we stand in awe before you.
Amen.

Word

Handbell Anthem

All Things Bright and Beautiful, arr. Anna Laura Page

Scripture

Psalm 1 (Common English Bible Translation)

The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful
Instead of doing those things,
these persons love the Lord's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!

They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit at just the right time

and whose leaves don't fade.

Whatever they do succeeds.

That's not true for the wicked!

They are like the dust that the wind blows away.

And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—

neither will the sinners

in the assembly of the righteous.

The Lord is intimately acquainted

with the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

†Song

Like the Weeping Willow

Words: Amy Sens

Music: Traditional



1. Like the weep ing wil - low_ sway ing in the wind, I
2. Like the rol - ling ri - ver, run - ning to the sea, I
3. Like the ti - ny spar - row, or the gen - tle lamb, I



am part of cre - a - tion and Je - sus is my friend! Yes,
am part of cre - a - tion and God de - lights in me! Yes,
am part of cre - a - tion; God made me as I am! God

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Je - sus is my friend! O Je - sus is my friend!
God de - lights in me! O God de - lights in me!
made me as I am! God made me as I am!

Scripture

Micah 6:8 (Common English Bible Translation)

He has told you, human one, what is good and
what the Lord requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

Sermon

“Absurdly Happy”

Rev. Jyrekis Collins

†Response to the Word

I’ve Got Peace Like a River
Red Hymnal #530

community

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them.

Prayer Refrain

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Text and music: Paul Andress, b. 1956
Text and music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Prayers of the People

You are invited to speak aloud names of those who need prayer when prompted to do so. If you need pastoral care or would like to make specific prayer requests for inclusion in our weekly prayers, please contact the church office or a Deacon.



...Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

**Our Creator, who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name
Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

sending

Transition Update

Announcements

Sending Song

I've Got the Joy

Unison

1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Where?
2. I've got the love of Je-sus, love of Je-sus down in my heart. Where?

Down in my heart. Where? Down in my heart! I've got the
Down in my heart. Where? Down in my heart! I've got the

joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Where? Down in my
love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus down in my heart. Where? Down in my

heart to stay. And I'm so hap - py, so ver - y hap - py, I've
heart to stay.

got the love of Je - sus in my heart; and I'm so hap - py, so ver - y

hap - py, I've got the love of Je - sus in my heart.

Words & Music: Sts. 1-2, George W. Cooke, 1925; st. 3, ref., anon., 20th c.

I'VE GOT THE JOY

†Benediction

That which is already has been.

That which is to be already is. (*Ecclesiastes 3:15*)

God blesses our changing,
the Spirit joys in our becoming,
and the One who changed everything
walks with us and gives us peace.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace, led by love.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, arr. Anna Laura Page

Meet the Guest Speaker!

Rev. Jyrekis B. Collins

Rev. Jyrekis B. Collins is a pastor, preacher, activist, change agent, consultant, and educator whose work lives at the intersection of faith, justice, leadership, and community transformation. A native of Athens, Georgia, Rev. Collins discovered his call to ministry at an early age and has since dedicated his life to helping people and institutions imagine—and embody—what is possible.

Rev. Collins is a graduate of Morehouse College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion as a Robert F. Smith Scholar, and Yale Divinity School, where he earned a Master of Divinity. His academic and ministerial interests include homiletics, Black Church studies, Black Baptist and Pentecostal history and the role of faith communities in shaping a more just and equitable world.

Throughout his ministry, Rev. Collins has cultivated a reputation as a visionary leader and catalyst for change. He has served in pastoral, preaching, worship, youth ministry, and chaplaincy roles across the country, while also providing strategic consultation to churches, academic institutions, nonprofits, and community organizations. His work has included engagements with Yale University, Andover Newton Seminary, and faith communities seeking to reimagine their ministries for a changing world.

An educator at heart, Rev. Collins serves as a professor with the Yale Youth Ministry Institute, equipping emerging leaders to think creatively and faithfully about the future of ministry. He is also the Pastor for Justice and Mercy at The Andersonville Church of Chicago and serves as Chaplain of the Chicagoland Morehouse Alumni Chapter.



Whether in the pulpit, classroom, community, or boardroom, Rev. Collins brings a distinctive blend of theological depth, prophetic imagination, intellectual curiosity, and practical leadership. His ministry is rooted in the belief that faith should not simply respond to the world as it is, but should courageously participate in creating the world as it ought to be.

A builder, bridge-maker, and change agent, Rev. Collins continues to use his voice, scholarship, and leadership to inspire people and institutions toward greater faithfulness, justice, and transformation.



*Sincere thanks to Tyrekis
for preparing and sharing a message for us today!*

Again, we extend a *special welcome* to our guests and visitors. There is always a place for you here!

Leading in Worship today

Our pastoral leadership is in transition at the moment. If you have pastoral care concerns, you can call the church office for assistance.

Liturgist	Amanda Huff
Preaching	Rev. Jyrekis B. Collins
Reader	Emma Huff
Music	Zach Busch, FBC Bell Choir, FBC Choir
Sound	Robert Gunshor
Livestream	Morgen Abramson



*We are always **seeking new volunteers** to lead in worship! If you are curious and interested in reading, serving communion, helping with audio for the service, or singing in the choir, please talk with staff, deacons, or email the church office.*

We seek to include the work of writers, composers, or artists in worship who are known to be members of historically marginalized communities. Sometimes this status is indicated by a ⁺, but these markings are not exhaustive. This is an intention imperfect in practice. We acknowledge that the work of equity and inclusion is never complete. Communion liturgy adapted from the enfleshed liturgy team.

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