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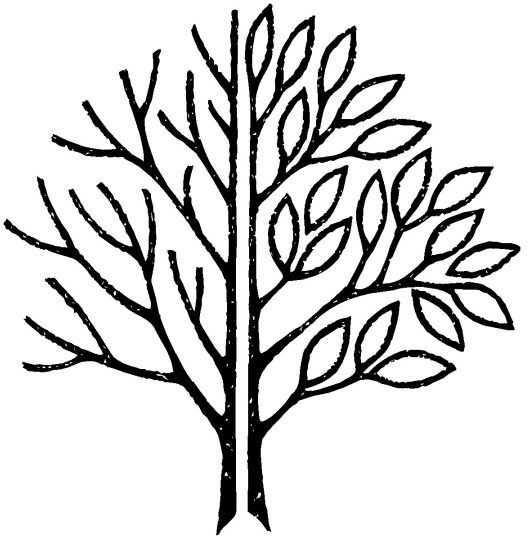


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

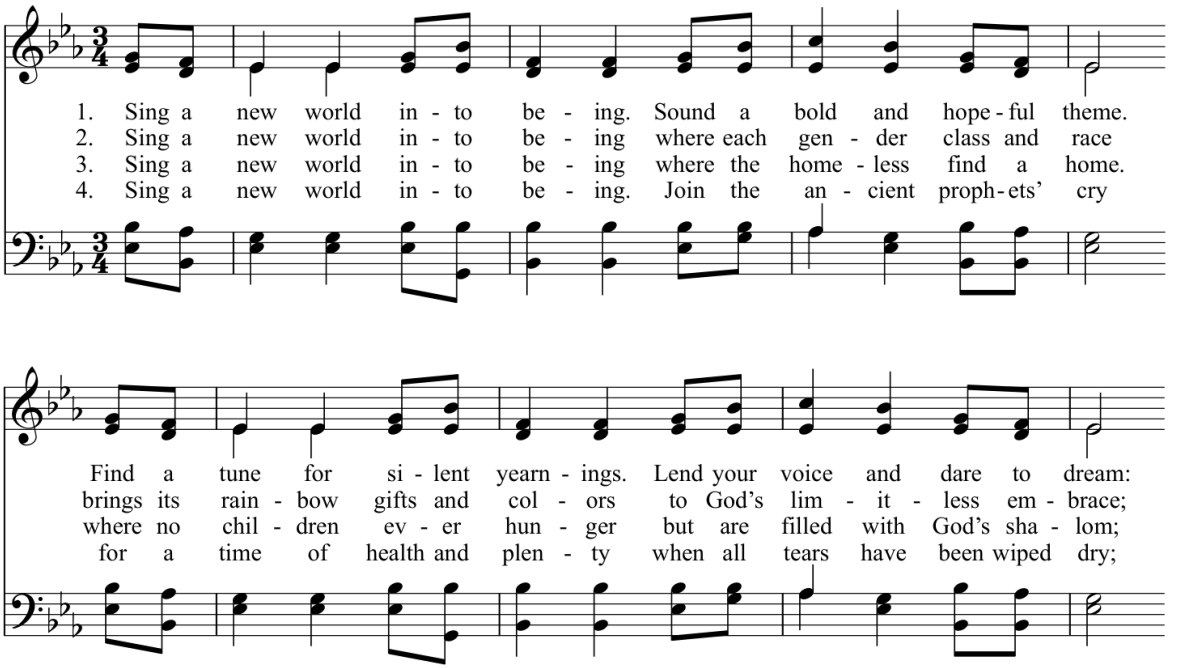
*Words spoken by the assembly are printed in **boldface**. Hymns can be found numerically in either the Red or Black hymnals.*

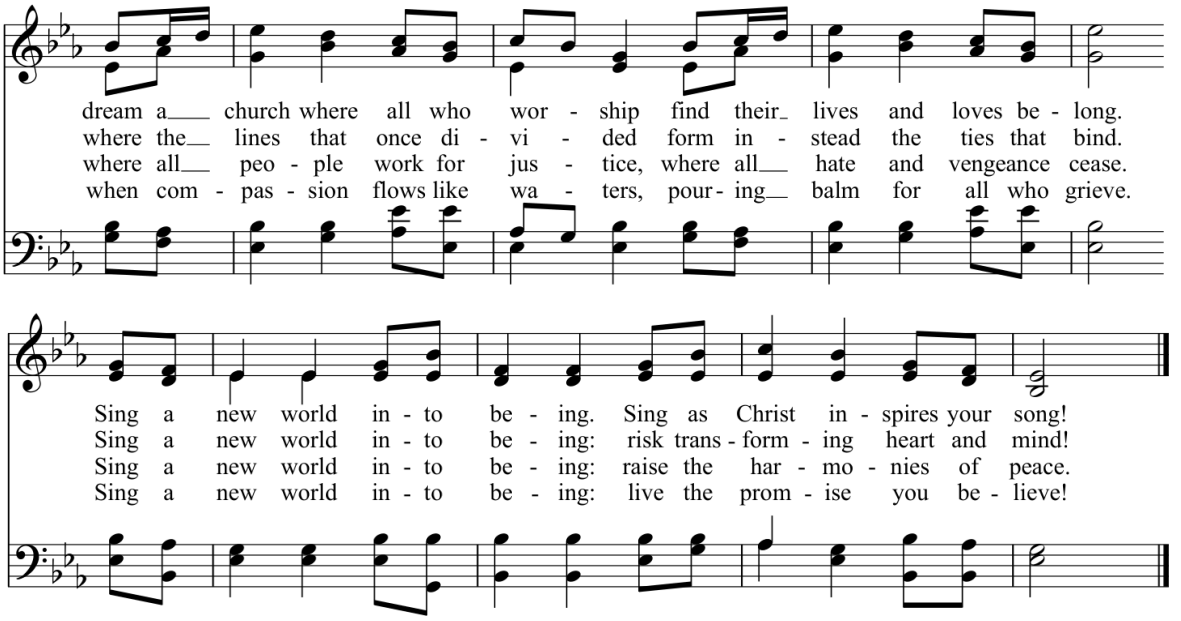
gathering

Prelude — *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*
Setting by Dale Wood

Welcome

† Gathering Song — *Sing a New World into Being*





† Call to Worship

Blessed be the Non-Conforming One.
God, who took on flesh
Of the economically oppressed,
Of an immigrant,
of an infant.
Whose family and birth was anything but traditional.
This Holy One won't be hindered by social norms.
She defies our expectations.
She challenges our preconceptions.
She awakens us to new possibilities.
Praise be to God, the queerest of us all.

† Prayer of Invocation

Trans day of remembrance and resilience – an intimate and serious thing. A necessary ritual for the ones grieving all year long the perpetuation of unnecessary death. May remembrance not be in vain nor in vanity, coupled with conscious complicity in the structures that enable and encourage the destruction of life. May participation in mourning precipitate working for change alongside the living.

Let this grief make way for resisting whiteness centering itself this day and others. Let this ritual be a practice of collective refocusing on the roots of sexism and transmisogynoir in manifestations of anti-trans violence. Let the visibility of this day, the complicatedness of what it has become, the chance to recenter its attention, tell the entire truth about what creates the conditions for such death:

The class realities. The prejudices and policies against sex workers. The theologies. The misogyny. The politics of respectability. The colonialization. The transphobia in all its forms. And the white supremacy from which so much of it is birthed. Over these, and all they steal, we weep.

Amen

Word

Reading — Psalm 90:1-12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn people back to dust,
saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”
A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.
[1]Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
If only we knew the power of your anger!
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Song *O For A World*
Black Hymnal #575

Reading Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once
the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents.
In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'
His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'
His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter,
so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’
But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?
Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.
So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

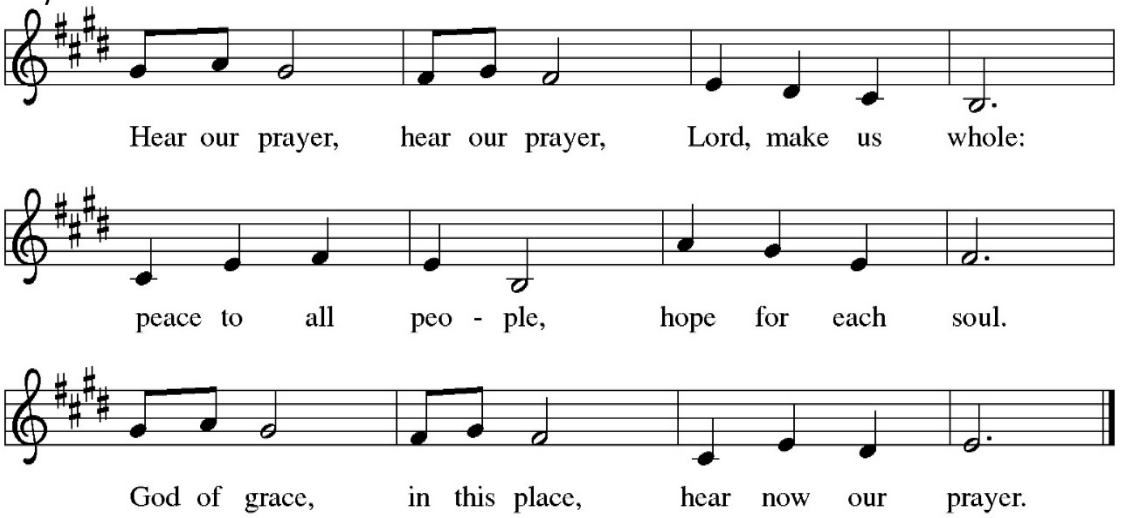
Sermon — Pastor Katya

Song — *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
Black Hymnal #565

community

Stewardship Moment — Emma Huff

Prayer Refrain



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† Pastoral Prayer — Pastor Katya

Creator, to you we give thanks in all you bring and ask for your guidance as we prepare to open our hearts and minds. Within this sacred circle, Jesus Christ is our center in all we do. Help us to speak with honor and respect to all people and be open to the teachings we are given. As we walk this sacred journey together with our relations, open our eyes to understanding, and the strength to truly see the way to live with compassion, love and grace, For with your Spirit can we face the winds together.

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.



Prayer Refrain

Prayer of Jesus — Amanda Huff

…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

Announcements

Sending Song — *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
Black Hymnal #495

Benediction

Dismissal

Go from this place in the peace of God, listening to the calling of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude — *Nun danket alle Gott*
Setting by Sigfried Karg-Elert

✝ Gathering Song
From "Songs for the Holy Other", hymns by members of theLGBTQIA2S+ community and their allies.

✝ Call to Worship
From Enfleshed, written by M Jade Kaiser a trans, nonbinary individual and co-founder of Enfleshed.

✝ Prayer of Invocation
"Trans Day of Remembrance," by M Jade Kaiser from Enfleshed

✝ Pastoral Prayer
By Kelly Sherman-Conroy, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge South Dakota. Originally created for "Indigenous People's Celebration: A Service of Indigenous People," for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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



Leading in Worship today

Liturgist	Amanda Huff
Preaching	Katya Ouchakof
Reader	Carla Eakins
Music	Zach Busch and FBC Choir
Sound	Todd Andrews
Livestream	Morgen Loree Anderson

*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. This is an intention imperfect in practice. We acknowledge that the work of equity and inclusion is never complete.

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