

Our Ministry

November 8, 2026

First Baptist Church Shelbyville Indiana

Call to Worship:

Therefore it is contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Jesus will by no means be put to shame."

Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," and "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense."

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people,

that you may proclaim the praises of Jesus who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

You once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Hymn: How Sweet and Aweful is the Place

How sweet and aweful is the place with Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast
Each of us cry with thankful tongues "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice and enter while there's room
When thousands make a wretched choice and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast, that sweetly drew us in
Else we had still refused to taste and perished in our sin

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come
Send Thy victorious Word abroad and bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full, that all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul sing Thy redeeming grace.

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Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, our God, we do not deserve a glimpse of heaven. We are unable to redeem ourselves from sin, death, the devil, and hell.

Nevertheless, you have given us your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell.

For this we rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Out of pure grace you have given us this boundless blessing in Jesus Christ.

Through Him, you take sin, death, and hell from us, and grant us all that belongs to Him. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

Assurance of Pardon:

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right-standing with himself.

Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn: #277 The Church's One foundation

Hymn: #347 Be Still My Soul

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Matthew 10: 24-42**

Sermon: Our Ministry

24 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. **25** It is
enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If
they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they
call those of his household! **26** Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing
covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

27 “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the
ear, preach on the housetops. **28** And do not fear those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body
in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls
to the ground apart from your Father’s will. **30** But the very hairs of your head are
all numbered. **31** Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many
sparrows.

32 “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before
My Father who is in heaven. **33** But whoever denies Me before men, him I will
also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace
but a sword. **35** For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter
against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; **36** and ‘a
man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ **37** He who loves father or
mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter
more than Me is not worthy of Me. **38** And he who does not take his cross and
follow after Me is not worthy of Me. **39** He who finds his life will lose it, and he who
loses his life for My sake will find it.

40 “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who
sent Me. **41** He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a
prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a
righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. **42** And whoever gives one
of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I
say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

1 Corinthians 4: 5

5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the [a]counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

Proverbs 29: 25

25 The fear of man brings a snare,
But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Hymn: Hymn of Heaven

Benediction