

**THE SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
11AM WORSHIP**



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Welcome to Worship at Seattle First Baptist. All are Welcome.

Children are a treasured part of our community. Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyer. Children are free to use these resources in the pews or the Wiggle Room.

We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people, past and present. With gratitude, we honor the land itself and the legacy of the First People of Seattle, the Duwamish Tribe. May we remember that the oppression of Native peoples is not a relic of the past but continues today. And may we, through God's Spirit, repent and walk forward together, changing systems that discriminate as we live into authentic diversity and healing.

**If it is comfortable, you are invited to stand.*

Announcements		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Prelude	“Festive Trumpet Tune” DAVID GERMAN	Christian Broughton
Gathering		Pastor Anita Peebles
*Hymn 18	“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”	CWM RHONDDA
Time with Children	Blessing of the Backpacks ALL: May you be healthy and brave, may you be kind and curious, and may you always know that God’s expansive love is going with you.	
Song	“Be Loved” DON SCHLOSSER	Ben Luedcke and Alex Katschke
	Be welcomed, enfolded, encircled, embraced; be cradled, included, and held. Be loved, Beloved. Be loved. Be loved, Beloved. Be loved.	
Scripture	PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Mila Gutierrez
	A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.. Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them. Reader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, and for the word of God within us, All: Thanks be to God.	
Call to Giving		Brooke Rolston

Prayer

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

Anthem

“The Family of Faith”

Sanctuary Choir

JOSEPH M. MARTIN

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. All around us, there are witnesses, we feel their embrace. Their light shines upon us as we gather in this place. The echoes of their voices still resound through these halls. In the music of our memories, we hear their loving call.

Walk worthy, my daughter. Be faithful, my son; For this is your moment, there is work to be done.

Be true to your calling, be strong all your days. You are part of the family, the family of faith.

Lord we offer our thanksgiving for the saints of the faith: those who laid down firm foundations of worship and praise, those who gave us a vision, and stood for the right, those who gave us a mission, and brought us to Christ! Let us be faithful to finish the work, follow the savior, be grateful to serve; for this is the season and this is the place to build for the harvest, shine in the darkness, shine as a light to the world.

Scripture

JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17 (NRSVUE)

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here in a good place, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit by my footstool,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it...What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
and for the word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Working Faith”

Pastor Anita Peebles

Chancel Dedication

Please respond when directed.

ALL: And may we be changed by those who lead from this space.

In this place, may we better understand the love of God,

Feel the movement of the Spirit,

And receive the call of the risen Christ.

So that we may go out to better follow the Way of Jesus in our world.

*Hymn (insert)	“Bring Us Home”	ROMNEY/STRAUCH
Benediction		Pastor Anita Peebles
Postlude	“Toccatà in G Major” THÉODORE DUBOIS	Christian Broughton

Today’s altar flowers were lovingly given in memory of R. Stan Wagner (1925-2013).

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour.

You may give financially to SFBC online here:



SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

For Zoom links, see our online calendar at seattlefirstbaptist.org

- Sunday 9/8 **Youth Group** 1pm in the Youth Lounge
- Tuesday 9/10 **Prayer and Reflection** 12pm on Zoom
- Tuesday 9/10 **Finance Committee Meeting** 4:30pm on Zoom
- Wednesday 9/11 **Optimism Hour** 5:30pm at Stoup Brewing
- Wednesday 9/11 **Choir Rehearsal** 7pm in the Sanctuary
- Thursday 9/12 **Bible Study** 12pm on Zoom
- Friday 9/13 **Movie Night: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”** 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Saturday 9/14 **Intergenerational Baking Group** 10am in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- Saturday 9/14 **Men’s Group** 11am on Zoom
- Saturday 9/14 **Remembrance of Life: Janet Newell** 2pm in the Sanctuary
- Sunday 9/15 **Worship: Pentecost 17** 11am in the Sanctuary

Please see This Week in your email and on our Facebook page for further information and other announcements.

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