



Texas Choral Directors Association

Worship Service 2025

**First Presbyterian Church
San Antonio, Texas
Friday, July 25, 2025
6:00 PM**

**Nyadia Thorpe
TCDA Worship and Community Vice President**



“Be still and know that I am God...”

Prelude.....Cory Curvin, Organist

FANTASIA ON FOREST GREEN

arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams/Improvisational Setting by Cory D. Curvin

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Nyadia Thorpe

Congregational Hymns.....Monya Logan, Pianist

Brittany Haywood, Candice Maughan, and Maria Ellis, Worship Leaders

JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (We'll Walk in the Light)

adapted text by JV Coombs, 1898, Public Domain

Refrain:

Walk in the light, beautiful light

Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright;

Shine all around us by day and by night,

Jesus, the light of the world

All ye saints of light proclaim,

Jesus the light of the world

Love and justice in His name

Jesus the light of the world *Refrain*

Come, confess him as your King

Jesus the light of the world

He's the one to whom we sing

Jesus the light of the world *Refrain*

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

Text and Music, Robert Lowry, 1865, Public Domain

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,

With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;

Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;

Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Refrain

I LOVE TO CALL HIM (JESUS MEDLEY)

Text and Music, Various Excerpts

I love to call Him, I love to call His name

I love Jesus, He's my Savior; When storms are raging, He's my shelter
Where He leads me, I will follow; I love Jesus, He loves me

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus, bless that wonderful name of
Jesus; Bless that wonderful name of Jesus, no other name I know

There is power in the name of Jesus, power in the name of Jesus
Power in the name of Jesus, no other name I know

Jesus, no other name under Heaven can save us
Jesus, Jesus, no other name I know

Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, you are the center of my joy

Call to Worship - Revelation 22:1-5, 17, 20 & Isaiah 61:1

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and God's servants will worship;

***The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;***

They will see God's face, and God's name will be on their foreheads.

***to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,***

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun.

***to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,***

for the Lord God will be their light

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

and they will reign for ever and ever.

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Praise & Worship.....Monya Logan, Pianist; Nyadia Thorpe, Worship Leader

HOUSE OF THE LORD

Phil Wickham, ©2020/arr. Dan Galbraith

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is

We worship the God who evermore will be

He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea

Our God, He holds the victory

CHORUS:

There's joy in the house of the Lord,

there's joy in the house of the Lord today

And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise!

There's joy in the house of the Lord, our God is surely in this place

And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise!

Oh, oh, oh, we shout out Your praise, oh, oh, oh, oh

We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves

We sing to the God who always makes a way

'Cause He hung upon that cross, then He rose up from the grave

My God's still rolling stones away *CHORUS*

BRIDGE (SING 2X):

We were the beggars, now we're royalty

We were the pris'ners, now we're running free

We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace,

Let the house of the Lord sing praise! *CHORUS (2X)*

GRATITUDE

Brandon Lake, ©2019/arr. Dan Galbraith

All my words fall short, I got nothing new

How could I express all my gratitude?

I could sing these songs as I often do

But every song must end and You never do

CHORUS:

**So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, Hallelujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, Hallelujah**

I've got one response, I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You *CHORUS*

So come on, my soul, Oh, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song, you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord *(REPEAT)*

Praise the Lord, ooh, Praise the Lord, ooh, Praise the Lord *CHORUS*

Reading.....Brittany Haywood, Liturgist
'For When You Grow Too Familiar With Hurting', from Black Liturgies
Cole Auther Riley, ©2024

Moment for Silent Prayer & Piano Solo

TOTAL PRAISE.....Dr. Clark Joseph, Pianist
Richard Smallwood, ©1996/arr. Clark Joseph

Congregational Hymns & Reading.....Cornelius Roberson,
Worship Leader & Tenton Davis, Liturgist

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH
Albert Goodson, ©1965

Refrain:

**We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in his holy word. He's never failed me yet.
Oh, can't turn around. We've come this far by faith.**

Excerpt from **'Letter from a Birmingham Jail'**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 1963

Response:

Oh, can't turn around. We've come this far by faith.

Reading continued

Response:

Oh, can't turn around. We've come this far by faith.

IN TIMES LIKE THESE

Ruth Caye Jones, ©1944

Solo:

In times like these you need a Savior;

In times like these you need an anchor.

Be very sure, be very sure

Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

This Rock is Jesus, yes, He's the One.

This Rock is Jesus, the only One!

Be very sure, be very sure

Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

All:

In times like these we need a Savior;

In times like these we need an anchor.

Be very sure, be very sure

Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

This Rock is Jesus, yes He's the One.

This Rock is Jesus, the only One!

Be very sure, be very sure

Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

Duet.....Alan Dyer, Pianist; Aubrey Erickson, Flautist
Candice Maughan & Brittany Haywood, Vocalists

YOU SHALL HAVE A SONG Harriet Ziegenhals, ©1985

Reading.....Trenton Davis
Excerpt from Leonard Bernstein's '**Tribute to John F. Kennedy**'

Leonard Bernstein, 1963

Anthems.....2025 TCDA Worship Chorus

ANCIENT OF DAYS arr. Molly Ijames, ©2018
Cornelius Roberson, Conductor Celebrating Grace, 810110

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING arr. Debra Scroggins, ©2023
Nyadia Thorpe, Conductor Debra Scroggins Music, 23/0523

Reading.....Candice Maughan
From *'Meditations of the Heart'*, Howard Thurman, 1953

Congregational Hymn.....John Tatum, Pianist
AMAZING GRACE arr. Keith McCutchen, ©2003 Earthsongs

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me on.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Choral Benediction

BENEDICTION.....2025 TCDA Worship Chorus
Glenda Clay, ©2015

Postlude.....Cory Curvin
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

George Washington Doane/Improvisational Setting by Cory D. Curvin

Please stay for the Voices of Houston Concert up next!

Many thanks to the gracious staff of First Presbyterian Church San Antonio for their assistance and hospitality!

Thank you to the 2025 TCDA Worship Service Chorus for lending their voices to uplift the membership during this evening's program.

2025 TCDA Worship Service Leaders

Cory Curvin

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Accompanist, First UMC, Burleson
Associate Director, Mixed Ensemble, Dallas Symphony Children's Chorus

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Nyadia Thorpe

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Director of Choral Activities, Life High School Waxahachie

Brittany Haywood

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Director, Training Choir, Dallas Symphony Children's Chorus
Staff Pianist, First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville

Candice Maughan

Head Choir Director, Nimitz High School, Irving
Soprano Section Leader, University Christian Church, Fort Worth

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Artistic Director, The Sheldon's All-Star Chorus
Artistic Director, Voices of Jubilation Ensemble, University of MO - St. Louis

Dr. Clark Joseph

Minister of Music and Worship, St. John Baptist Church, Dallas

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Piano Instructor and Dallas ISD Accompanist
Director, One Accord Men's Chorus