

BLYTHWOOD CALENDAR

Sunday, September 27th

- ◆ Sunday Service and Kids' Church at 10:30 am, in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Online Worship Service on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMPj1nLZqm401yA>

Wednesday, September 30th

- ◆ No Bible Study—to resume Wednesday, October 28th.

Thursday, October 1st

- ◆ Bible Study and Dinner at 6:30 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

Blythwood 70th Year, Milestone Sunday

Sunday, November 1st

Guest Preacher, Rev. Leanne Frieson, Executive Minister, CBOQ

Lunch to Follow

BLYTHWOOD GIVINGS

- ◆ Offering envelopes and the basket are available at the back of the church for in-person offerings.
- ◆ The church accepts donations by online e-Transfer through your bank to Blythwood's email address treasurer@blythwood.org
- ◆ Donations can be made electronically through the Church's website www.blythwood.org
- ◆ If interested in setting up pre-authorized payment to Blythwood, please contact the church office to obtain the form office@blythwood.org
- ◆ If you would like to mail a cheque please send to the church office.

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Blythwood Road Baptist Church

The Land of Promise The Book of Joshua Fall Sermon Series



He replied, "Neither, but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and he said to him, "What do you command your servant, my lord?"

Joshua 5:14

The Lord's Day
September 27th, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WORDS OF WELCOME

As summer changes to fall, God's love remains constant. On this first Sunday of Autumn, we welcome friends, family, and guests into the presence of the Lord of all seasons. Welcome to Blythwood.

PRAYER FOR NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

INDIGENOUS VOICE Creator, you have always been present in this land, among its peoples, and throughout all Creation. We carry truths that must be spoken, griefs that cannot be hurried, and wounds that still shape our families and communities. Yet we also carry the wisdom and strength of our peoples, and the life that continues among us.

SETTLER ECHO Creator God, we receive this truth with humility. Teach us to listen without defensiveness, to lament without rushing past pain, and to walk the long road of repair with honesty and love.

INDIGENOUS VOICE The land remembers our prayers, our ceremonies, our promises, and the relationships that have been broken. Teach us again to live as relatives – with one another, with the waters and the lands, and with all the life you have placed around us. Where relationships have been wounded. Make room for truth, justice, and relationships renewed through faithful action.

SETTLER ECHO Jesus, our peace, forgive us for the ways we have benefited from broken relationships and systems of harm. Lead us away from empty words and into lives shaped by justice, mercy, and humble companionship.

INDIGENOUS VOICE Creator, hold close the residential school survivors and their families, the children who never returned home, and the families and communities who continue to carry their absence. Strengthen our Elders, encourage our youth, and breathe new life into our languages, stories, ceremonies and communities. Bring healing without erasing memory, and let the gifts, wisdom, humour, and joy of Indigenous peoples flourish.

SETTLER ECHO Spirit of truth and healing, make us willing to learn what we were never taught, to honour stories that have too often been silenced, and to stand alongside Indigenous neighbours with courage and respect.

INDIGENOUS VOICE Lead us together upon the bright path—not by forgetting what has happened, but by facing the truth with courage. Help us honour the treaties and responsibilities that bind us to one another and to this land. May we walk side by side in the light of the Creator and power of the Spirit, seeking justice, restoring relationships, and becoming good relatives

SETTLER ECHO Together, may we become people of peace—not peace that avoids truth, but peace rooted in repentance, dignity, and love. Guide your church to walk in your ways, as neighbours, relatives, and members of one body in Christ.

Amen

*Indigenous Voice: Danny Zacharias, Associate Dean Acadia University
Settler Echo: Catherine Cole, CBM Team Lead, Communications*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude @ 10:25

Adolfo De Santis

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

GATHERING

Life @ Blythwood

Rev. David Thomas

Call to Worship

Leader: We have heard with our ears, O God, our ancestors have told us, what deeds you performed in the days of old;

People: for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm give them victory;

All: but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your countenance, for you delighted in them.

God of Grace and God of Glory

(Henry F. Fosdick, 1930; CWM RHONDDA)

Greeting

Shout to the Lord

(Darlene Zchech ©1993)

Revelation Song

(Jennie Lee Riddle ©2004)

WORD

Scripture: Joshua 5:13-15, 6:1-7, 15-21

Sermon: “The Battle Belongs”

RESPONSE

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Musical Reflection/Doxology

How firm a foundation

Battle Belongs

(Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson ©2020)

Prayer of God's People

SENDING

How Firm a Foundation

(Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Traditional American melody, Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832; FOUNDATION)

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude

Near to the heart of God Medley