

# FIRST WORSHIP

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Please watch this First Worship walk through video to help improve your worship experience

[VIDEO](#)



**FIRST**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**3 CLICKS!** To improve our worship experience, we have combined certain service elements into one video. Some songs couldn't be incorporated into our videos due to copyright law but we have grouped them into a one-click playlist.

## FIRST WORSHIP PART I

VIDEO

### Welcome & Announcements

John Tsang

### Welcome Hymn

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

### Pastoral Prayer

Rebecca Thornber

### Songs of Praise

SONGS

*Amazing Grace*

*No, Not by Might*

*Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb?*

## FIRST WORSHIP PART II

VIDEO

### Scripture Reading | [Judges 16](#)

Helen Chan & Jonathan Lim

### Message

Anthony Brown

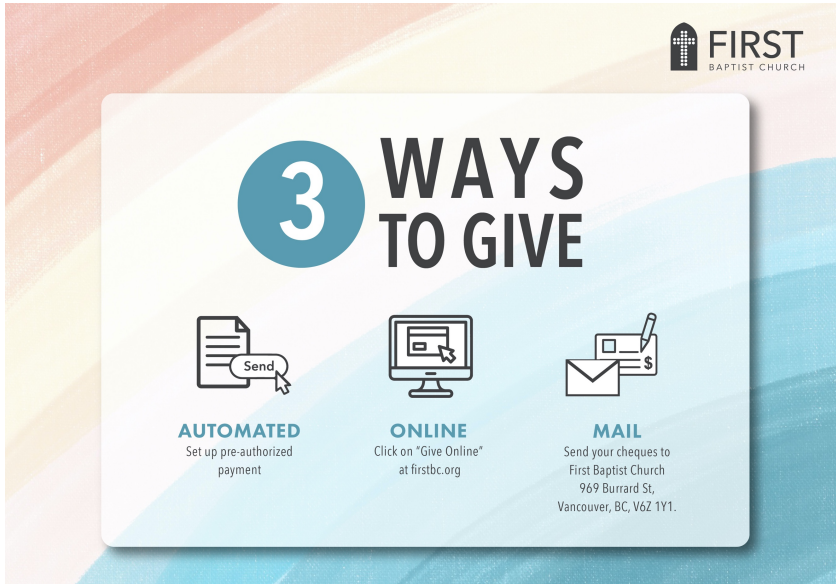
The Absent Presence of God

### Closing Song

*By Faith*

## Giving

We encourage you to give as an act of worship through these reliable, easy and secure systems.



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# 3 WAYS TO GIVE

- AUTOMATED**  
Set up pre-authorized payment
- ONLINE**  
Click on "Give Online" at [firstbc.org](http://firstbc.org)
- MAIL**  
Send your cheques to  
First Baptist Church  
969 Burrard St,  
Vancouver, BC, V6Z 1Y1.

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## Sermon Discussion Questions

We encourage you to use these for personal study or for small group conversations around the sermon text. You can meet over the phone or online with one or two other people to go through these questions and to pray together.

1. Retell the story of [Judges 16](#) together. Check the passage to see if there is anything you missed.
2. What stands out to you in this story? What questions do you have?
3. Take a look at Samson's relationship with each person in the chapter: the prostitute, Delilah, the Philistines, and God. What do his interactions with each of them reveal about Samson and what is important to him?
4. Anthony notes that it is was the absence of God's presence, and not the action of shaving his head, that resulted in Samson losing his strength. Why might the Lord have left Samson in verse 20?
5. What are the two reasons that Anthony mentions that might affect our ability to experience God's presence today? Have you ever seen these in your own life?
6. Whatever the reason God feels distant, he desires that ultimately this lead to greater intimacy with him. Does knowing this help us to know how best to respond when God feels distant? If so, how might we respond?
7. At the end of Judges 16, Samson asks God for his strength rather than relying on his own. Practically, what might it look like to rely on God's strength in the circumstances of our lives this week?

# NEW GENERATIONS MINISTRY

**New Gen Updates**

VIDEO

**Songs of Praise**

PLAYLIST

*My God is So Big*

*Our God*

## I AM | El Shaddai (El shad-EYE)

**Read the Bible Story: Promises for Abraham | I AM p. 26-31**

### Story Questions

1. What three promises did God make to Abram?  
*[All the world will be blessed through Abram's family, God would give Abram a son and a big family, God would give Canaan to Abram's family]*
2. What did God tell Abraham when the three visitors came?  
*[That Sarah would have a baby in her old age]*
3. What was Sarah's response? *[Sarah laughed to herself]*
4. Is anything too hard for God? Why? *[No. God is all powerful]*

### Family Discussion

What promises has God made you?

Do you trust God to keep those promises?

ACTIVITY SHEETS

**Preteens & Youth Updates +  
Special Guest Interview (Joseph Leong)**

VIDEO