

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

January 21, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday
January 21, 2024

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

“So that I would not become too proud of the wonderful things that were shown to me, a painful physical problem was given to me. This problem was a messenger from satan, sent to beat me and keep me from being too proud. I begged the Lord three times to take this problem away from me. But He said to me, ‘My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, My power is made strong in you.’”

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 NCV

Prelude

Largo

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
George Frideric Handel

Choral Call to Worship

We Have Come into His House

Chancel Choir

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Chris Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 3

Congregation

Worthy of Worship

You are worthy . . . to receive glory and honor and power. Revelation 4:11 NIV

Responsive Reading

Mr. Brownie Cook

Colossians 1:11-12; Romans 8:24-26; Nehemiah 8:10; Psalm 68:35

Leader: We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul.

People: A strength that endures the unendurable, a strength that spills over into joy.

Leader: We were given this hope when we were saved.

People: But if we look forward to something that we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.

Leader: It's from the Holy Spirit that we get help during times of weakness.

People: This is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother.

Leader: He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

People: Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall into exhaustion.

Leader: But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

People: Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared.

Leader: This is a sacred day before our Lord! Do not be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!

All: You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to His people!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Dr. Hillman

Offertory Hymn, No. 589 Congregation

*Ye Servants of God
Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:16 KJV*

Offertory Prayer Mr. Tom Clark

Offertory *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Cindy Berry

*When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Doxology Congregation

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Children's Sermon Mrs. Donna Prince

Worship Through Music Chancel Choir
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Reading of the Holy Scripture Dr. Hillman
2 Corinthians 5:17

Sermon Still Contagious Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 267 Congregation
*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
There is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things. 1 Corinthians 8:6 KJV*

Benediction Dr. Hillman

Postlude *Break Forth Into Joy* Mrs. Slomanski
Johann Sebastian Bach



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jo Anne Vereen as she celebrates her birthday, by Leigh & Brownie Cook & Family.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 21
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
3:00 p.m. Morning Worship
Church Council
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 22
Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, January 24
6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Meal
Quarterly Church Conference & Prayer
Service
- 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 27
Celebration of Life Service for Rick Kimball

LOOKING AHEAD

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 28
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 29
Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 31
Wednesday Night Prayer Service



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Deacons of the Week

1/21 Kate C. Lee / Brownie Cook
1/28 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray
2/04 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers
2/11 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray