

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

January 7, 2024

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday  
January 7, 2024

## Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

*"No distrust made him (Abraham) waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised." Romans 4:20-21 RSV*

Prelude	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Mrs. Patricia Slomanski arr. Diane Bish
Choral Call to Worship	<i>Faith Is the Victory</i>	Chancel Choir
Greeting and Announcements		Dr. Fred Senter
Invocation		Dr. Senter
Hymn of Praise, No. 356	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i> <i>Jesus Christ . . . the chief corner stone. Ephesians 2:20 KJV</i>	Congregation

## Responsive Reading

Mrs. Kris Clyburn

Leader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

**People: By faith Able offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he received approval as righteous, God bearing witness by accepting his gifts; he died, but through his faith he is still speaking.**

Leader: By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was attested as having pleased God.

**People: And without faith it is impossible to please Him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.**

Leader: By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, took heed and constructed an ark for the saving of his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness which comes by faith.

**People: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go.**

Leader: By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

**All: For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

<b>Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer</b>		Dr. Senter
<b>Offertory Hymn, No. 4</b>	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	Congregation
	<i>Our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever. Galatians 1:4-5 NIV</i>	
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Mrs. Kate C. Lee
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Cindy Berry
<b>Doxology</b>		Congregation
	<i>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.</i>	
<b>Worship Through Music</b>	<i>Have Faith in God</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>Reading of the Holy Scripture</b>		Dr. Senter
	Romans 4:13-25	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Toward a More Robust Faith</i>	Dr. Senter
<b>Hymn of Invitation, No. 296</b>		Congregation
	<i>Jesus is Lord of All</i>	
	<i>Peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Acts 10:36 NIV</i>	
<b>Benediction</b>		Dr. Senter
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	Mrs. Slomanski John Stanley arr. Diane Bish



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the hope for a good and blessed New Year—2024.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 7  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 8  
Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue  
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Cliburn
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 9  
"Reaching Out to Our Neighbors" open  
forum
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 10  
Wednesday Night Prayer Service

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 8:00 a.m. Sunday, January 14  
9:45 a.m. Baptist Men's Breakfast  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
3:00 p.m. Morning Worship  
Church Council
- 9:30 a.m. Monday, January 15  
6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting  
Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue  
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Cliburn
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 16  
Deacons' Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, 24, 31  
Wednesday Night Prayer Service
- 6:30 p.m. Friday, January 19  
Movie Night
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 21  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 22, 29  
Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue  
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Cliburn
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, January 24  
6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Meal  
Quarterly Church Conference
- 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 27  
Celebration of Life Service for Rick Kimball
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 28  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship with Communion



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### Deacons of the Week

1/07 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters  
1/14 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte  
1/21 Kate C. Lee / Brownie Cook  
1/28 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray