

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

October 15, 2023

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

“Simply join your life with mine. Learn my ways and you’ll discover that I’m gentle, humble, easy to please. You will find refreshment and rest in me.” Mathew 11:29 TPT

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Dr. Patricia Slomanski
John Newton

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath bro’t me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
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.*

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 4

To God Be the Glory

Our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever. Galatians 1:4-5 NIV

Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

Leader: Children of God; welcome to His Holy House!

People: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance!

People: God invites all of us to be a part of His beloved community.

Leader: God invites all of us to share in His good news!

People: We are welcome just as we are, we are loved just as we are.

All: Beginning right here, beginning right now—we will worship Him forevermore!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Dr. Hillman

Offertory Hymn, No. 406

The Solid Rock

They drank from the spiritual Rock . . . Christ. I Corinthians 10:4 NIV
Offertory Prayer Mr. Jeff Mahanes

Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Dr. Slomanski
William Bradbury

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes know!
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care
And wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer*

Doxology

*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. Amen.*

Reading of the Holy Scripture Dr. Hillman
Matthew 11:29

Sermon Our Life With Jesus Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 275
I Surrender All
We have left all we had to follow you! Luke 18:28 NIV

Benediction Dr. Hillman

Postlude *Allegro* Dr. Slomanski
(from Water Music) George Frideric Handel



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Keith Watson on his birthday by Martha Watson.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, October 15
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
3:00 p.m. Morning Worship
Church Council Meeting

9:30 a.m. Monday, October 16
6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting
Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Cliburn

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 17
Deacons' Meeting

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 18
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

12:00 noon- Saturday, October 28
3:00 p.m. Fall Festival

9:45 a.m. Sunday, November 5
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
12:00 noon Homecoming/Harvest Day
Covered-Dish Dinner in the fellowship hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday, November 12
11:00 a.m. Breakfast and joint Adult Sunday School
Presentation by Sara Lamkin
Mental Health Sunday, Morning Worship
Sara Lamkin



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Deacons of the Week

10/15 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson
10/22 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray
10/29 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers
11/05 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray