

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

October 29, 2023

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday

October 29, 2023

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

*“Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won’t let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete.” Hebrews 12:1-2 CEV*

**Prelude**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Dr. Patricia Slomanski

arr. Diane Bish

*I am the LORD . . . who takes hold of your right hand. Isaiah 41:13*

**Greeting and Announcements**

Dr. Christopher Hillman

**Invocation**

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Praise, No. 15**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*The river. . . of life. . . flowing from the throne of God. Revelation 22:1 NIV*

**Responsive Reading**

Dr. Hillman

**Leader:** We gather, this morning, as God’s beloved children!

**People:** However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

**Leader:** We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community!

**People:** So this, becomes a sacred place where all are welcome.

**Leader:** We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, and be with one another!

**People:** This morning, let us worship our Lord.

**Leader:** Let us worship our Lord, indeed!

**All:** With all that we have, and all that we are—let us begin to worship God right now!

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

Dr. Hillman

**Offertory Hymn, No. 411**

*‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

*God is my salvation; I will trust. Isaiah 12:2 NIV*

**Offertory Prayer**

Mrs. Marie Wheatley

**Offertory**

*As The Deer*

*(with “The Swan” by Saint Saëns)*

Dr. Slomanski

arr. Linda McKechnie

*As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.  
You alone are my Strength, my Shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.*

*You're my Friend and You are my Brother  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.  
You alone are my Strength, my Shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.*

### **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**

Hebrews 12:1

Dr. Hillman

### **Sermon**

The Witnesses Around Us

Dr. Hillman

### **Hymn of Invitation, No. 483**

*Footsteps of Jesus  
They . . . left everything and followed Him. Luke 5:11 NIV*

### **Benediction**

Dr. Hillman

### **Postlude**

*The King is Coming*

Dr. Slomanski  
Bill and Gloria Gaither



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of John V. Cook and in honor of Carlton Cook on their birthdays by Haywood and Myrtle Cook Corbett.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, October 29  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 30  
Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue  
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Cliburn
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 1  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting
- Saturday, November 4  
FBC Float in Pecan Festival Parade  
We still need candy and Mum donations.  
We will not need riders this year.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, November 5  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Homecoming/Harvest Day with special  
guest speaker Rev. Daryl Trexler and  
special music by Dr. Wayne Brown  
12:00 noon Covered-Dish Dinner in the fellowship hall
- Saturday, November 11  
FBC Float in the Veterans Day Parade  
We still need candy donations.  
We will not need riders this year.
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday, November 12  
Breakfast and Joint Adult Sunday School  
Presentation by Sara Lamkin  
11:00 a.m. Mental Health Sunday, Morning Worship  
Sara Lamkin
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, November 19  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at First  
Baptist Church Whiteville.
- 9:30 a.m. Monday, November 20  
Finance Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 21  
Deacons' Meeting



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### Deacons of the Week

10/29 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers  
11/05 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray  
11/12 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley  
11/19 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters