

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

December 31, 2023

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday

December 31, 2023

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

"He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what He has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the LORD." Psalm 40:3 NLT

Prelude

We Three Kings

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
Arr. Albin Whitworth

Choral Call to Worship

Joy to the World

Chancel Choir

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 118

What Child is This

Congregation

They spread the word . . . about this child, and all . . . were amazed. Luke 2:17-18 NIV

Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

Leader: People of the world, it is time for us to celebrate new beginnings!

People: We step in to the new year with faith in God.

Leader: People of faith, it is time that we look ahead to God with great hope!

People: We step into the unknown with great hope.

Leader: People of hope, it is time that we all walk in the footsteps of Jesus!

All: Together, we will boldly step forward as God's unified family!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hillman

Worship Through Music

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Chancel Choir

Offertory Hymn, No. 113

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Congregation

When Jesus was born . . . there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. Matthew 2:1 KJV

Offertory Prayer

Mr. Stephen Prince

Offertory

Gesu Bambina
(Infant Jesus)

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Pietro Yon

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel!*

Reading of the Holy Scripture

Dr. Hillman

Psalm 40:3

Sermon

A Brand New Song

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 121

Congregation

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Christ Jesus . . . being in the form of God . . . was made in the
likeness of men. Philippians 2:5-7 KJV*

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

Postlude

Praise to the Newborn King

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, December 31
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship
- Monday, January 1
Church Office Closed for New Year's Day
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 3
Wednesday Night Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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
- 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



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Deacons of the Week

12/31 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley
1/07 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters
1/14 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
1/21 Kate C. Lee / Brownie Cook