

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

March 9, 2025

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday

March 9, 2025

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

*For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers;
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.*

1 Peter 3:12

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Mrs. Pat Slomanski

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!*

arr. Stuart K. Hine

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1

Congregation

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide
under the shadow of the Almighty.

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 227

Congregation

Praise Him, Praise Him

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Psalm 48:1 NIV

Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

Leader: Father God, let us exalt You today! Let us place You first among all!

People: For it is You, Father God, Who came and rescued me.

Leader: Yes, it is You, Father God, Who refused to let my enemies triumph over me.

People: O Lord, my God, I cried out to You when I needed help.

Leader: And just as promised—it's through the most difficult times, that You were right there with me.

People: You restored my health.

Leader: And You brought me up from the grave, O Lord!

People: You kept me from falling into the pit of death, O Lord.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones!

All: TODAY, WE WILL PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME. FOR HIS ANGER LASTS ONLY A
MINUTE, BUT HIS FAVOR LASTS A LIFETIME.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer		Mrs. Martha Senter
Old Testament Reading	Psalm 1:1-6	Mrs. Gina Morningstar
Offertory Hymn, No. 519		Congregation
	<i>Face To Face with Christ My Savior</i> <i>Now we see but a poor reflection . . . then we shall see face to face.</i> 1 Corinthians 13:12 NIV	
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Shall We Gather At the River</i> <i>Shall we gather at the river,</i> <i>Where bright angel feet have trod;</i> <i>With its crystal tide forever</i> <i>Flowing by the throne of God?</i> <i>Yes, we'll gather at the river,</i> <i>The beautiful, the beautiful river;</i> <i>Gather with the saints at the river</i> <i>That flows by the throne of God.</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Norman Johnson
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.	Congregation
Children's Sermon		Mrs. Donna Prince
New Testament Reading	Revelation 14:10-13	Mr. Jeff Mahanes
Worship through Song	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	Acts 4:11-12	Dr. Hillman
Sermon	"Eternal Choices"	Dr. Hillman
Hymn of Invitation, No. 316		Congregation
	<i>Jesus is Tenderly Calling</i> <i>The Teacher is . . . asking for you.</i> John 11:28 NIV	
Benediction		Dr. Hillman
Postlude	<i>The King is Coming</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Bill and Gloria Gaither



The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by Mr. and Mrs. Coburn Powell.
They are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of their children and granddaughters.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 9
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 11
Nominating Committee Meeting in the
conference room
- 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 12
Lenten Service at Methodist Church

LOOKING AHEAD

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 16, 23
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship
- 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 26
6:30 p.m. Lenten Services at Methodist Church
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 19
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service



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Deacons of the Week

3/09 Gina Morningstar / Kirby Sanderson
3/16 Leigh Cook / Mel Ray
3/23 Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte
3/30 Lauren Cole / Jeff Mahanes