

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

March 10, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they asked Him, "Lord, has the time come for You to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:6-8 NLT

Prelude *Beneath The Cross of Jesus* Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
arr. Norman Johnson

Choral Call to Worship *The Bond of Love* Chancel Choir

Greeting and Announcements Dr. Christopher T. Hillman

Invocation Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 15 Congregation
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
The river . . . of life . . . flowing from the throne of God. Revelation 22:1 NIV

Responsive Reading Mr. Kirby Sanderson
**Romans 12:3-5, I Corinthians 12:21, 25;
2 Corinthians 5:19-20**

Leader: And because of God's gracious gift to me, I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you should.

People: Instead, be modest in your thinking, and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you.

Leader: We have many parts in one body, and all these parts have different functions.

People: In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body.

Leader: So then, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well, I don't need you?"

People: And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another.

Leader: For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them!

People: And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

Leader: So we are Christ's ambassadors: God is making His appeal through us.

People: Praise Him, O heaven and earth, the seas and all that move in them.

All: We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer Dr. Hillman

Offertory Hymn, No. 145 *At The Cross* Congregation
This is my blood . . . poured out for many. Matthew 26:28 NIV

Offertory Prayer Mrs. Hilda Ray

Offertory *Meditations* Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.*

*When the woes of life o’er take me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross for sake me:
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.*

*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that thro’ all time abide.*

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.*

Children’s Sermon Mrs. Donna Prince

Worship Through Music Chancel Choir
Though I May Peak with Bravest Fire

Reading of the Holy Scripture Dr. Hillman
Ephesians 3:7-9

Sermon *Who Are Your Gentiles?* Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 280 Congregation
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:14 NIV

Benediction Dr. Hillman

Postlude *March* Mrs. Slomanski
(from Occasional Oratorio) George Frideric Handel



The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Terri & Coburn Powell
in honor of their children and granddaughters.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 10
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
 Morning Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 11
 WMU Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12
 Bible Study
- 12:00 noon Wednesday, March 13
 6:30 p.m. WUMC Lenten Service with lunch to follow
 Wednesday Night Prayer Service
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14
 Growing Young Forum (3 of 3)

LOOKING AHEAD

- 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 18
 Finance Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19
 Deacons' Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, 26
 Bible Study
- 12:00 noon Wednesday, March 20, 27
 6:30 p.m. WUMC Lenten Service with lunch to follow
 Wednesday Night Prayer Service
 *The Contact— Newsletter Announcement
 Cut-off Reminder
- 5:54 p.m. Wednesday, March 20
 Wednesday Night Supper
- 9:30 a.m.-
 11:30 Saturday, March 23
 Children's Easter Activity
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28
 Maundy Thursday Service
- 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 29
 Family Movie Night featuring the movie,
 "Risen"



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Deacons of the Week

3/10 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson
 3/17 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray
 3/24 Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte
 3/31 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray