

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

March 16, 2025

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Sunday
March 16, 2025

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

At once the Spirit sent Him out into the wilderness, and He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with wild animals, and angels attended Him.

Mark 1:12-13 NIV

Prelude

This Is My Father's World
The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
For He hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

Psalm 24:1-2 KJV

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Spoken Call to Worship

John 3:16

Congregation

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that
whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 27

Congregation

All Creatures of Our God and King
Make a joyful noise unto God. Psalm 66:1 KJV

Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

Leader: Fellow pilgrims, we are each invited to journey through this season of Lent!

People: **And we will make our way towards the One Who calls us each by a new name.**

Leader: Fellow disciples, we will walk with Jesus wherever He leads us to go!

People: **Thus putting our fears, our doubts, and our longings behind us.**

Leader: Followers of Christ, we will seek to trust in the God who always surprises us!

People: **Whose promises take on flesh and blood in the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Yes, we will commit to following Jesus wherever He goes.

People: **For He promises to make crooked paths straight, and rough places smooth.**

Leader: Fellow pilgrims, we are each invited to journey through this season of Lent!

All: AND WE WILL BEGIN RIGHT NOW: MAKING OUR WAY WITH JESUS ALL THE WAY TO THE CROSS!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hillman

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:11-17

Mrs. Hilda Ray

Offertory Hymn, No. 176

Congregation

Fairest Lord Jesus
His countenance was as the sun. Revelation 1:16 KJV

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

As the Deer
(with *The Swan*)
As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.
I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before Him? Psalm 42:1-2

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Linda McKechnie

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

Matthew 6:16-21

Mr. Mel Ray

Worship through Song

I Gave My Life for Thee

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Dr. Hillman

Sermon

"There's No Turning Back"

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 307

Just As I Am

Congregation

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51:2 NIV

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

Postlude

Psalm 19
The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament sheweth His handywork.

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

Psalm 19:1



The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory
of Lonnie Williams by John, Angela, and Andy Williams.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 16
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 17
Finance Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18
Deacons' Meeting
- 12:00 noon Wednesday, March 19
Lenten Service at Whiteville United
Methodist Church
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 23
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship
- 12:00 noon Wednesday, March 26
6:30 p.m. Lenten Services at Methodist Church
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
- 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 8
Nominating Committee Meeting in the
conference room



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Deacons of the Week

3/16 Leigh Cook / Mel Ray
3/23 Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte
3/30 Lauren Cole / Jeff Mahanes
4/06 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley