

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

March 17, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Let me hear joy and gladness. . . Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O Lord, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You.

Psalm 51:8-9, 13 NIV

Prelude

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
May I never boast except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:14 NIV*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
Albin Whitworth

Choral Call to Worship

Spirit of the Living God

Chancel Choir

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher T. Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 208

Congregation

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

God is love: and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God. 1 John 4:16 KJV

Responsive Reading

**John 5:19-22; Psalm 51:12-15
2 Corinthians 6:2-4**

Leader: But Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing alone. The Son does only what He sees the Father doing, because the Son does whatever the Father does.

People: But the Father will show the Son even greater things than this so that you can all be amazed.

Leader: For just as the Father gives life to those He raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone He wants.

People: In fact, the Father judges no one, but He has given the Son power to do all the judging so that all people will honor the Father.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Keep me strong by giving me a willing spirit.

People: Then I will teach Your ways to those who do wrong, and sinners will turn back to You.

Leader: God of my salvation, I will sing about Your goodness!

People: Lord, let me speak so I may praise You.

Leader: For God says, "At just the right time I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you."

People: Indeed, the “right time” is now.

Leader: Today is the day of salvation!

All: We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry. In everything we do, we will show that we are true ministers of God!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Dr. Hillman

Offertory Hymn, No. 276

Congregation

*O Jesus, I Have Promised
Lo, we have left all, and followed Thee. Luke 18:28 KJV*

Offertory Prayer

Mr. John Sauls

Offertory

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Harold DeCou

*I walked today where Jesus walked,
In days of long ago;
I wandered down each path He knew,
With reverence step and slow.
Those little lanes they have not changed—
A sweet peace fills the air.
I walked today where Jesus walked,
And felt His presence there.*

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Reading of the Holy Scripture

Dr. Hillman

II Corinthians 6:2

Sermon

Tomorrow Just As Today

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 279

Congregation

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
As ye have therefore received Christ . . . so walk ye in Him. Colossians 2:6 KJV*

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

Postlude

*When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder
The Lord Himself will come , , , and the dead in Christ will rise.*

Mrs. Slomanski
Harold DeCou



The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Willard Cole and the faithful members of his John the Baptist Sunday School Class, by Mike and Lauren Cole.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 17
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
 Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 18
 Finance Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19
 6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
 Bible Study
- 12:00 noon Wednesday, March 20
 5:54 p.m. WUMC Lenten Service with lunch to follow
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
 Wednesday Night Prayer Service
 *The Contact— Newsletter Announcement
 Cut-off Reminder
- 9:30 a.m. - Saturday, March 23
 11:30 Children's Easter Activity

LOOKING AHEAD

- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26
 Bible Study
- 12:00 noon Wednesday, March 27
 WUMC Lenten Service with lunch to follow
- 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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 3/24 Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte
 3/31 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray
 4/07 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley