

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

April 7, 2024

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday  
April 7, 2024

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

*This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia. Grace and peace to you from the One Who is, Who always was, and Who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before His throne; and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding His blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God His Father. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen.*

*Revelation 1:2-6 NLT*

**Prelude**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski  
arr. Felice de Giardini

**Choral Call to Worship**

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Chancel Choir

**Greeting and Announcements**

Dr. Christopher T. Hillman

**Invocation**

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Praise, No. 161**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns  
And on His head were many crowns. Revelation 19:12 KJV*

Congregation

**Responsive Reading**

K. J. Finney

**John 15:14-17**

**Leader:** Rejoice! Our Redeeming God forever lives on!

**People:** He has lovingly placed Himself to always be right beside us.

**Leader:** Yes! The Father has promised to leave us His Holy Spirit to be our comforter and guide.

**People:** And you are my friends if you do whatever I command of you.

**Leader:** I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father.

**People:** Yes, never again will we be left on our own.

**Leader:** You did not choose Me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures.

**All:** And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of Him in My name. This, then is what I command of you: love one another.

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** Dr. Hillman

**Offertory Hymn, No. 407** Congregation

*Because He Lives*  
*Because I live, you also will live. John 14:19 NIV*

**Offertory Prayer** Mrs. Mary Alice Stanley

**Offertory** *My Tribute* Mrs. Slomanski  
arr. Andrae Crouch

*How can I say thanks  
For the things You have done for me?  
Things so undeserved,  
Yet You gave to prove Your love for me.  
The voices of a million angels  
Could not express my gratitude.  
All that I am and ever hope to be;  
I owe it all to Thee.  
  
To God be the glory,  
To God be the glory,  
For the things He has done.*

**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

*Oh, How I Love Jesus*

**Reading of the Holy Scripture** Dr. Hillman

Luke 24:31

**Sermon** How Soon We Forget Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Invitation, No. 320** Congregation

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
*Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth. Isaiah 45:22 NIV*

**Benediction** Dr. Hillman

**Postlude** *With Trumpets and Horns* Mrs. Slomanski  
*(from Water Music)* George Frideric Handel



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

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, April 7  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study  
Nominating Committee Meeting with  
Committee Chairs in the Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10  
Wednesday Night Prayer Service

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14  
Church Council Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 15  
10:00 a.m. Finance Meeting  
WMU Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16  
Deacons' Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, 23, 30  
Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 24  
Wednesday Night Prayer Service
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18  
Grow Our Church Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 21  
90+ Celebration with lunch for everyone  
following the worship service
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 24  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper Covered-dish Meal  
Quarterly Church Conference
- 8:00 a.m. Saturday, April 27  
Operation Inasmuch



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### Deacons of the Week

4/07 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley  
4/14 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters  
4/21 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte  
4/28 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson