

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

April 14, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday
April 14, 2024

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

You love Him even though you have never seen Him. Though you do not see Him now, you trust Him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting Him will be the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:8 NLT

Prelude

*Largo in G Major
(from Xerxes)*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
George Frideric Handel

Choral Call to Worship

Name of All Majesty

Chancel Choir

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher T. Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 202

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

To the Lamb be praise and honor and glory. Revelation 5:13 NIV

Congregation

Responsive Reading

Mr. Glenn Waters

Leader: Today let us remember Thomas and his difficult time at Easter!

People: **We can find ourselves in Thomas, through our own doubts and questions.**

Leader: Didymus said: "Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my hand in His side, I will not believe!"

People: **We are often a skeptical people: driven by our senses, relying on that which we can hear, see, or prove.**

Leader: But Thomas was also a courageous man: resisting hype, keeping a cool demeanor in the midst of great excitement.

People: **Sometimes we get carried away by emotions and wishful thinking, and by popular trends that attempt to pull us all in.**

Leader: Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful just as Thomas was.

People: **Lord, that You would move us beyond mere trust in visible things, and open our eyes to Your spiritual realities.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have come to believe."

All: Along with Thomas, may we each learn to trust in the God of peace, hope, and eternal resurrection!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Dr. Hillman

Offertory Hymn, No. 533 Congregation

He Lives

Go quickly and tell . . . "He has risen from the dead." Matthew 28:7 NIV

Offertory Prayer Mrs. Carolyn Grainger

Offertory *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, My Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Reading of the Holy Scripture Dr. Hillman

John 20:24-25

Sermon Prove It! Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 275 Congregation

I Surrender All

We have left all we had to follow you! Luke 18:28 NIV

Benediction Dr. Hillman

Postlude *Rigaudon* Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Andre Campra



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the life and in memory of Ms. Sylvia Elkins by her daughter Anna Smyth and husband Mike, and their daughter Abigail.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 14
8:00 a.m. Baptist Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
3:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Monday, April 15
9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting
10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting

Tuesday, April 16
6:30 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, April 17
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Service

Thursday, April 18
6:30 p.m. Grow Our Church Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 21
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship with 90+ Celebration and lunch for everyone following the service

Tuesday, April 23, 30
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 24
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper-Covered-dish Meal
6:30 p.m. Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, April 27
8:00 a.m. Operation Inasmuch



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Deacons of the Week

4/14 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters
4/21 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
4/28 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson
5/05 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray