

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

April 20, 2025

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
**Resurrection Sunday**  
**April 20, 2025**

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

*You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here!  
He is risen from the dead! So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb,  
for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone,  
for they were afraid.*

Mark 16:6-8 NLT

**Prelude**

*Easter Fantasia*

Mrs. Pat Slomanski  
arr. Albin Whitworth

**Greeting and Announcements**

Dr. Christopher Hillman

**Spoken Call to Worship**

Luke 24:6

Congregation

*He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake  
unto you when He was yet in Galilee.*

**Invocation**

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Praise, No. 159**

Congregation

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
*He has risen from the dead . . . you will see Him. Matthew 28:7 NIV*

**Responsive Reading**

Dr. Hillman

Leader: He came to us in order to take on the sins of the world!

People: **We thank you, Father God. We thank You for the precious gift of Your Son.**

Leader: Yes—right from the start—this was our Creator's sacred plan!

People: **It's through His eternal sacrifice that we will never be apart again.**

Leader: The rock was moved! The tomb is empty!

People: **Hallelujah! Christ the Living God has risen from the grave.**

Leader: His Light has shone victorious!

People: **And the darkness has forever been extinguished.**

Leader: The Truth—came to us to take on the sins of the world!

**All: OUR GOD HAS DEFEATED DEATH SO THAT TOGETHER, WE WILL LIVE  
FOREVER!**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Dr. Fred Senter

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 53:7-12

Mrs. Mary Alice Stanley

**Offertory Hymn, No. 160**

Congregation

*Low in the Grave He Lay*

*Because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. Acts 2:24 NIV*

**Offertory Prayer**

Mrs. Wendy Hensley

**Offertory**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*  
*(from MESSIAH)*

Mrs. Slomanski  
George Frideric Handel

*I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And tho' worms destroy this body,  
yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
For now is Christ risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of them that sleep.*

**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**

I Corinthians 15:3-8

Mr. Willis Pinnell

**Worship through Song**

*Because He Lives*

Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading**

John 20:6-8

Dr. Hillman

**Sermon**

“The Sunday Surprise”

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Invitation, No. 407**

Congregation

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

**Benediction**

Dr. Hillman

**Postlude**

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
*(from MESSIAH)*

Mrs. Slomanski  
George Frideric Handel

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The flowers in the vestibule today are given to the Glory of God  
and to the life and memory of Sylvia T. Elkins,  
by her daughter Anna Smyth and family.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20  
Sunrise Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- Monday, April 21  
Office closed for Easter
- Wednesday, April 23  
10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  
5:45 p.m. Covered-dish Meal  
6:30 p.m. Quarterly Church Conference

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 30  
Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
- 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 3  
Operation Inasmuch

Academic Scholarships are now available. If you are interested in applying for a college scholarship from FBC, please come by the church office to pick up a scholarship form.



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## Deacons of the Week

4/20 Donna Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte  
4/27 Gina Morningstar / Kirby Sanderson  
5/04 Leigh Cook / Mel Ray  
5/11 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers