

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

April 23, 2023

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

## Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Prelude

*The Old Rugged Cross*

Dr. Patricia Slomanski  
arr. Herbert Colvin

Choral Call to Worship

*Spirit of the Living God*

Chancel Choir  
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Invocation

Dr. Wayne Brown

Spoken Call to Worship

Mr. Stephen Prince

Leader: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

People: **And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.**

Leader: And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

People: **And God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light.**

Leader: And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

People: **And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.**

Leader: And the evening and the morning were the first day.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

People: **In Jesus was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.**

Leader: What communion does light have with darkness?

All: **And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil. For we were sometimes in darkness, but now we are light in the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us walk as children of light, proving what is acceptable unto God.**

Hymn of Joyful Praise, No. 424

SUNLIGHT

*Heavenly Sunlight*

Greeting and Welcome

Congregation

Worship Through Music

*How Great Thou Art*

Chancel Choir  
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Offertory Hymn, No. 425

*He Keeps Me Singing*

SWEETEST NAME

Prayer of Dedication for Our Gifts to God

Mrs. Pat Hyatt

Offertory

*There Is A Fountain*

Early American Melody  
arr. Norman Johnson

**Presentation of Our Gifts to God**

**Children's Sermon** Light and Dark Dr. Brown

**Reading of the Holy Scripture** Mrs. Betty Jo Prevatte  
Isaiah 9:1-2 and Matthew 5:13-16

**Sermon** The World is Waiting . . . in Darkness! Dr. Brown

**Invitation Hymn to Share THE Light, No. 571** COLEMAN  
*Let Others See Jesus in You*

**Benediction and The Lord's Prayer** Dr. Brown

**Choral Benediction** *Doxology* OLD 100TH (altered)  
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. Amen.

**Postlude** Dr. Slomanski  
*When We All Get to Heaven* arr. Harold DeCou



The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Carlton and Mary Jean Prince.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. **Sunday, April 23**  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship
- 6:00 p.m. **Monday, April 24**  
Bible Study Coordinated by the Pinnells  
and the Clyburns
- 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, April 26**  
Prayer Meeting

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 5:45 p.m. **Wednesday, May 17**  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper  
Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Andy  
Hale, Assistant Executive  
Director of the Cooperative  
Baptist Fellowship of North  
Carolina. Please join us for a  
church-wide "round table"  
discussion of Ministerial Matters  
for First Baptist Church with  
time for questions and answers.  
*Open to all!*

**Saturday, May 20**  
Operation Inasmuch

Any student interested in applying for an FBC  
Educational Scholarship, please stop by the church  
office to pick up a form, or contact Donna Prince,  
910-840-6673.



## Ministerial Staff

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## Deacons of the Week

4/23 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte  
4/30 Kate C. Lee / John Sauls  
5/07 Janice Young / Mel Ray  
5/14 Tricia Sanderson / Ella Jo Sellers