

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

April 28, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday
April 28, 2024

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

The person who made the idol never stops to reflect, "Why, it's just a block of wood! I burned half of it for heat and used it to bake my bread and roast my meat. How can the rest of it be a god? Should I bow down to worship a piece of wood?" The poor, deluded fool feeds on ashes. He trusts something that can't help him at all. Yet he cannot bring himself to ask, "is this idol that I'm holding in my hand a lie?"
Isaiah 44:19-20 NLT

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

*My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee, all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

Choral Call to Worship

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Chancel Choir

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher T. Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 163

Thine is the Glory

Congregation

Death has been swallowed up in victory. I Corinthians 15:54 NIV

Responsive Reading

2 Kings 17:7-23

Mr. Stephen Prince

Leader: O God, You have loved us so well. You have been so kind to us!

People: You have given us all that we need. You have kept us from danger.

Leader: You have given us new life and forgiveness in Your Son, Jesus. But we have sinned against You, doing what You told us not to do.

People: We think and live like You don't love us, like You don't see our struggles, like You don't see our needs.

Leader: We think that other gods of money, more stuff, looking good, seeming smart, and feeling accepted will make us whole and happy.

People: But really, only You can make us whole and joyful.

Leader: Help us trust You when You say, "I will be with you!"

**All: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge. You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from You!**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Dr. Hillman

Offertory Hymn, No. 141 Congregation

The Old Rugged Cross
Carrying His own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull. John 19:17 NIV

Offertory Prayer Mrs. Resa Hillman

Offertory *Meditation on the Cross* Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

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

Reading of the Holy Scripture Dr. Hillman

I John 5:21

Sermon Same Product, Different Label Dr. Hillman

Worship Through Music *In Remembrance* Chancel Choir

Communion

Hymn of Invitation, No. 291 Congregation

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Now there stood by the cross of Jesus. John 19:25 KJV

Benediction Dr. Hillman

Postlude *Psalm 19* Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents,
Carlene & Wilton Jones and Thelma & Charles Lytle, by Cynthia & Charlie Lytle.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, April 28
Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30
Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1
Wednesday Night Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21, 28
Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 15, 22, 29
Wednesday Night Prayer Service
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9
Grow Our Church meeting
- Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day
- 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 13
WMU Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 15
Wednesday Night Supper
- 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 19
Columbus Community Band Concert in the
sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 20
Finance Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21
Deacons' Meeting
- Monday, May 27
Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 31
Family Movie Night



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Deacons of the Week

4/28 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson
5/05 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray
5/12 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers
5/19 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray