

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

May 25, 2025

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday

May 25, 2025

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

*You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.
You shall not go after others gods, the gods of peoples who are all around you
(for the Lord your God is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the Lord
your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.*

Deuteronomy 6:13-15 NKJV

Prelude

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mrs. Pat Slomanski

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make us holy, let us die to make men free,
His truth is marching on.*

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Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 67

Congregation

May God be gracious and bless us: let the whole earth praise God.

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 629

Congregation

God of Our Fathers

Our fathers trusted in Thee. Psalm 22:4 KJV

Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

Leader: Brothers and sisters, today we gather in celebration unto the Lord our God!

People: **And we will not ever worship another God.**

Leader: It's because today, we come to acknowledge the very heart of God!

People: **And His heart is based on the incredible love that He has for all of His children.**

Leader: For the Lord our God, is a jealous God.

People: **For the compassion He holds is unmatched—it's unsurpassed.**

Leader: There's simply no one or nothing else like Him!

People: **Never has been, never will be.**

Leader: And our great God is the same always and never changes. He is always good, always loving, always all-powerful.

All: TODAY WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION UNTO THE LORD OUR GOD!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Dr. Fred Senter

Old Testament Reading Exodus 20:1-6 Mrs. Ashleigh Mobbs

Offertory Hymn, No. 630 *America, the Beautiful* Congregation

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12 NIV

Offertory Prayer Mr. Carlton Prince

Offertory *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Lani Smith

*Let here be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let peace begin with me
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.*

*With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.*

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Congregation
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Children's Sermon Mrs. Donna Prince

Epistle Reading I John 4:9-16 Mr. Devon Mobbs

Worship through Song *We Are God's People* Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Mark 12:28-31 Dr. Hillman

Sermon "His Love is a Consuming Fire" Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 550 Congregation

I'd Rather Have Jesus
I consider everything a loss compared to . . . Christ Jesus my Lord. Philippians 3:8 NIV

Benediction Dr. Hillman

Postlude *Tribute to Armed Forces* Mrs. Slomanski
In honor of Haywood Corbett, US Army and arr. Lloyd Larson
in loving memory of my husband,
CSM Rev. Dr. Henry Slomanski, US Army



The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the
First Baptist Church Family for their acts of love, generosity,
and support for those in need, given by Martha Watson.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 25
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Morning Worship
Church After Church - San Juan

Monday, May 26
Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
No Book Study this week.

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 28
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service



LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m. Sunday June 1
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
2:00 p.m.— Morning Worship
4:00 p.m. Birthday Celebration for Mary Jean Prince
Scholarship forms deadline

5:30 p.m. Monday, June 2, 9, 16, 26
Book Study

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 11, 18, 26
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

Thursday, June 5
Ministry Survey deadline

9:45 a.m. Sunday June 8, 15, 23, 30
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship

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Deacons of the Week

5/25 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley
6/01 Willis Pinnell / Mary Alice Stanley
6/08 Donna Prince / Betty Jo Prevette
6/15 Gina Morningstar / Kirby Sanderson

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.