

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

May 28, 2023

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, May 28, 2023  
Memorial Day Weekend

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

“Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay  
down his life for his friends.”  
Matthew 25:40

**Invocation, Welcome, and Greeting**

Dr. Wayne Brown

**Called Church Conference**

Mr. John Sauls, Chair of Deacons

**Prelude**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
Dr. Patricia Slomanski, Organist  
arr. John Innes

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,  
and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**The National Anthem, No. 635**

*The Star-Spangled Banner*

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for Whose  
Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen and coming again,  
with life and liberty for all who believe.

**Hymn, No. 493**

*Onward, Christian Soldiers*

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Holy Bible**

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, and will make  
it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, and will  
hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

**Hymn, No. 260**

*Holy Bible, Book Divine*

**A Time of Reflection, Gratitude, and Prayer for Our Nation and  
for Those Who Gave Their Lives for Our Freedom.**

**Offertory Hymn, No. 586**

*We've a Story to Tell*

**Offertory Prayer**

Mrs. Wendy Hensley

**Receiving and Presentation of Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

*Were You There?*

Dr. Slomanski  
arr. Harold DeCou

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

**Reading of the Holy Scripture**

John 15:9-17 and I Corinthians 11:23-26

**Message**

In Remembrance

Dr. Brown

**Choral Praise**

*In Remembrance of Me*

Chancel Choir  
Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Flutist

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper: Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**Instrumental Meditations of the Cross**

Dr. Slomanski, Organist  
Mrs. Malpass, Flutist

**Benediction**

**Hymn of Fellowship and Departure, No. 387**

*Blest Be the Tie*

**Postlude**

*Tribute to the Armed Forces*

Dr. Slomanski  
Arr. Lloyd Larson



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of her son, Neil Watson,  
and her grandson, Heath Watson, on their birthdays, by Martha Watson.

The rose on the pulpit today is in celebration and honor of and in thanksgiving for the birth of **Eliza Ward Blackmon**, the daughter of Chris and Elizabeth Blackmon, and sister of Keplar. Eliza was born on Sunday, May 21, 2023, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Her gratefully proud maternal grandparents are Dan and Gay Strickland of the Cherry Grove community and paternal grandparents are Greg and Suzanne Blackmon of Whiteville, NC. Congratulations to all of you as you welcome this precious new gift from God! May He guide and bless you all always as you celebrate His love together!

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 28  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship with Communion,  
Including a Called Conference

Monday, May 29  
Office closed for Memorial Day  
Happy Memorial Day!

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31  
Prayer Meeting

9:45 a.m. Sunday, June 4  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship, Graduation Sunday



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### Deacons of the Week

5/28 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood  
6/04 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters  
6/11 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte  
6/18 Kate C. Lee / John Sauls