

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

May 4, 2025

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday

May 4, 2025

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

*Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children.
Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and
offered Himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.*

Ephesians 5:1 NLT

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Mrs. Pat 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.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 30:4

Congregation

*Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks
at the remembrance of His holiness.*

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 202

Congregation

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
To the Lamb be praise and honor and glory. Revelation 5:13 NIV*

Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

Leader: It is for us that God came to start a brand new thing!

People: **Yes, we have finally been set free.**

Leader: And He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

People: **To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.**

Leader: Yes, those who are victorious will inherit all of this, and I will be their God!"

People: **And we will be His children.**

Leader: Prepare the way, because God is coming to bring His people back to Himself!

People: **It is with great joy that we will proclaim our release.**

Leader: It is for us that the Lord Jesus came to start a brand new thing!

**ALL: WE ARE FOREVER RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY! MAY THE CELEBRATION BEGIN
RIGHT NOW!**

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

Old Testament Reading from Psalm 118 Mrs. Sandi Floyd

Offertory Hymn, No. 227 *Praise Him, Praise Him* Congregation
Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Psalm 47:1 NIV

Offertory Prayer Mrs. Kate C. Lee

Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Mrs. Slomanski
arr. William Felton

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,
And wait for Thee, Sweet hour of prayer.*

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 Ephesians 2:12-18 Mr. Coburn Powell

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:18-19 Dr. Hillman

Sermon "Free To Be Me" Dr. Hillman

Worship through Song *Here At Thy Table Lord* Chancel Choir

Communion

Hymn of Invitation, No. 295 Congregation
Near to the Heart of God
You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind . . . trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3 NIV

Benediction Dr. Hillman

Postlude *Festive Recessional* Mrs. Slomanski
(from the *Fourth Concerto*) Johann Sebastian Bach



The flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 4
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Morning Worship with communion
Church After Church -

5:30 p.m. Monday, May 5
Book Study

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 7
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 11, 18, 25
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, 19, 24
Book Study

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, 21, 28
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

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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5/04 Leigh Cook / Mel Ray
5/11 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers
5/18 Lauren Cole / Jeff Mahanes
5/25 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley