

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

May 7, 2023

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Dr. Patricia Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

Invocation, Greeting and Welcome Dr. Wayne Brown

Choral Call to Worship *Spirit of the Living God* Ladies' Choir

Spoken Call to Worship Revelation 19:7-9 Mr. Mel Ray

Leader: Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready.

People: Fine linen, clean and bright, was given her to wear.

Leader: Then the angel said to me, "Write this: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'"

All: And the angel said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Hymn of Praise and Offering, No. 350 AURELIA
The Church's One Foundation

Prayer of Dedication for Our Gifts to God Mrs. Genie Carter

Offertory *Shall We Gather at the River?* Dr. Slomanski
arr. Norman Johnson

Presentation of Our Gifts to God

Choral Praise *Oh, How He Loves You and Me!* Ladies' Choir

Oh, how He loves you and me. Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give? Oh, how He loves you!
O, how He loves me! Oh, how He loves you and me!
Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair. Oh, how He loves you!
Oh, how He loves me! Oh, how He loves you and me!
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, love lifted me!

Responsive Reading of the Holy Scripture

Ephesians 5:24-33

Mrs. Janice Young

Leader: Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

People: **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word;**

Leader: That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

People: So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

Leader: For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

People: For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

Leader: For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

All: This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless, let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Message

The Bride of Christ

Mrs. Joy Brown

Hymn of Invitation, No. 134 *Jesus Paid It All*

ALL TO CHRIST

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Dr. Slomanski
arr. Jeremiah Clark



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Opal and Willard Huggins' anniversary by Peggy Norosky.

Congratulations to Chase and Heather Clyburn on the birth of their son, Robert Luke Clyburn, on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, in Destin, Florida. Luke's paternal grandparents are Robert and Kris Clyburn of Boardman, North Carolina, and his maternal grandparents are Marshall and Lisa Adair of Freeport, Florida. We assure these happy parents and grandparents that we rejoice and celebrate with them as they welcome Luke into their hearts and lives. May God guide and bless you all!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. **Sunday, May 7**
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship
- 6:00 p.m. **Monday, May 8**
Bible Study Coordinated by the Pinnells
and the Clyburns
- 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, May 10**
Prayer Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

- 5:45 p.m. **Wednesday, May 17**
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Andy
Hale, Associate Executive
Coordinator 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!
- 8:00 a.m. **Saturday, May 20**
8:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Commissioning Worship
Operation Inasmuch Projects Begin
- 3:00 p.m. **Sunday, May 21**
Columbus Community Band Concert
in the FBC sanctuary



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Deacons of the Week

5/07 Janice Young / Mel Ray
5/14 Tricia Sanderson / Ella Jo Sellers
5/21 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray
5/28 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood