

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

July 2, 2023

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord;
and the people whom He hath chosen for His Own inheritance.*
Psalm 33:12

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.
Proverbs 14:34

Prelude

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Dr. Patricia Slomanski
arr. Harold DeCou

Choral Call to Worship

America The Beautiful

Chancel Choir

Hymn of Celebration, No. 634

America The Beautiful

Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-10

Dr. Wayne Brown

Leader: There is none like You among the gods, O Lord;

People: Nor are there any works like Yours.

Leader: All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.

People: For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

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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 Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag
I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for Whose kingdom it stands,
one brotherhood, uniting all Christians in service and in love.

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.

Greeting and Welcome

Worship Through Music

God of Our Fathers and My Country 'Tis of Thee

Chancel Choir

A Time of Prayer for Our Nation

I Chronicles 4:9-10

And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain!" And God granted him that which he requested.

II Chronicles 7:14

If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Hymn of Thanksgiving to God for America and Our Blessings, No. 4

To God Be the Glory

Prayer of Dedication for Our Gifts to God

Mrs. Kate C. Lee

Offertory

America the Beautiful

Dr. Slomanski
Arr. Harold DeCou

Presentation of Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts to God

Reading of the Holy Scripture John 8:25-36

Sermon

Is Freedom Really Free?

Dr. Brown

Invitation to Accept and to Follow Jesus Christ in Order to Change the World

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Priestly (Aaronic) Blessing

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."*

Choral Benediction

God Bless America

Chancel Choir

*God bless America, land that I love!
Stand beside her and guide her,
Through the night with the light from above.*

*From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home!
God bless America, my home sweet home!*

Postlude

God Bless America

Dr. Slomanski
Irving Berlin



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ed and Judy O'Rourke by John and Tina Sauls.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, July 2**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Southeastern Oratorio Society and the Columbus Community Band Patriotic Concert at B&G Homes of NC Chapel, Lake Waccamaw
- Monday, July 3**
6:00 p.m. Bible Study led by the Clyburns and the Pinnells
- Tuesday, July 4**
Church Office Closed
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Happy Campers** Children's Program
3 years old-1st grade (every Tuesday through August 1)
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Parenting Class, "Emotional Intelligence and Happy Parenting" open to all, led by Kris Clyburn
- Wednesday, July 5**
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Children's Missions** Night
PreK-12th grade (every Wednesday through August 2)
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Thursday, July 6**
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Happy Campers** Children's Program
2nd grade - 5th grade (weekly through August 3)
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Parenting Class, "Emotional Intelligence and Happy Parenting" open to all, led by Kris Clyburn
- Sunday, July 9**
8:00 a.m. Baptist Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship



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Deacons of the Week

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7/09 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray
7/16 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
7/23 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters