

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

July 27, 2025

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## Sunday

### July 27, 2025

#### Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

*One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?" Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you."*

Luke 17:20-21 NLT

#### Prelude

*Panis Angelicus*

Mrs. Pat Slomanski  
arr. Diane Bish

#### Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

#### Spoken Call to Worship

John 15:5

Congregation

*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.*

#### Invocation

Dr. Hillman

#### Hymn of Praise, No. 6

Congregation

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
*Now unto the King . . . be honour and glory. 1 Timothy 1:17 KJV*

#### Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

**Leader:** Father God, we gather before You, not merely as spectators, but as soldiers in a great spiritual battle!

**People:** And Your holy Word calls us to **"fight the good fight of the faith."**

**Leader:** So let us, therefore, lay aside every weight and every sin that hinders us from putting on the armor of God.

**People:** Let us stand firm in our faith, ready to resist the enemy and advance the Kingdom of God.

**Leader:** And Father, we know that our Christian life is a marathon, and not a sprint.

**People:** Yes, we are each called to journey alongside of You, and to run the race that leads to eternal life.

**Leader:** Right now—may we encourage one another to persevere, to remain steadfast in our commitment to Christ, and to finish the race He has set before us!

**People:** Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Lord!

**Leader:** Father God, we gather before You, not merely as spectators, but as soldiers in a great spiritual battle!

**All:** EACH OF US EQUIPPED WITH YOUR LOVE, WITH YOUR PEACE, WITH YOUR HOPE, AND WITH YOUR POWER! THANK YOU, LORD JESUS!

<b>Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer</b>		Dr. Fred Senter
<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	Psalm 144:1-7	Mrs. Betty Jo Prevatte
<b>Offertory Hymn, No. 426</b>	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	Congregation
	<i>He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV</i>	
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Mrs. Carolyn Grainger
<b>Offertory</b>	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Diane Bish
	<i>Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand I am tire, I am weak, I am worn; Thro' the storm, thro' the night, lead me on to the light Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.</i>	
	<i>When my way grows dear, precious Lord, linger near When my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.</i>	
<b>Doxology</b>	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.	Congregation
<b>Children's Sermon</b>		Mrs. Donna Prince
<b>Epistle Reading</b>	2 Peter 3:2-7	Mr. Jeff Mahanes
<b>Worship through Song</b>	<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Acts 20:24	Dr. Hillman
<b>Sermon</b>	"Mission Accomplished"	Dr. Hillman
<b>Hymn of Invitation, No. 305</b>	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	Congregation
	<i>"Whoever serves me must follow me." John 12:26 NIV</i>	
<b>Benediction</b>		Dr. Hillman
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Voluntary: Allegro Maestoso</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Gordon Young

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The flowers today are given to glory of God and in memory of those lost in the Texas flooding, by Karen Dawsey. Each life was a story and now each loss a silence. May their memories never be forgotten.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, July 27**  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 12:30 p.m. Church After Church - Penn's Grill
- Monday, July 28**  
 5:30 p.m. No Book Study  
 6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School with class for adults  
 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 29**  
 6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School with class for adults  
 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 30**  
 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  
 6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School with class for adults  
 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, August 1**  
 6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School trip to BGHLW  
 8:30 p.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Sundays August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31**  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- Mondays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25**  
 5:30 p.m. Book Study
- Wednesday, August 6, 13, 20, 27**  
 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
- Tuesday, August 5**  
 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
- Monday, August 18**  
 9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting
- Tuesday, August 19**  
 6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting



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## Deacons of the Week

7/27 Donna Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte  
 8/03 Gina Morningstar / Kirby Sanderson  
 8/10 Leigh Cook / Mel Ray  
 8/17 Charlie Duncan / Ella Jo Sellers