# First Baptist Church



# **Growing Toward Christ**

July 3, 2022

### THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2022

### Morning Worship

\* Please stand as you are able

#### Greeting and Invocation

Prelude

Dr. Wayne Brown

Eleven o' clock

Dr. Patricia Slomanski

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (concludes with The Star-Spangled Banner, \*Please stand)

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

#### \* Pledge 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.

#### \* Pledge 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 love.

#### \* Pledge to the Bible

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

#### Prayer Litany

Leader: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

All: We thank you Lord.

- Ladies: For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,
- All: we thank you Lord.

arr. Robert Hughes

Congregation

Men: All:	For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation, we thank you Lord.		
Leader:	For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,		
All:	we thank you Lord.		
Ladies:	For the men and women who laid the foundation of democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,		
All:	we thank you Lord.		
Leader:	For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,		
All:	we thank you Lord.		
Men:	For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,		
All:	we thank you Lord.		
Leader:	For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,		
All:	we thank you Lord.		
Ladies:	For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,		
All:	we thank you Lord.		
Men:	For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,		
All:	we thank you Lord.		
Leader:	Lord, we pray for this nation, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice,		
All:	we pray to you Lord.		
Leader:	That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,		
All:	we pray to you Lord.		
Ladies:	That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,		
All:	we pray to you Lord.		
Men:	That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,		
All:	we pray to you Lord.		
Leader:	That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to your grace,		
All:	we pray to you Lord. Amen.		
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**Offertory Prayer** 

\* Offertory Response, No. 253 Doxology

> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Dr. Brown

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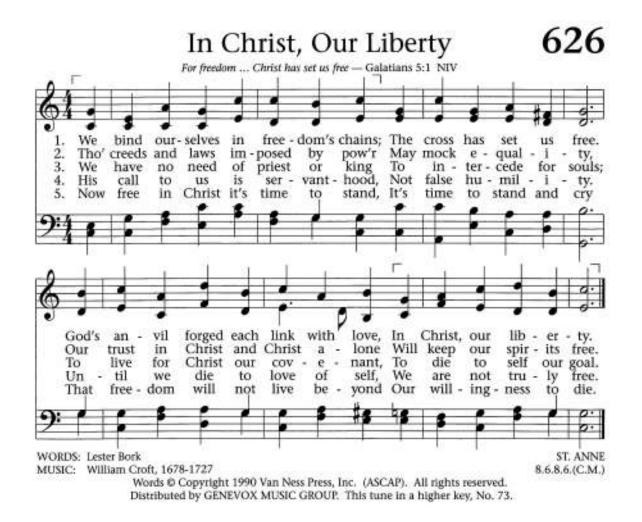
**Mitchell Sauls** 

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Hymn No. 633	Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory	Congregation BATTLE HYMN
Scripture Reading	Psalm 33:12, John 8:31-38 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Galatians 5:13-15	Dr. Brown
Sermon Ha	appy Birthday, America The Land of the Free Really?	Dr. Brown
* Hymn of Commitm	ST. ANNE	
* Benediction	In Christ, Our Liberty	Dr. Brown
* Congregational Pos	stlude, Hymn No. 630 America the Beautiful	MATERNA

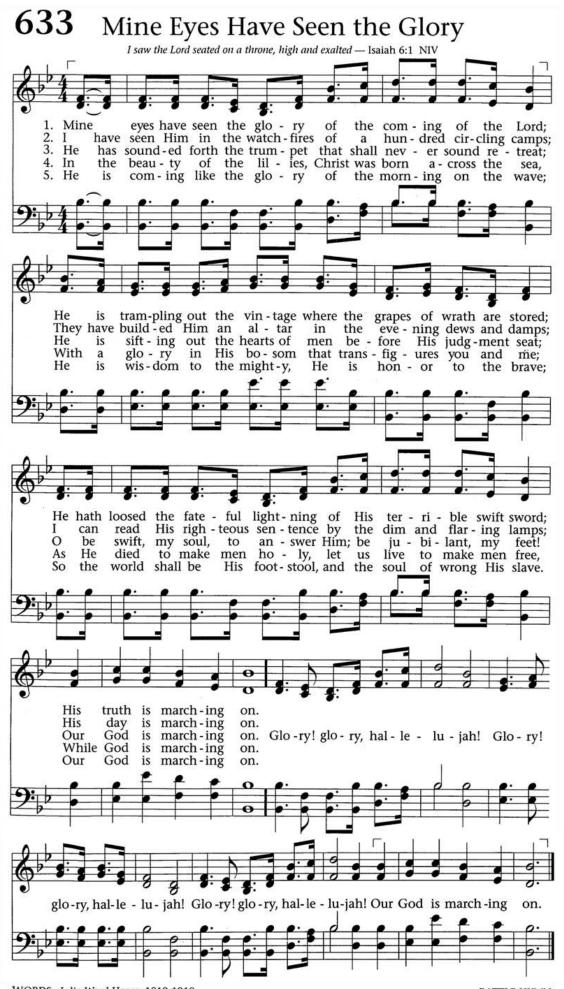
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The litany for today was copied from: rickmorley.com/archives/1673?utm\_source=rss&utm\_campaign=litany-for-independence-day





The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our freedom to worship God by Buster and Genie Carter.



BATTLE HYMN Irregular

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#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<u>Sunday, July 3</u> Sunday School Morning Worship Community Band and Oratorio Concert, Lake Waccamaw, Boys and Girls Home	
6:30 p.m.	Monday, July 4 Church Office Closed for Independence Day Wednesday, July 6 Bible Study coordinated by Willis & Sue Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn LOOKING AHEAD	
8:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<u>Sunday, July 10</u> Baptist Men's Breakfast Sunday School Morning Worship	S. Com
11:30 a.m.	Monday, July 11 WMU Salad Luncheon for all ladies of the church	First Baptist Church
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, July 13 Bible Study coordinated by Willis & Sue Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn	Growing Toward Christ Whiteville, NC
10:30 a.m.	Thursday, July 14 Children's Music Activity Music, Crafts, Lunch	<b>Ministerial Staff</b> Rev. Wayne Brown, Interim Pastor
9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Monday, July 18-22 Finance Meeting Vacation Bible School	843-796-0397 Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music <b>Support Staff</b> Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Ministry Assistant
6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, July 19 Deacons' Meeting	Mrs. Dinah Reaves, Financial Ministry Assistant Mrs. Pat Slomanski, Organist Church Office Hours 8:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.	Thursday, July 21 Committee Reports Due Tuesday, July 26 "ABC" Dinner (covered dish) for everyone whose last name begins with "D-I"	Monday-Thursday Phone: (910) 642-2139 Fax: (910) 642-5874 Web Site: www.fbcwhiteville.com Email: office@fbcwhiteville.com CCLI #1445259 (live broadcast on WTXY AM 1540, FM 103.9, cool1039radio.com-"Listen Live", and our First
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, July 27 Quarterly Church Conference	Baptist Church Whiteville Facebook Page)
9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<u>Sunday, July 31</u> Sunday School Morning Worship with Communion	
6/26	Deacons of the Week	

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