

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

July 6, 2025

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday

July 6, 2025

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of His wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

Romans 6:1-2 NLT

Prelude

America, The Beautiful

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Harold DeCou

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Spoken Call to Worship

1 John 4:16

Congregation

God is love; and he who abides in love, abides in God, and God in him.

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 7

Congregation

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

My lips shall . . . rejoice when I sing unto Thee. Psalm 71:23 KJV

Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

Leader: Father God, I thank You for Your love! I thank You for Your grace! I thank You for saving a sinner like me.

People: And just to think: You did this to tell the world that salvation is free.

Leader: Oh, but there were times when I just didn't do what is right!

People: But You still watched over me all day and through the night.

Leader: I left You yet again—but never once did You ever leave me!

People: Your justice demanded that I should die!

Leader: But it was through Your Amazing Grace that You said, "No, no, no! Not this time! Not any time!"

People: And it was all because Your loving grace and mercy came along and rescued me.

Leader: Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Jesus!

All: WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACE.
AND WE THANK YOU FOR SAVING A SINNER LIKE ME!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Fred Senter

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8-13

Mr. Haywood Corbett

Offertory Hymn, No. 634

Congregation

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD. Psalm 33:12 KJV

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Carolyn Grainger

Offertory

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Mrs. Slomanski

(NAVY SONG)

arr. Harold DeCou

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

Doxology

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

Children's Sermon

Mrs. Donna Prince

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:4-8

Mrs. Myrtle Corbett

Worship through Song

Let All Things Now Living

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:32

Dr. Hillman

Sermon

"We Show God's Grace"

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 494

Congregation

Take Up Your Cross

He must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Matthew 16:24 NIV

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

Postlude

God Bless America

Mrs. Slomanski
Irving Berlin

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The flowers today are given to glorify God.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, July 6
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Morning Worship
Church After Church - San Jose

5:30 p.m. Monday, July 7
Book Study—Chapter 7, pt. 2

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 8
Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 9
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m. Sunday July 13, 20, 27
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Monday, July 14, 21, 28
Book Study

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, 23, 30
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

Monday, July 28—Friday, August 1
Vacation Bible School



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7/06 Lauren Cole / Jeff Mahanes
7/13 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley
7/20 Willis Pinnell / Mary Alice Stanley
7/27 Donna Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte