

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

August 27, 2023

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, August 27, 2023

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

*See, God has come to save me. I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
The Lord God is my strength and my song; He has given me victory.  
Isaiah 12:2*

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

**Call to Worship** *Sing! Make a Joyful Noise* Chancel Choir

**Invocation** Dr. Christopher Hillman

**Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements** Dr. Hillman

**Responsive Reading** *Philippians 4:1-9* Dr. Hillman

**Leader:** Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice!

**People:** Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

**Leader:** Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ!

**People:** Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

**Leader:** Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide. Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you!

**All:** We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!

**Hymn of Praise, No. 231**

*Come, Christians Join to Sing  
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Psalm 95:1 NIV*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** Dr. Hillman

**Offertory Hymn, No. 187**

*In the Garden  
She turned . . . and saw Jesus. John 20:14 NIV*

**Offertory Prayer** Mrs. Carolyn Grainger

**Offertory** *God's Wondrous Love* Dr. Slomanski  
Marilyn Hamm

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell.  
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.  
O love of God, how rich and pure, how measureless and strong.  
It shall forever more endure, the saints and angels songs.

***Doxology***

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Reading of the Holy Scripture**

Isaiah 12:2

Dr. Hillman

**Sermon**

Our God is Ever Present

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Invitation, No. 502**

*Open My Eyes, That I may See  
Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things. Psalm 119:18*

Dr. Hillman

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Alleluia!*

Dr. Slomanski  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of all the  
First Baptist Church members involved in unseen mission work.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, August 27  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 Morning Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 28  
 Bible Study led by the Clyburns  
 and the Pinnells
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 30  
 Prayer Meeting

## LOOKING AHEAD IN SEPTEMBER

- Monday, September 4  
 Office Closed for Labor Day
- Tuesday-Thursday, September 5-7  
 Absentee Deacon voting in the church  
 office
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 10  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 Morning Worship, Deacon vote during  
 morning worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 17  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 Morning Worship, Budget Distribution
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 20  
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (\$5.00)  
 Prayer Meeting  
 Annual Church Conference, Nominating  
 Committee Report Vote, and Budget  
 Discussion
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 24  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 Morning Worship, Budget vote



### Ministerial Staff

Dr. Christopher T. Hillman, Pastor  
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### Support Staff

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### Deacons of the Week

8/27 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray  
 9/03 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood  
 9/10 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters  
 9/17 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte

On **Sunday, September 10**, we will vote for 5 new deacons to serve with our Deacon Body. If you are unable to attend service on September 10 to vote, you will be able to vote by absentee ballot Tuesday-Thursday, September 5-7, from 8:30-4:30 p.m. Please spend significant time in prayer about whom you feel God would have serve as the spiritual leaders of our church. Also, please reach out to those folks whom you believe God is putting on your heart, and ask their permission prior to writing their names down to serve as deacon.

Please note the following people are ineligible for your vote as they are currently serving on the deacon body or rotated off last year:

#### Term Expired 2022

David Carter  
 Lauren Cole  
 Haywood Corbett  
 Brad Johnson  
 Mary Alice Stanley

#### Term Expires 2023

Genie Carter  
 Tricia Sanderson  
 John Sauls  
 Peggy Underwood  
 Dr. Ron Walters

#### Term Expires 2024

Kate C. Lee  
 Stephen Prince  
 Hilda Ray  
 Glenn Waters  
 Janice Young

#### Term Expires 2025

Willis Pinnell  
 Betty Jo Prevatte  
 Mel Ray  
 Ella Jo Sellers  
 Merle Worley