

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

August 31, 2025

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday

August 31, 2025

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

When you were spiritually dead because of your sins and because you were not free from the power of your sinful self, God made you alive with Christ, and He forgave all our sins. He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14 NCV

Prelude

Nearer, My God to Thee

Mrs. Pat Slomanski

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

arr. Diane Bish

*E'en tho' it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!*

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Chris Hillman

Spoken Call to Worship

Acts 16:31

Congregation

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 200

Congregation

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain. Revelation 5:12 NIV*

Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

Excerpts from Romans 8

Leader: Remember that you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children!

People: Yes, and now we call Him, "Abba, Father."

Leader: For His Spirit joins up with our own Spirit!

People: This, in order to affirm that we are indeed God's children.

Leader: And since we are His children, we are also His heirs.

People: In fact, it's together with Christ that we are heirs of God's infinite grace.

Leader: But if we are to share His glory, then we must also share His suffering.

People: Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory that He will reveal to us later.

Leader: For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who His children really are!

**ALL: AND WE ARE CONVINCED THAT NOTHING CAN EVER SEPARATE US FROM
THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS REVEALED IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD!**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Dr. Senter

Old Testament Reading Psalm 18:30-35 Mr. Keith Beverley

Offertory Hymn, No. 282 *Living for Jesus* Congregation
That you may live a life worthy of the Lord. Colossians 1:10 NIV

Offertory Prayer Mr. Lewis Sauls

Offertory God's Wondrous Love Mrs. Slomanski
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul.
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul. arr. Marilyn Ham

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Congregation
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Children's Sermon Mrs. Donna Prince

Epistle Reading Romans 8:20-23 Mrs. Jamie Beverley

Worship through Song *Worthy of Worship* The Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:27-28 Dr. Hillman

Sermon "Walking Worthy" Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 320 Congregation
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth. Isaiah 45:22 NIV

Benediction Dr. Hillman

Postlude *Fanfare on Onward Christian Soldiers* Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Gordon Young

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and are loving placed in honor of Rose Langston's birthday and Charlie & Rose's anniversary, by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, August 31
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Morning Worship
Church After Church—Franco's

Monday, September 1
Office Closed for Labor Day

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 3
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 7, 21, 28
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship

Monday—Thursday, September 8-11
Absentee Deacon Voting in the church office

9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 14
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship with Deacon Election

9:30 a.m. Monday, September 15
10:00 a.m. Finance Meeting
WMU Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 16
Deacons' Meeting

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 10, 17
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 21
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship with Budget Distribution

5:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 24
6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Meal
Quarterly Church Conference with Nominating
Committee Report and Budget Discussion

9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 28
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship with Budget vote



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Deacons of the Week

8/31	Buster Carter/Bobby Hensley
9/07	Willis Pinnell / Mary Alice Stanley
9/14	Donna Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
9/21	Gina Morningstar / Kirby Sanderson

Bylaws excerpt concerning voting for deacons:

3. Election.

a. The election for deacons shall be held on the second Sunday in September during the morning worship service. At that time, the membership of the church shall list four (4) names for deacons.

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 2024

Kate C. Lee
Stephen Prince
Hilda Ray
Glenn Waters

Term Expires 2025

Willis Pinnell
Betty Jo Prevatte
Mel Ray
Ella Jo Sellers

Term Expires 2026

Buster Carter
Brownie Cook
Charlie Duncan
Bobby Hensley
Kirby Sanderson

Term Expires 2027

Leigh Cook
Jeff Mahanes
Gina Morningstar
Donna Prince
Mary Alice Stanley