

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

September 15, 2024

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday  
September 15, 2024

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

*Nehemiah told the people, "Enjoy your good food and wine and share some with those who didn't have anything to bring. Don't be sad! This is a special day for the LORD, and He will make you happy and strong." The Levites encouraged the people by saying, "This is a scared day, so don't worry or mourn!"*  
Nehemiah 8:10-11 CEV

**Prelude**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski  
arr. Albin Whitworth

*Be Thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
Save that Thou art:  
Thou my best thought,  
By day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.*

*High King of heaven,  
My victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joy's  
O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
Whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.*

**Choral Call to Worship**

Chancel Choir

*We Have Come into His House*

**Greeting and Announcements**

Dr. Christopher T. Hillman

**Invocation**

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Praise, No. 20**

Congregation

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above  
Let us sing unto the Lord . . . For the Lord is a great God. Psalm 95:1, 3 KJV*

**Responsive Reading**

Dr. Hillman

Leader: Give praise to the merciful God Who is transforming our lives!

People: **He has promised to make us one with Him.**

Leader: Our Father loves us, for He calls us this children!

People: **We are children of the Most High.**

Leader: From this day forward—He is renewing our hearts and transforming our minds!

People: **Our God is a God of great love.**

Leader: Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow!

People: **Lead me by Your truth and teach me.**

Leader: For You are the God Who saves!

People: **All day long I will put my hope in You.**

Leader: Give praise to the merciful God Who is transforming our lives!

**All: REMEMBER US IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR UNFAILING LOVE, FOR YOU ARE MERCIFUL, O LORD!**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** Dr. Fred Senter

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 73:22-28 Mrs. Gina Morningstar

**Offertory Hymn, No. 149** *Blessed Redeemer* Congregation  
*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. Galatians 3:13 NIV*

**Offertory Prayer** Mrs. Lauren Cole

**Offertory** *There Is A Fountain* Mrs. Slomanski  
arr. Harold DeCou

*There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains,  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains.*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing would supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die,  
And shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.*

**Doxology** Congregation

*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.*

**Children's Sermon** Mrs. Sandi Floyd

**Epistle Reading** Matthew 11:25-30 Mr. Jeff Mahanes

**Worship Through Song** *Share His Love* Chancel Choir

**Reading of the Holy Scripture** Dr. Hillman  
I John 4:4

**Sermon** "In Christ We're Overcomers" Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Invitation, No. 450** Congregation  
*I Need Thee Every Hour*  
*Without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5 KJV*

**Benediction** Dr. Hillman

**Distribution of the 2024-2025 Church Budget**

**Postlude** *Festal Fanfare* Mrs. Slomanski  
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of Charles Donald Prevatte,  
by Betty Jo Prevatte.

#### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 15  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship, Budget Distribution
- 5:30 p.m. Monday, September 16  
Book Study
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 17  
Deacons' Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 18  
6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Meal  
Quarterly Church Conference  
Budget Review,  
Nominating Committee Report Vote

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 21  
Children's Missions Day
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 22  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship  
Budget Vote during morning worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 29  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship with Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 23  
Summer JAM Follow-up Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Monday, September 23, 30  
Book Study
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 26  
Flu Shot Clinic in the fellowship hall
- 3:15 p.m. Friday, September 27  
Whiteville High School Foot Ball Supper in the  
fellowship hall
- 8:30 a.m. Saturday, September 28  
Church-wide Work Day



#### Ministerial Staff

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#### Deacons of the Week

9/15 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte  
9/22 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson  
9/29 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray