

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

September 24, 2023

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday
September 24, 2023

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

*“The People who heard Him were amazed at the way He taught,
for He wasn’t like the teachers of the Law;
instead He taught with authority.”
Mark 1:22*

Prelude *To God Be the Glory* Dr. Patricia Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

Greeting and Announcements Dr. Christopher Hillman

Invocation Dr. Hillman

Choral Call to Worship *Thou Art Worthy* Chancel Choir

Hymn of Praise, No. 36
*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him
The heavens declare the glory of God. Psalm 19:1*

Responsive Reading Dr. Hillman

Leader: Oh merciful and mighty Christ!
People: **You proclaim and answer with authority.**
Leader: You reveal the way of righteousness!
People: **All authority on heaven and earth is Yours.**
Leader: Receive the sacrifice of our trust and time!
All: **You breathe and share Your authority! You send us to work and
witness in Your world!**

Worship Through Music *In Remembrance* Byrl Red
Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Flute

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer Dr. Hillman

Offertory Hymn, No. 366
*Let Us Break Bread Together
This is my body, which is for you. I Corinthians 11:24*

Offertory Prayer Mrs. Carolyn Grainger

Offertory *In Christ Alone* Mrs. Malpass, Flute
arr. Getty and Townend

*In Christ alone my hope is found: He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm though the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save—
Till on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

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

Mark 1:22

Dr. Hillman

Sermon

Words of Authority

Dr. Hillman

Blessing and Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn of Fellowship and Departure, No. 387

Blessed Be the Tie

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

Postlude

Toccata in D Minor

Dr. Slomanski
Charles Sergisson



The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of John Norosky's birthday
by Peggy and the boys: Frank, Glenn, and Walter.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. **Sunday, September 24**
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
 Morning Worship, Communion, Budget Vote

9:30 a.m. **Sunday, October 1**
 New Church Year Begins
 Church-wide Sunday School Kick-off
 Breakfast
 Everyone is invited!
 9:45 a.m. Combined Sunday School for adults
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

2:30 p.m. - **Tuesday, October 3**
 4:30 p.m. Blood Connection Blood Drive

TBD **Wednesday, October 11**
 Crossroads Pharmacy Flu Shot Clinic

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Dr. Christopher T. Hillman, Pastor
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Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Ministry Assistant
 Mrs. Dinah Reaves, Financial Ministry Assistant
 Dr. Patricia Slomanski, Organist

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Deacons of the Week

9/24 Kate C. Lee / John Sauls
 10/01 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters
 10/08 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
 10/15 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson