

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

September 3, 2023

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, September 3, 2023

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

**Prelude** *I Love To Tell the Story* Dr. Patricia Slomanski  
arr. Albin Whitworth

**Invocation** Dr. Christopher Hillman

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

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 100 Dr. Hillman

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness.

Leader: Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God!

People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His court with praise!

All: Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations!

**Hymn of Praise, No. 161**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

*And on His head were many crowns. Revelation 10:12*

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

**Offertory Hymn, No. 416**

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

*Look unto me, and be ye saved. . . for I am God. Isaiah 45:22*

**Offertory Prayer** Mr. Haywood Corbett

**Offertory** *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Dr. Slomanski  
arr. Albin Whitworth

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word:  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me,  
Will be with me to the end.*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him More!*

***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**

Acts 6:1-7

Dr. Hillman

**Sermon**

Jesus Loves the Caregivers

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Invitation, No. 445**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

*They all joined together constantly in prayer—Acts 1:14 NIV*

Dr. Hillman

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*We're Marching to Zion*

Dr. Slomanski  
arr. Norman Johnson



The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. **Sunday, September 3**  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 Morning Worship
- Monday, September 4**  
 Office Closed for Labor Day  
 No Bible Study
- Tuesday-Thursday, September 5-7**  
 Absentee Deacon voting in the church office



## LOOKING AHEAD IN SEPTEMBER

- 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. Covered-dish Meal  
 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  
 804-301-2580

### Support Staff

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 Dr. Patricia Slomanski, Organist

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### Deacons of the Week

9/03 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood  
 9/10 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters  
 9/17 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte  
 9/24 Kate C. Lee / John Sauls

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