

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

September 8, 2024

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday  
September 8, 2024

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

*But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying: "We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.*

Matthew 11:16-17 NKJV

**Prelude**

*Rock of Ages, cleft for Me  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath and make me pure.*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski  
arr. Diane Bish

**Choral Call to Worship**

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Chancel Choir

**Greeting and Announcements**

Dr. Christopher T. Hillman

**Invocation**

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Praise, No. 8**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
God is our refuge and strength. Psalm 46:1 KJV*

Congregation

**Responsive Reading**

Dr. Hillman

*from Isaiah 60*

Leader: Arise, shine; for the LORD has come!

People: **God's glory has risen upon us.**

Leader: I say it again: Arise, shine; for the LORD has come!

People: **The LORD is indeed with us on this day.**

Leader: Despite the state of this world . . .

People: **Despite momentary illness and fear.**

Leader: Despite disappointment, despite injustice . . .

People: **Despite sadness, despite violence.**

Leader: Despite momentary grief and despair . . .

People: **God's glory will never fail us.**

Leader: People, lift up your eyes and look around!

People: **We see the light of God's hope, we see the light of God's peace..**

Leader: It's time for God's People to call on Him now!

**All: BEHOLD, HIS GREAT GLORY HAS RISEN UPON US!!**

<b>Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer</b>		Dr. Fred Senter
<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	Psalm 53:1-6	Mrs. Leigh Cook
<b>Offertory Hymn, No. 406</b>	<i>The Solid Rock</i> <i>They drank from the spiritual rock . . . Christ. I Corinthians 10:4 NIV</i>	Congregation
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Rev. Wallyce Todd
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>He Hideth My Soul In the Cleft of the Rock</i> <i>A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,</i> <i>He taketh my burden away;</i> <i>He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,</i> <i>He giveth me strength as my day.</i> <i>He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock</i> <i>That shadows a dry, thirsty land;</i> <i>He hideth my life in the depths of His love,</i> <i>And covers me there with His hand,</i> <i>And covers me there with His hand.</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Harold DeCou
<b>Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.</i> <i>Praise Him all creatures here below.</i> <i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.</i> <i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>	Congregation
<b>Children's Sermon</b>		Mrs. Donna Prince
<b>Worship Through Song</b>	<i>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love</i>	The Chancel Choir
<b>Epistle Reading</b>	2 Corinthians 9:6-10	Mr. Brownie Cook
<b>Reading of the Holy Scripture</b>	Matthew 16:24-25	Dr. Hillman
<b>Sermon</b>	"Stop Editing Jesus"	Dr. Hillman
<b>Hymn of Invitation, No. 502</b>	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i> <i>Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things. Psalm 119:18 KJV</i>	Congregation
<b>Benediction</b>		Dr. Hillman
<b>Called Church Conference: Election of Deacons</b>		Mrs. Betty Jo Prevatte
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Voluntary</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Gordon Young

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Hilda Ray

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 8  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship, Deacon Election

10:00 a.m. Monday, September 9  
5:30 p.m. WMU Meeting  
Book Study

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 10  
Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 11  
Prayer Service

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 15  
2024-2025 Budget Distributed

9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 15, 22, 29  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship

9:30 a.m. Monday, September 16, 23, 30  
5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting  
Book Study

9:30 a.m. Monday, September 16  
Finance Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 17  
Deacons' Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 17, 24, 31  
Bible Study

5:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 18, 25  
6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Meal  
Quarterly Church Conference, Budget  
review, Nominating Committee Report Vote

9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 21  
Children's Missions Day

Sunday, September 22  
Budget Vote

10:00 a.m. Monday, September 23  
Summer JAM Follow-up Meeting

6:30 p.m. Friday, September 27  
Family Movie Night

8:30 a.m. Saturday, September 28  
Church-wide Work Day



### Ministerial Staff

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### Deacons of the Week

9/08 Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters  
9/15 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte  
9/22 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson  
9/29 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray

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 2023

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

#### Term Expires 2024

Kate C. Lee  
Stephen Prince  
Hilda Ray  
Glenn Waters  
Sandi Floyd

#### Term Expires 2025

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

#### Term Expires 2026

Buster Carter  
Brownie Cook  
Charlie Duncan  
Bobby Hensley  
Kirby Sanderson