

First Baptist Church



Reflecting God's Hope For a New Day

August 2, 2026

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday
August 2, 2026

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit He prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the Word that I have spoken to you.

John 15:2-3 NRSV

Prelude

*Amazing Grace
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me*

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 10

Congregation

*How Great Thou Art
There is none like unto . . . God. Deuteronomy 33:26 KJV*

Responsive Reading

from Psalm 119

Congregation

Leader: Your promises have been thoroughly tested; that is why I love them so much.

People: I am insignificant and despised, but I don't forget Your commandments.

Leader: Your justice is eternal, and Your instructions are perfectly true.

People: As pressure and stress bear down on me, I find joy in Your commands.

Leader: Yes! Your laws are always right. Help me to understand them so that I may live.

People: I pray with all my heart; answer me Lord! I will obey Your decrees.

Leader: I cry out to You; rescue me, that I may obey Your laws.

All: I RISE EARLY, BEFORE THE SUN IS UP. I CRY OUT FOR HELP AND PUT MY HOPE IN YOUR WORDS. I STAY AWAKE THROUGH THE NIGHT, THINKING ABOUT YOUR PROMISE. BUT YOU ARE NEAR, O LORD, AND ALL YOUR COMMANDS ARE TRUE. I HAVE KNOWN FROM MY EARLIEST DAYS THAT YOUR LAWS WILL LAST FOREVER!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Fred Senter

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21-25

Mrs. Carolyn Grainger

Offertory Hymn, No. 550

Congregation

*I'd Rather Have Jesus
I consider everything a loss compared to . . . Christ Jesus my Lord. Philippians 3:8 NIV*

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Mary Alice Stanley

Offertory

The Old Rugged Cross

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Herbert Colvin

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

Doxology

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

Congregation

Children's Sermon

Mrs. Donna Prince

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:7-11

Mr. Devon Mobbs

Scripture Reading

James 1:2-4

Dr. Hillman

Sermon

“ATTENTION: Your Tension is Biblical”

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 321

Congregation

The Savior Is Waiting

I stand at the door and knock. If anyone . . . opens the door, I will come in. Revelation 3:20 NIV

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

Postlude

Fanfare
(from the *Fourth Concerto*)

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. J.S. Bach

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*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of Leigh Cook
and Stephen Prince for leading the Chancel Choir. We love you!
by Fred, Martha, and Laura Senter.*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 2

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:30 p.m. Church After Church - Jean Paul's

Wednesday, August 5

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Book Study - Immediately following morning prayer service
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 9, 16, 23, 30

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, August 10

RSVP Deadline for VBS "Team Jesus"
Register on Facebook Event or call the Church office
Budget Input Deadline for Committees

Wednesday, August 12, 19, 26

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Book Study - Immediately following morning prayer service
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

Saturday, August 15

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. One-day VBS "Team Jesus"

Monday, August 17

9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting



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If you would be interested in teaching a Sunday School class, please see Donna prince.

Deacons of the Week

08/02	Brownie Cook / John Sauls
08/09	Leigh Cook / Ron Walters
08/16	Gina Morningstar
08/23	Donna Prince / Charlie Duncan