

# First Baptist Church



*Reflecting God's Hope For a New Day*

February 22, 2026

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
**Sunday**  
**February 22, 2026**

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

*O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant,  
and to the prayer of Your servants who delight in revering Your name.*

Nehemiah 1:11 NIV

**Prelude**

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Mrs. Pat Slomanski  
arr. Diane Bish

**Invocation**

Dr. Christopher Hillman

**Greeting and Announcements**

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Praise, No. 594**

Congregation

*Lift High The Cross of Jesus*  
*I . . . will draw men to Myself.* John 12:32 NIV

**Responsive Reading**

from Joshua 4:1-7

Congregation

**Leader:** When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe."

**People:** Tell them, "Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan."

**Leader:** Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight."

**People:** So Joshua called together the twelve men he had chosen - one from each of the tribes of Israel.

**Leader:** And he told them, "Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder - twelve stones in all one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel."

**People:** We will use these stones to build a memorial.

**Leader:** In the future your children will ask you, "What do these stones mean?"

**All:** THEN YOU CAN TELL THEM, 'THEY REMIND US THAT THE JORDAN RIVER STOPPED FLOWING WHEN THE ARK OF THE LORD'S COVENANT WENT ACROSS.' THESE STONES WILL STAND AS A MEMORIAL AMONG THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL FOREVER."

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Dr. Fred Senter

**Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 33:11-14

Mr. Haywood Corbett

**Offertory Hymn, No. 140**

*Down At the Cross*

Congregation

*To reconcile to Himself all things . . . through His blood, shed on the cross.* Colossians 1:20 NIV

**Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Stephen Prince

**Offertory**

*Near the Cross*

Mrs. Slomanski

arr. Norman Johnson

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain;  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Cal'vry's mountain.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Shed His beams around me.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

**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**

Ephesians 3:14-19

Mrs. Mary Alice Stanley

**Scripture Reading**

Joshua 4:8

Dr. Hillman

**Sermon**

"Our Spiritual Markers"

Dr. Hillman

**Hymn of Invitation, No. 295**

Congregation

*Near to the Heart of God*

*You will keep in perfect peace . . . him whose mind is stayed on Thee. Isaiah 26:3 NIV*

**Benediction**

Dr. Hillman

**Postlude**

*Fanfare*

Mrs. Slomanski  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and  
in honor of Jean Patterson's birthday on February 24,  
by Paula McLelland and Scott McLelland.*

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.      **Sunday, February 22**  
Sunday School  
Morning Worship
- 10:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.      **Wednesday, February 25**  
Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  
Lenten Service at WUMC with lunch to follow  
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 9:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.      **Sunday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
Sunday School  
Morning Worship
- 6:00 p.m.      **Monday, March 2**  
*Promise Of Heaven* Book Study Begins
- 10:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon  
6:30 p.m.      **Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25**  
Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  
Lenten Service at WUMC  
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
- 10:00 p.m.      **Sunday, March 8**  
Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 9:30 a.m.      **Monday, March 9**  
WMU Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.      **Monday, March 16**  
Finance Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.      **Tuesday, March 17**  
Deacons' Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.      **Sunday, March 29**  
Palm Sunday



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## Deacons of the Week

02/22	Carolyn Grainger / Kirby Sanderson
03/01	Buster Carter / Tricia Sanderson
03/08	Brownie Cook / John Sauls
03/15	Leigh Cook / Ron Walters