

First Baptist Church



Reflecting God's Hope For a New Day

September 20, 2026

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday
September 20, 2026

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Mathew 7:24-25 NIV

Prelude

My Jesus I Love Thee

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 4

Congregation

To God Be the Glory
Our God and Father, to Whom be glory forever. Galatians 1:4-5 NIV

Responsive Reading

from John 15:6-17

Congregation

Leader: Anyone who does not remain in Me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers.

People: **Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!**

Leader: When you produce much fruit, you are My true disciples. This brings great glory to My Father.

People: **I have loved you even as the Father has loved Me. Remain in My love.**

Leader: When you obey My commandments, you remain in My love, just as I obey My Father's commandments and remain in His love.

People: **I have told you these things so that you will be filled with My joy.**

Leader: Yes, your joy will overflow! This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

People: **There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command.**

Leader: I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are My friends, since I have told you everything the Father has told Me. You didn't choose Me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using My name.

All: THIS IS MY COMMAND: LOVE EACH OTHER!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hillman

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 28:1-8

Dr. Ron Walters

Offertory Hymn, No. 61

Congregation

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd . . . and shall gently lead those that
are with young. Isaiah 40:11 KJV*

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. MaryEllen Williamson

Offertory

As the Deer

(with *The Swan* by Camille Saint-Saëns)

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Linda McKechnie

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest.
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy had hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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

Colossians 3:16-25

Mrs. Gina Morningstar

Worship Through Song

Victory In Jesus

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-3

Dr. Hillman

Sermon

"A Second Time"

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Invitation, No. 458

Congregation

Nearer, My God, To Thee

Peace to him . . . that is near saith the Lord. Isaiah 57:19 KJV

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

Postlude

With Trumpets and Horns

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. George Frideric Handel



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Graham Carter, by Buster and Genie Carter.*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 20
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship with Budget Distribution

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 23
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Meal
Annual Church Conference

LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 27
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship with Communion and
Budget Vote

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 30
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

10:00 a.m. - Tuesday, October 13
12 noon Flu Clinic

3:00 p.m. Friday, October 23
Whiteville High School Football Meal hosted
by the Deacons



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Leigh Cook / Ron Walters