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WORSHIP NOTES

Restrooms are located in the Foyer and in the hallway behind the Sanctuary (please exit through the piano-side door).

Childcare is available for infants, toddlers and PreK in the nursery. An usher will be glad to lead you to the nursery area (below the Banquet Hall).

Clergy of the Week: Glenn Eernisse (glenn.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org)
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Deacon Team of the Week: Scott Wiley, Jeff Lawson, Cheryl Gray, Dick Moeller, and Nancy Page.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of John Nix given by Kindred Spirits Sunday School class.

If you have any safety concerns or needs this morning, please feel welcome to speak with our security officer, Ret. Lt. Nina Harkins, who usually can be found in the church foyer.

First Baptist Church is a **Stephen Ministry congregation**. Stephen Ministers are caregivers trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life. If you would like to be put in touch with a Stephen Minister, please call **770-754-7354**.

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Grace discovered.
Traditions renewed.

Welcome to worship! We encourage all guests to complete a Connect Card (located in the pew) and drop it in the offering plate during the service. You are also invited to stop by the Guest Table (located in the Foyer) to receive further information about First Baptist Church.

“An Easter Cliffhanger”

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024 | 11:00 AM

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Gathering Music

Lift High the Cross
Hannah Bradley, Organ

Shackley

Chiming of the Hour

Acolytes

The Ordinance of Baptism
Adelynn VanLandingham

Henson Brock & Macy Shoulta

***Hymn of Praise No. 194**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Wesley

**Invocation, Welcome &
Opportunities to Serve**

Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford

***Hymn No. 207**

Low in the Grave He Lay

Lowry

Music Celebration

I've Just Seen Jesus
Duet: Hannah Bradley and Patton Gilbert

Gaither

**Pastoral Prayer &
The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Rev. Kellie Denton

***Offertory Hymn No. 223**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Bridges/Thring

***Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Christopher Simonton

Offertory Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Exaltation Orchestra; Glenn Eernisse, Director

arr. Kirkland

***The Doxology (No. 706)**

Ken

Children's Moment

(We will not have Children's Church today.
We ask children to return and continue to worship with their family.)

Elizabeth Wiley

Choral Worship

I Am the Resurrection
Sanctuary Choir; Sonlight Youth Choir Alumni;
Exalation Orchestra

Goeller

I am, I am, the resurrection, the resurrection, the resurrection and the life.
I am, I am, the resurrection, the resurrection, the resurrection and the life.
I am the resurrection and the life. I am the resurrection and the life. I am the
resurrection and the life. I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in Me shall never die, shall never die, shall never die!
He who believes in Me shall never die, shall never die, shall never die!
Do you believe? Do you believe? Do you believe? Do you believe?
Do you believe? Do you believe? Do you believe? Do you believe this?

I am the resurrection and the life. I am the resurrection and the life. I am the
resurrection and the life. I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in Me shall never die, shall never die, shall never die!
He who believes in Me shall never die, shall never die, shall never die!

I am the resurrection and the life. I am the resurrection and the life. I am the
resurrection and the life. I am the resurrection and the life.

Sermon

"An Easter Cliffhanger"
(Mark 16:1-8; Pew Bible No. 1584)

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

***Hymn of Response
No. 210**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Stanzas 1, 3 & 5

Medley

***Choral Benediction**

Hallelujah Chorus
Sanctuary Choir; Exalation Orchestra

Handel

Postlude

Crown Him the Lord of Life
Hannah Bradley, Organ

Lorenz