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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: Ruth Demby (ruth.demby@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: Matt Nix, Cree Nix, David Black, Randy Meincke and Bethany Magnus

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.

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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.

“God the Creator”

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Gathering Music *Clash of the Triads!* arr. Monday
First Baptist Strings; Gretchen Welch, Director

Chiming of the Hour

Acolytes Challis Latta & Adelynn
VanLandingham

***Call to Worship No. 16** *God the Father: The Source of All Being* Rev. Dr. Glenn Eernisse, Leader

***Hymns of Praise No. 19** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Watts

Invocation, Welcome & Opportunities to Serve Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford

Hymn No. 341 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Pierpoint
Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 4

Music Meditation *It Is Well With My Soul* Bliss
First Baptist Strings; Gretchen Welch, Director

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ruth Demby

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

***Offertory Hymn No. 23** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Alexander
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

***Offertory Prayer** David Black

Offertory Praise *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Mc Michael
String Quintet: Curtis Malcom, Noadiah Carr & Miriam Pendrey, Violins
Linda Williams, Viola; Hannah Bradley, Cello

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

Children's Prayer Rev. Christopher Simonton
(Children K through 5th grades are invited to Children's Church in Room 108)

Choral Praise *The Blessing* arr. Sorenson

Sanctuary Choir; Duet: Nancy Duncan & Jerry Johnson
String Trio: Curtis Malcom & Miriam Pendrey, Violins; Hannah Bradley, Cello
The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you, be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace. The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you, be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.
May His favor be upon you, and a thousand generations, and your fam'ly, and your children, and their children, and their children. May His favor be upon you, and a thousand generations, and your fam'ly, and your children, and their children, and their children.
May His presence go before you, and behind you, and beside you, all around you, and within you, He is with you, He is with you. In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going, in your weeping, and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you. The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you, be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen.
Words & Music by Kari Jobe Carnes, Cody Carnes, Steven Furtick & Chris Brown.

Sermon "God the Creator" Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta
(Genesis 2:4-9, 15-23; Pew Bible Pages: 3; 4)

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

***Hymn of Response No. 159** *Fairest Lord Jesus* Anonymous
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

Postlude *Toccata on "All Creatures of Our God and King"* Martin
Hannah Bradley, Organ

Special Thank you to everyone participating in String Sunday:

Violin: Jessica Abrams, Dave Black, Noadiah Carr, Ella Cwik, Ingram Gilbert, Heitzso, Adrianna Kernstine, Will Koskovich, Clifton Malcom, Curtis Malcom, Lily Sproul, Violet Sproul, Miriam Pendrey, Evie Bonds, Linda Williams

Viola: Jim Hogue Cello: Hannah Bradley, Jentry Hood, Owen Koskovich

Bass: Carl Bedingfield Harp: Helen Hutsell

Percussion: Jonathan Sargent Piano: Janice Gardner