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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: Jeremy Shoulta (jeremy.shoulta@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: David Lancaster, Counte Cooley, Mac McCahan, Kimi Mihok and Debra Howington

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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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 Consuming Fire”

Fifth Sunday of Easter
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Gathering Music *His Glory* arr. Sikes
 Duet: Tami Easterday, Piano and Hannah Bradley, Organ
Fantasy on Beach Spring arr. Mazzatenta
 Sanctuary Ringers; Glenn Eernisse, Director

Chiming of the Hour

Acolytes Tripp Davis & Macy Shoulta

***Call to Worship No. 550** *We're Marching to Zion* Watts/Lowry
 Stanzas 1 & 3

***Hymns of Praise No. 323** *How Great Thou Art* Hine
 Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

Invocation, Welcome & Opportunities to Serve Rev. Ruth Demby

Hymn No. 258 *In Christ We Live* Martin/Wisdom
 Stanzas 1, 3 & 5

Music Meditation *I Speak Jesus* arr. Martin
 Sonlight Youth Choir; Mina Fischer, Alto Saxophone

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Kellie Denton
 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. 7** *Worthy of Worship* York

***Offertory Prayer** Rev. Christopher Simonton

Offertory Praise *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Helman
 Sanctuary Ringers; Glenn Eernisse, Director

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

Children's Prayer Elizabeth Wiley
 (Children K through 5th grades are invited to Children's Church in Room 108)

Choral Praise *A Hallelujah Gathering* arr. Martin
 Sanctuary Choir

There lives within my heart a song, a hymn of love and grace. As long as I have breath to give, I'll sing it all my days! And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah. We'll all sing hallelujah when we arrive home.
 Oh, what a day when sorrows end and tears shall flow no more. With one great voice of endless praise, the saints will praise the Lord! And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah. We'll all sing hallelujah when we arrive at home.
 I know that my Redeemer lives. Glory hallelujah! What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory hallelujah! Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground. Glory hallelujah! The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory hallelujah! Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground. Glory hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory hallelujah!
 Set your alleluias free. Let us sing. Let us sing. Set your alleluias free. Let us sing. This our song shall ever be. Grace has truly set us free. Now we're bound for Jubilee. Let us sing. Let us sing. Now we're bound for Jubilee. Let us sing. This our song shall ever be. Grace has truly set us free. Now we're bound for Jubilee. Let us sing. Now we're bound for Jubilee. Let us sing.
 And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home, when we arrive at home.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Sermon "God the Consuming Fire" Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta
 (Malachi 3:1-3; Matthew 3:11-12; Pew Bible Pages: 1490, 1499)

Malachi 3:1-3: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?
 For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

Matthew 3:11-12: "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

***Hymn of Response No. 495** *Step by Step* Strasser

Called Church Conference Scott Wiley, Dacon Chair

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

Postlude *Immortal, Invisible* arr. Wyrzten
 Hannah Bradley, Organ