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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: Christopher Simonton (christopher@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: Tim Corbin, Johnny Entrekin, James Poole, Gary Lacey and Sandra Edwards

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.

“Dear Smyrna”

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Gathering Music *Wonderful Words of Life* arr. Smith
Tami Easterday, Piano

Scripture for Meditation
As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
Psalm 42:1

Chiming of the Hour

Acolytes Maddox & Jax Hammons

Call to Worship *Opening Prayer written by John Philip Newell* Tammy Wikholm, Reader

***Hymn of Praise No. 48** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Chisholm

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

A Word of Greeting from CBF Georgia Rev. Megan Doud
Coordinator of Young Baptist
Ministry. CBF Georgia

Hymn *Find Us Faithful* Mohr
Verses-Jerry Johnson, Soloist
Everyone: O may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.
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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 (SCB #1)** *By Faith* Getty/Townend
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

***Offertory Prayer** Sandra Edwards

Offertory Praise *It is Well with My Soul* arr. Schwoebel
Duet: Mark Green, Piano and Hannah Bradley, Organ

***The Doxology (No. 706)** Ken
(Children K through 5th grades are invited to Children's Church in Room 108)

Children's Prayer Rev. Christopher Simonton

Choral Praise *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Travis/Harlan
Sanctuary Choir; Tami Easterday & Hannah Bradley, Four-Hand Piano

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."
"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply,
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."
"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"
Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Sermon "Dear Smyrna" Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta
(Revelation 2:8-11; Pew Bible Page No. 1914)

*"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the First and the Last, who was dead and came to life:

"I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death."*

***Hymn of Response No. 634** *We Walk By Faith* Alford/Larson
Stanzas 1 & 2

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

Postlude *Postlude in Salvation* arr. Lasky
Hannah Bradley, Organ

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Art and Kay Kunzer's 66th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on August 15.