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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 & Susan Eernisse (glenn.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org or susan.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: David Shumake, Lane Hartness, Jeff Lawson, Ken Lott and Vonda Shope

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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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.

“Dear Philadelphia”

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024 | 11:00 AM

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Gathering Music *Prelude on Beach Spring* arr. Dixon
How Can I Keep From Singing arr. Dixon
Hannah Bradley, Organ

Chiming of the Hour

Acolytes Macy Shoulta & Ollie Malcom

***Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Glenn Eernisse

Leader: We come to worship you as the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: You are the Almighty King, Incarnate Word, and Holy Comforter.

Leader: To You, great One in Three, we bring our highest praises.

All: We offer our love and adoration, now and through eternity!

***Hymn of Praise No. 2** *Come, Thou Almighty King* Anonymous

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

Hymn No. 556 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* Stennett

Music Meditation *Before the Throne of God Above with In Christ Alone* arr. Evanovich
Curtis Malcom, Violin

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. 412** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Walford

***Offertory Prayer** Susan Eernisse

Offertory Praise *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Krug
Sanctuary Ringers & Brass; Glenn Eernisse, Director

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

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

Children's Prayer Rev. Jeremy Shoulta

Choral Praise *Psalm 121* Sorenson
Sanctuary Choir

I lift my eyes unto the hills, the hills from where my help is come. My help, it cometh from the Lord Who made heaven, heaven and earth. I lift my eyes unto the hills, the hills from where my help is come. My help, it cometh from the Lord Who made heaven, heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, neither will He sleep. The Lord is my keeper, the Lord is my shade. The sun shall not smite thee by day; the moon shall not smite thee by night. The Lord shall protect me from ev'ry evil, He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall protect me from ev'ry evil, He shall preserve Thy soul forever, forever. Forever.

I lift my eyes unto the hills, the hills from where my help is come. My help, it cometh from the Lord; my help, it cometh from the Lord Who made heaven, heaven and earth. Amen, Amen.

Sermon "Dear Philadelphia" Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta
(Revelation 3:7-13; Pew Bible Page No. 1916)

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

*These are the words of the Holy One, the True One,
who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut,
who shuts and no one opens:*

"I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door that no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word of endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one takes away your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

***Hymn of Response** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Garo Christians of India
No. 497

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

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Wagner
Hannah Bradley, Organ