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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).

Coffee is available in the South Portico Lobby.

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:** Cindy Bryant, Richard Weaver and Julie Weaver

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 **770-534-7354**.

If you are visiting us today, please scan the QR code to complete our guest connect card. We would love to hear from you.



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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 by the Chapel doors. You are also invited to stop by the Guest Table (located in the Foyer) to receive further information about First Baptist Church.*

“God of the Wilderness”

First Sunday of Lent  
**March 9, 2025 | 8:45 AM**

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<b>Gathering Song</b>	<i>In Christ Alone</i> Carrie Owens, Piano
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>Be Still My Soul</i> Curtis Malcom, Violin
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<i>He Will Hold Me Fast</i> <i>I Speak Jesus</i>
<b>Welcome &amp; Prayer</b>	Tony Lankford
<b>Missional Partner Spotlight</b>	Javier Perez from CBF Global Missions
<b>Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21</b> <i>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.</i>	Rhonda Thompson
<b>Words of Teaching</b>	“God of the Wilderness” Jeremy Shoulta
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Higher Ground (641)</i> Stanzas 1 & 3
<b>Opportunities to Connect &amp; Serve</b>	Christopher Simonton
<b>Morning Prayer (Including the Lord's Prayer)</b>	Jeremy Shoulta
<b>Congregational Response</b>	Chorus of <i>I Speak Jesus</i>
<b>Departing Song</b>	<i>Higher Ground</i> Worship Band

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

**March 12 | 10:00 AM | FLC Gathering Room**  
We will start a new study by Kristi McLelland, "Luke in the Land". If you would like to join us, please contact Nancy Fields at nsfields@gmail.com

**Youth Sundown**

**March 23 | 12:15-3:30 PM**  
The Youth are going bowling for this month's Youth Sundown. Please email Pastor Christopher to sign up!  
christopher@fbcgainesville.org

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 19 | 10:00 AM**  
Save the date for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We are collecting individually wrapped candy for our egg hunt. Please drop candy to the bins located at the south portico and welcome desk.

**Emporium**

**September 26 & 27**  
The application for Emporium Beneficiary is now available on the church website if you know a local nonprofit who would like to apply, please help us spread the word. Vendor applications are now available as well.  
<https://www.fbcgainesville.org/emporium/>

**Pancake Supper**

Thank you to everyone who supported the FBC Youth Pancake Supper! We raised \$3,087 for our youth department!

**THIS WEEK AT FBC**

**Monday**  
**Men's Bible Study**  
9:00 AM | Banquet Hall

**Tuesday**  
**Women's Bible Study**  
10:00 AM | FLC-Gathering Room

**Wednesday**  
**Women's Bible Study**  
10:00 AM | FLC-Gathering Room

**Wednesday Night Programs**  
5:00 PM: Dinner in the Banquet Hall  
5:45 PM: Women's Bible Study in the Parlor  
6:00 PM: Characters of Easter (Bruce Fields as Peter and Ken DeVries as the voice of God)  
6:00 PM: Children's Programs  
6:00 PM: Youth Program  
6:00 PM: Grief Share in Room 204  
6:50 PM: Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday**  
**Women's Bible Study**  
10:00 AM | Winsome Room

A special thank you to Mark Green, Susan Eernisse, Carrie Owens, Tim Corbin, Chris Owens and Herve Aklotsoe for leading our music today.

\*\*Your giving is important. Offering baskets are located at both exits.\*\*