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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. Nursey is located on the Children's Hall.

Clergy of the Week: Christopher Simonton (christopher@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: David Lancaster, Kimi Mihok and Darrell White

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 Form. We would love to hear from you!



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Grace discovered.
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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.

“Why I Believe in God”

Twelfth Sunday after Penecost
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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Gathering Music

Wonderful Peace
Crown Him With Many Crowns
Tami Easterday, Piano

arr. Riley
arr. Bennett

Chiming of the Hour

Lighting of the Altar Candles

“Be filled with God’s goodness
Get lost in His love”

Tripp and Collins Davis
Acolytes

Welcome &
Opportunities to Serve

Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you.

Congregation

*Call to Worship No. 389

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Medema

*Hymn of Praise No. 571

You Are My All in All

Jernigan

*Invocation

David Lancaster

Hymn (See Insert)

Completely Known, Completely Loved

Boswell/Papa

Pastoral Prayer &
The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Christopher Simonton

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. 178

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

Townend

*Offertory Prayer

P.J. Davis

Offertory Praise

Something Beautiful
Hannah Bradley, Piano

Gaither/arr.Hayes

*NO. 705

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

All Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Moment as we sing.
(Children K through 5th grade are invited to Children’s Church in Room 108)

Children’s Moment

Elizabeth Wiley

Choral Worship

Many Gifts, One Spirit
Sanctuary Choir; Rev. Mark Green, Director

Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions,
once choice. O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our diff’rences unite us
in the circle of your love. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on diff’rent
pathways we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one
family, growing strong by joining hands. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we
move on diff’rent pathways, we are walking to your throne. Take our many ways of working,
blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord ,make us whole.

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Sermon

“Why I Believe in God”
(1 John 4:7-21 Pew Bible No. 1902)

Rev. Dr. Jim Ramsey

1.Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2.Psalm 8:3-4 – When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the
stars,which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

3.1 John 4:8c-9 – God is love. This is how God showed his love among us:
He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

*Hymn of Response
No. 619

Blessed Assurance
Stanzas 1 & 3

Crosby

Closing Words and
Benediction

Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford

Postlude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Hannah Bradley, Organ

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed by Connie Propes in honor of our pastor,
Jeremy Shoulta, the First Baptist Church staff, Family Life Center staff and Banquet Hall
staff in grateful appreciation for their tireless devotion. Also, in honor of Lori Wheeler.
All to the Glory of God.

*Denotes congregation to stand.