

# First Baptist Church at Worship

January 21, 2024  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## Gathering

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Hymn 471

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

Prayer of the day

Jeremiah Banks

*Loving God, in Jesus Christ you drew near to us, calling us to repent and believe the good news. Teach us to follow him, fishing for people—casting our nets far and wide in global mission and mending social networks in local ministry, so that all may see the fulfillment of your realm; through Christ, who leads us to the river of life. Amen.*

## Proclaiming

A Reading from the Gospels

Carolyn Garr

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

-Mark 1:14-20

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Hymn 476

*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

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A Reading from the Epistles

Alex Lockridge

I Corinthians 7:25-31

## Responding

Hymn 285

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

Prayers of the People

Jeremiah Banks

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Sending

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Beloved disciples, go forth today in the assurance that whether you answer the first time, The second time, or the hundredth time, God never stops calling, never stops guiding, And never stops forming you because God's love never fails. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

setting by A.L. Page

*leading in worship today*

Rev. Jeremiah Banks  
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Donna Davis  
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura  
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr  
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge  
Senior Pastor

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of  
Bill & Ruby Cobb and Tom & Peggy Cobb Moore  
by  
Kellie Moore Steely &  
Kristi Moore Whitehead*

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

\*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III

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