

# First Baptist Church at Worship

October 8, 2023  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## Gathering

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Piano Prelude

*Amazing Grace*  
Lucas Tremaine, pianist

arr. by M.E. Kerrick

Call to Worship

Carolyn Garr

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.  
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.  
Stand in awe of God for God's law and love endure forever.  
O God, let the words of our mouths  
And the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight.*

+Hymn 71

*Be Thou My Vision*

\*SLANE

+Prayer of the Day

Jeremiah Banks

*Holy God, Maker of heaven and earth, out of your great love for the world you sent us your beloved Son—but we sent him to his death. Have mercy on us, O Lord; forgive us, renew us, restore us, so that we may be the people of your vineyard and bear good fruit for your holy realm; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

+The Peace

*The peace of the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.*

## Proclaiming

+Act of Praise

THY WORD

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path...*

## The Decalogue

Alex Lockridge

*Then God spoke all these words, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; **you shall have no other gods before me.***

***You shall not make for yourself an idol,** whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.*

***You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God,** for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.*

***Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.** Six days you shall labor and do all your work.*

***Honor your father and your mother,** so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

***You shall not murder.***

***You shall not commit adultery.***

***You shall not steal.***

***You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.***

***You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”***

*When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”*

-Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 413

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

REST (ELTON)

A Reading from the Gospels

Bob Croley

Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

“With or Without Us”

Alex Lockridge

# Responding

+Hymn 186

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

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.

+Offertory Prayer

Todd Tremaine

Loose change received in October will go to the Bereavement Meal Fund, which provides meals to our grieving members and their families during their most difficult days.

Offertory Anthem

*It Is Well With My Soul*

arr. by T. Fettke

Brandon Wood, soloist

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

+Hymn 509

*Trust and Obey*

TRUST AND OBEY

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go now in the righteousness of faith and live by God's just demands.  
And may God's word revive your soul;  
May Christ Jesus be your Savior and your rock;  
And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you to press ever onward. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Be Thou My Vision*

setting by M. Limbaugh

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word...*

+all who are able may stand

*leading in worship today*

Rev. Jeremiah Banks  
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Dr. Bob Croley  
reader

Carolyn Garr  
Interim Music Director

Samuel Garr  
accompanist

Ann Hacker  
pianist

Rev. Alex Lockridge  
Senior Pastor

Todd Tremaine  
Deacon

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of our pastors,  
Alex Lockridge and Jeremiah Banks  
for Clergy Appreciation Day  
by  
The Congregation of FBC*

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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