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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:** Tony Lankford (tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org)

**Deacon Team of the Week:** Elizabeth Wiley, Gail Hill, Andy Maddox, Anne Bishop and Rob Mercer

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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.*

“Dear Sardis”

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

**Gathering Music** *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Hayes  
*Let All Things Now Living* arr. Hayes  
Tami Easterday, Piano

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Acolytes** Ava Ward & Abbie Lanthem

**\*Call to Worship Reading** Susan Eernisse

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 295** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Robinson

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

**Hymn No. 354** *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Crosby

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

**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. 48** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Chisholm

**\*Offertory Prayer** Anne Bishop

**Offertory Praise** *When We All See Jesus* arr. Cranfill  
Exaltation Orchestra; 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. Christopher Simonton

**Choral Praise** *Rise Up, O Church of God* arr. Bridwell  
Sanctuary Choir

*Rise up! O church of God! Rise up O Church of God! Have done with lesser things. Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of Kings! Rise up, O Church of God! His kingdom tarries long. Bring in the day of servanthood and end the night of wrong.  
The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is His new creation by Spirit and the Word; From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride. With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.  
Faith of our fathers living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy. Whene're we hear that glorious word. Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.  
How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word. What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod; as servants of the Son of Man, rise up, O Church of God! Rise up! O Church of God!*

**Sermon** "Dear Sardis" Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta  
(Revelation 3:1-6; Pew Bible Page No. 1916)

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

"I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember, then, what you received and heard; obey it and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. Yet you have still a few persons in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not erase your name from the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**\*Hymn of Response No. 493** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* Pollard  
Stanzas 1 & 2

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

**Postlude** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* arr. Payne  
Hannah Bradley, Organ