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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:** Glenn Eernisse (glenn.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org) and Susan Eernisse (susan.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org)

**Deacon Team of the Week:** Bryant Best, Anissa Balch and Rusty Balch

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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 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.

“Love, Actually”

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

**Introduction of Special Guest:  
Heather Sorenson** Rev. Mark Green

**Piano Praise** *This Is My Father's World* arr. Sorenson  
Heather Sorenson, Piano

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Acolytes** Tripp Davis &  
Adelynn VanLandingham

**\*Call to Worship** *Psalm 23 (A Song of Hope)* Sorenson  
Sanctuary Choir; Exaltation Orchestra: Heather Sorenson, Guest Conductor

**\*Hymn No. 366** *O God Beyond All Praising* Perry

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

**Hymn No. 641** *Higher Ground* Oatman  
Stanzas 1 & 3

**A Song of Celebration** *Raise Your Hands* Sorenson  
Heather Sorenson, Solo

**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. 692** *Let Truth and Mercy Find Here* Medema

**\*Offertory Prayer** Rev. Kellie Denton

**Offertory Praise** *Have You Not Known?* Sorenson  
(Based on Isaiah 40:28-31)  
Sanctuary Choir; Exaltation Orchestra

**\*The Doxology (No. 706)** Ken

**Children's Prayer** Tammy Wikholm

(Children K through 5th grades are invited to Children's Church in Room 108)

**Choral Worship** *God of Heaven* Sorenson  
Sanctuary Choir; Exaltation Orchestra

*God of Heaven. God of all the earth and sky. Great Creator. Master of all nature. Who gives birth to snow from heaven, holds the waves at ocean's edge, gives the orders to the morning, shows each dawn its place to shine? God of Heaven. God of all the earth and sky. God of Ages. God who wrote the Book of Time. Sov'reign Ruler. Alpha and Omega. Saints before, He's guided safely. Hist'ry's pages signed by Him. Author of our days and hours. Things to come are held secure. God of Ages. Alpha and Omega. God of Power! God who breaks the darkness. Righteous Warrior. Champion of His children. Goes before us into battle. Good and evil bow to Him. Those in bondage freed forever. Vict'ries won at His command!*

*God who heals us. God who gives us peace and hope. God who listens. Carries all our fragile dreams and heartaches, wins and failures. Binds the broken, hides the weak. New beginnings freely offered. Who can make us whole again? God who heals us. God of Power. God of Ages. God of Heaven. God of all the earth and sky.*

**Sermon** *"Love, Actually"* Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta  
(1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Pew Bible No. 1786)

*If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.*

**\*Hymn of Response** *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* Havergal  
**No. 490** Stanzas 1 & 4

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

**Postlude** *Toccata* arr. Wagner  
Hannah Bradley, Organ

\*Denotes congregation to stand.