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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:** Jeremy Shoulta (jeremy.shoulta@fbcgainesville.org)

**Deacon Team of the Week:** Randy Meincke, Joy Banks and Bob Page

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.

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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.

## “The Power and Wisdom of God”

First Sunday after Epiphany  
**January 12, 2025 | 11:00 AM**

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i> Tami Easterday, Piano	arr. Ham
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>		
<b>Acolytes</b>		Ella & Madelyn Wheeler
<b>*Call to Worship No. 277 (Responsive Reading)</b>	One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism	Rev. Glenn Eernisse, Leader
<b>*Hymn of Praise No. 339</b>	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	Perronet
<b>Invocation, Welcome &amp; Opportunities to Serve</b>		Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford
<b>Music Meditation</b>	<i>There's Something About That Name with Fill My Cup, Lord</i> Helen Eakins, Vocal/Harp Solo	arr. Eakins
<b>Pastoral Prayer &amp; The Lord's Prayer</b>		Rev. Kellie Denton
<p>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.</p>		
<b>*Offertory Hymn No. 278</b>	<i>We Are Travelers on a Journey</i>	Gillard
<b>*Offertory Prayer</b>		Tammy Wikholm
<b>Offertory Praise</b>	<i>Leaning On The Everlasting Arms</i> Exaltation Orchestra; Glenn Eernisse, Director	arr. Barker
<b>*The Doxology (No. 706)</b>		Ken
(Children K through 5th grades are invited to Children's Church in Room 108)		
<b>Children's Prayer</b>		Rev. Christopher Simonton

### Choral Worship

Psalm 23  
Sanctuary Choir

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*The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want, I shall not want, I shall not want. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want, I shall not want for more. How could I ask for more? He leads by still water, and I shall not want, I shall not want, I shall not want. He leads by still water, and I shall not want, I shall not want for more. How could I ask for more? He is enough for ev'ry need. He is enough for ev'ry broken dream. The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. I'm satisfied with what He gives. He will provide and faithfully supply. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want. He leads through the valley, and I shall not want, I shall not want, I shall not want. He leads through the valley, and I shall not want, and I shall not want. He is enough for ev'ry need. He is enough for ev'ry broken dream. The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. I'm satisfied with what He gives. He will provide and faithfully supply. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want. He is the Night. He is the Day. He is the Sun, He is the Shade. He is the Ocean. He's the Stream. In ev'ry song, He is my theme. And if we wander off alone, His mercy calls us back to home. His mercy calls us back to home, to home! I feast at His table and I shall not want, I shall not want, I shall not want. I feast at His table and I shall not want, I shall not want for more. He is the Strength to conquer sin. He's faithful when my trust is thin. I shall not want.*

### Sermon

**"The Power and Wisdom of God"**  
(1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Pew Bible No. 1772)

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

*For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."  
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.  
Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."*

<b>*Hymn of Response No. 490</b>	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated</i>	Havergal
<b>*Benediction</b>		
		Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Fanfare on Lobe Den Herren</i> Hannah Bradley, Organ	arr. Penfield

\*Denotes congregation to stand.