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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:** Kellie Denton (kellie.denton@fbcgainesville.org)

**Deacon Team of the Week:** Tim Corbin, Dick Childers and Joyce Tharpe

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.

First Baptist Church is a **Stephen Ministry congregation**. Stephen Ministers are caregivers trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life. If you would like to be put in touch with a Stephen Minister, please call **770-534-7354**.

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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.

“The Building of God”

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
**February 23, 2025 | 11:00 AM**

**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany  
February 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM**

First Baptist Church Sanctuary

**Prelude** *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. Gadd  
Hannah Bradley, Organ

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Prelude** *Surely the Presence* arr. Carter  
Piano Duet: Judy Thomas & Rev. Mark Green

**Lighting of the Altar Candles** Lucy Koskovich & Macy  
Shoulta, Acolytes

**\*Call to Worship** *Psalm 7:9-10, 17* Adelynn VanLandingham  
O righteous God, who searches minds and hearts,  
bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure.  
My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart.  
I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness  
and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 332** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Wesley  
Stanzas 1, 3, 5 & 6

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

**Missional Partner Spotlight** Barbara Fleming, from  
Center Point

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Kellie Denton  
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. 252** *We Are a People of Faith* Williams

**\*Offertory Prayer** Rev. Christopher Simonton

**Offertory Praise** *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* arr. Halling  
Exaltation Orchestra; Rev. Dr. 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** Tammy Wikholm

**Choral Worship** *A Firm Foundation* Pederson  
Sanctuary Choir; Exaltation Orchestra

*A firm foundation, ye saints of the Lord, saints of the Lord, laid for your faith in His excellent Word, His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not; I am with thee, O be not dismayed, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid, will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand." Through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, Grace all sufficient, shall be thy supply; Flame shall not hurt thee; I only design dross to consume and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes, desert to his foes; And though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake. And though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake." A firm foundation is Jesus, the Lord!*

**Sermon** *"The Building of God"* Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta  
(2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Pew Bible No. 1798)

*For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly dwelling, for surely when we have been clothed in it we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan under our burden because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. The one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a down payment.*

*So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive due recompense for actions done in the body, whether good or evil.*

**\*Hymn of Response No. 377** *There Is a Redeemer* Green  
Stanzas 1 & 3

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

**Postlude** *You Shall Go Out With Joy!* arr. Wagner  
Hannah Bradley, Organ

\*Denotes congregation to stand.