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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: Christopher Simonton (christopher@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: Eddie Hartness, Marian Kaminski and John Hulsey

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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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.

“God of the Rivers”

Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025 | 11:00 AM

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Gathering Music *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Hamlin
Greg Whitmire, Guest Organist

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Give Me Jesus* Spiritual
P.J. Jones, Bassoon

**Processional of the Cross and
Lighting of the Altar Candles** Kamden Tafel
Ollie Malcom & Hudson Tafel,
Acolytes

***Call to Worship** Psalm 63:1-8 Rev. Kellie Denton, Reader

***Hymn of Praise No. 33** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Williams

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

Missional Partner Spotlight Amy Lawson, Director of ESL
& Citizenship

Song of Celebration (SBC#7) *God Will Make a Way* Moen
Chorus-Verse-Chorus

**Pastoral Prayer &
The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Dr. Ron Grizzle
*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. 187** *I Gaze Upon the Wondrous Cross* Eggleston

***Offertory Prayer** Danny Caudell, ESL Teacher

Offertory Praise *In the Garden* arr. Hamby
Exaltation Orchestra; Rev. Dr. Glenn Eernisse, Director

***Find Us Faithful** Mohr

O may all who come behind us find us faithful; May the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe, And the lives we live inspire them to obey. O may all who come behind us find us faithful. Amen.

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Children's Prayer Rev. Christopher Simonton

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

*Denotes congregation to stand.

Choral Worship *Lead Me to Calvary* Hart

Sanctuary Choir and Exaltation Orchestra; Rev. Dr. Glenn Eernisse, Director
King of my life I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be; Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary. Lest I forget Gethsemane; Lest I forget Thine agony; Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary. May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for Thee; Even Thy cup of grief to share, Thou hast born all for me. Lest I forget Gethsemane; Lest I forget Thine agony; Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary, Lead me to Calvary, Lead me to Calvary, Lead me, O Lamb of God, to Calvary.

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Sermon "God of the Rivers" Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

(Joshua 3:1-4; 14-17; Pew Bible No. 334)

Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. At the end of three days, the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it." When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

***Hymn of Response** *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* Stennett
No. 556 Stanzas 1 & 2

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

Postlude *I Danced In the Morning* arr. Wagner
Greg Whitmire, Guest Organist