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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:** Glenn & Susan Eernisse  
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**Deacon Team of the Week:** Danny Caudell, Tim Corbin, Joyce Tharpe, Jerry Johnson and Miriam Kaminski

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Grace discovered.  
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.

“Crossing Thresholds: From Death to Life”

Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2025 | 11:00 AM

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Gathering Music

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Torrans

Hannah Bradley, Organ

Chiming of the Hour

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Lucy Koskovich & Adelynn VanLandingham, Acolytes

The Ordinance of Baptism

Uyên Hoàng Thị Nguyễn

Nghĩa Trọng Trương

Faith Phạm

Charlie VanLandingham

\*Call to Worship No. 193

Christ Is Risen Indeed

Responsive Reading

Leaders: Rev. Kellie Denton and Rev. Mark Green

Choral Celebration

Christ Is Risen!

Pote

Sanctuary Choir; Exaltation Brass and Timpani; Rev. Mark Green, Director

\*Hymn of Praise No. 207

Low in the Grave He Lay

Lowry

Invocation, Welcome & Opportunities to Serve

Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford

Passing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation

And also with you.

\*Hymn (see insert)

Living Hope

Wickham/Johnson

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Rev. Kellie Denton

Song of Hope

Hymn of Promise

arr. Carter

Duet: Mary Beverly-Bruce and Rev. Mark Green

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

Rev. Dr. Ron Grizzle

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. 223

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Bridges/Thring

\*Offertory Prayer

Rev. Christopher Simonton

Offertory Reflection

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr.Cranfill

Exaltation Orchestra; Rev. Dr. Glenn Eernisse, Director

\*The Doxology (No. 706)

Ken

Children’s Prayer

Elizabeth Wiley

We will not have Children’s Church today. Children will return to their seats and enjoy worship with their families.

Choral Worship

Herring/arr. Martin

Easter Song

Sanctuary Choir; Exaltation Orchestra; Rev. Mark Green, Director

Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing that we can be born again! Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing, “Christ is risen from the dead!” The angel up on the tombstone said, “He is risen just as He said. Quickly now, go tell His disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!” Joy to the world, He is risen, Hallelujah! He’s risen, Hallelujah! He’s risen! Hallelujah! Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heav’n’s, and earth reply, Alleluia! Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing that we can be born again! Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing, “Christ is risen from the dead!” The angel up on the tombstone said, “He is risen just as He said. Quickly now, go tell His disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!” Joy to the world, He is risen, Hallelujah! He’s risen, Hallelujah! He’s risen! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Sermon

“Crossing Thresholds: From Death to Life”

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

(Luke 24:1-12; Pew Bible No. 1642)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

\*Hymn of Response No. 194

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Wesley

Stanzas 2 & 4

Closing Words

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

\*Choral Benediction

Hallelujah Chorus (from THE MESSIAH)

Handel

Sanctuary Choir; Exaltation Orchestra; Rev. Mark Green, Director

Postlude

This Is The Glory

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Hannah Bradley, Organ

\*Denotes congregation to stand.