

First Baptist Church of Marion



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 26, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Dr. David Smith

GATHERING

Prelude

Sonata for Organ

Pergolesi

Call to Worship

Dr. Smith

One: As fellow travelers on this journey of faith, our encounters with others shape our witness.

All: God, help us to see those around us who are searching for truth.

One: We wrestle with the questions of our faith and lament that there are no easy answers to life's challenges.

All: God, remind us that faith requires trust and not sight.

One: To be a Christian means to live in a world that is not our home.

All: God, give us the words to speak your mercy and love in a world full of hate.

One: Lord, we believe you are faithful.

All: Help us to proclaim your faithfulness to the ends of the earth.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Smith

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.

*Hymn No. 173

Lift Up Your Heads

TRURO

PROCLAIMING

Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:26-39

Rev. Stephanie Pace

(Pew Bible page 892)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon		Rev. Jennifer Jennings
*Hymn No. 17	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	TERRA PATRIS
Joys and Concerns		Rev. Jennings
Morning Prayer		Rev. Jennings
Anthem	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> Soloist: Don Ramsey	Chisholm
Sermon	<i>Being Available</i>	Dr. Smith

RESPONDING

*Hymn No. 493	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i>	ADELAIDE
Greeting Time		
Prayer of Dedication		Randall Eichner
Offertory	<i>Gavotte</i>	Camidge
*Doxology		Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SENDING

*Benediction		Dr. Smith
Postlude	<i>Fugue in B Flat</i>	Bach

** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Welcome to Our Guests!

We are grateful that you are present today! You are invited to fill out an information card indicating your presence in worship and interest in First Baptist Church. **Guest Information Cards** are available from an usher. Once completed, feel free to hand your card to an usher, one of our pastors, or drop it in an offering plate. Also, for those with hearing loss, **hearing assistance devices** are available for use during the service. Our ushers will assist you with these or any other needs you have.

God's Invitation to You!

The singing of *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* is a time of invitation in our worship service when you may come forward to share publicly your faith decision. Or you may speak to one of our pastors, who will be available at various exits after worship. You may also contact a member of the church staff by telephone or email at any time.

Partner with God and First Baptist Church of Marion!

Join FBC in ministry by giving to our General Budget and Missions Offering. Offering plates are passed during worship for contributions. Also, electronic giving is available through the adjacent QR code.



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