

# First Baptist Church of Marion



Dr. David Smith, Interim Pastor  
Rev. Jennifer H. Jennings, Associate Pastor for Children and Discipleship  
Ms. Allie McNeely, Director of Music  
Mrs. Heather W. Anderson, Organist  
Mr. David John, Minister of Youth

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 14, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Dr. David Smith

Prelude

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Acolytes: Andrew, Abbey & Aiden Riggs

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## GATHERING

Call to Worship

Dr. Smith

One: In our pilgrimage of faith, we must walk the road together  
as one beloved community.

**All: Lord, give us the grace to walk in each other's footsteps  
and bear each other's burdens.**

One: As servants of Christ, let us be a light of Christ to one another,  
when the darkness seems to overwhelm.

**All: Lord, give us the grace to hold our hand out to our brothers  
and sisters in need, and speak peace to them.**

One: As servants of Christ, let us join together in times of celebration  
and in times of mourning.

**All: Lord, give us the grace to share each other's joys and sorrows  
on this pilgrimage of faith.**

One: In our pilgrimage of faith, let us serve one another as representa-  
tives of the living Christ.

**All: Lord, give us the grace to receive the service of others with  
gratitude.**

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. 650

*Lord, Whose Love  
Through Humble Service*

JOYFUL SINGING

## PROCLAIMING

Scripture Lesson

Acts 6:1-15  
(Pew Bible pages 889-890)

Rev. Stephanie Pace

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Rev. Jennifer Jennings

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Jennings

Morning Prayer

Rev. Jennings

Anthem

*When You Believe*  
Soloist: Allie McNeely

Schwartz

Sermon

*A Face Like An Angel*

Dr. Smith

### RESPONDING

\*Hymn No. 573

*It Is Well with My Soul*

VILLE DU HAVRE

Prayer of Dedication

Justin Jornigan

Offertory

*Allegro*

Arne

\*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.*

### The Ordination of Deacons

Rev. Stephanie Pace

Litany of Deacon Ordination

Dr. Smith

Minister: Do you, Stephanie Pace, trust that you are truly called  
by God to the ministry of a deacon in this church?

**Deacon:** *I trust that God has called me to service.*

Minister: Are you committed to ministering to those in need, to  
proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel, and to calling  
forth greater discipleship to Christ?

**Deacon:** *I will with God's help.*

Minister: Are you committed to upholding the beloved community  
gathered at First Baptist, doing all you can to support and  
affirm its ministry through your gifts?

**Deacon:** *I will, with the Lord as my inspiration and help.*

Minister: Congregation, this is the woman whom you have elected. You have heard her declaration of readiness to serve in the office of deacon. As a congregation, I ask you to affirm Stephanie's calling by standing if you are able.

People: **We trust in Stephanie's calling. To God be the glory!**

Laying on of Hands

Ordination Prayer

Carolyn Young  
Deacon Vice Chair

## SENDING

Benediction

Dr. Smith

Postlude

*Fugue in G Minor*

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 *It Is Well with My Soul* 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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