

## **The Worship of God**

December 27, 2020

10:00 am

First Sunday of Christmas

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

### **Celebrating a Legacy of Ministry:**

*Pastor Lynn William's Retirement*

**Invitation to Worship**

**Pastor Eric Spivey**

**Call to Worship**

**Pastor Lynn Williams and Pastor Eric**

We rejoice, O God, in the Spirit which worked through ancient people of faith to call them from a distant land to a land which they knew not.

**We rejoice, O God, in knowing that the Spirit which led our ancestors through the wilderness is our possession today.**

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for those who walked along the Way, for their faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ and their steadfast love for you.

**We give you thanks, Almighty God, for those whose dedication to the Gospel caused them to express a vital faith and establish a tradition, of which we are grateful descendants.**

**Hymn of Praise – *Holy, Holy, Holy* - #68 (all 4 stanzas)**

Words by Reginald Heber, music by John B. Dykes NICA EA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Invocation**

**Bill Smith**

## **A Legacy of Faith**

**Scripture Reading**

**Joshua 24:14-15**

**David Gagnon**

**Legacy Testimony**

**Rev. David Baun**

**Hymn of Faith – Have Faith in God - #508 (st. 1, 2 & 4)**

Words and music by B. B. McKinney © 1934 Renewed 1962 Broadman Press MUSKOGEE

Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely;  
He sees and knows all the way you have trod.  
Never alone are the least of His children;  
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Chorus:

Have faith in God, He's on His throne; Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own.  
He cannot fail, He must prevail; Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Have faith in God when your prayers are unanswered;  
Your earnest plea He will never forget.  
Wait on the Lord, trust His Word and be patient;  
Have faith in God, He'll answer yet.

Chorus

Have faith in God though all else fail about you;  
Have faith in God, He provides for His own.  
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish;  
He rules, He reigns upon His throne.

Chorus

**Recognition from our Children and Youth**

**Brandi Bell**

## **A Legacy of Ministry**

**Scripture Reading**

**Acts 9:26-28**

**Diane Adams**

**Legacy Testimony**

**Richard Phillips**

**Recognition of Ministry**

**Susan Balloon**

**Hymn of Ministry – Serve the Lord with Gladness - #382 (st. 1 & 2)**

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“Serve the Lord with gladness” in our works and ways,  
Come before His presence with our songs of praise;  
Unto Him our Maker we would pledge anew  
Life’s supreme devotion to service true

Chorus:

“Serve Him with gladness,” enter His courts with song; To our Creator true praises belong:  
Great is His mercy, wonderful is His name, We gladly serve Him, His great love proclaim.

“Serve the Lord with gladness,” thankful all the while  
For His tender mercies, for His loving smile:  
Blessed truth enduring, always just the same,  
We will serve with gladness and praise His name.

Chorus

**A Legacy of Fun**

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 19:1-10**

**Olivia King**

**Legacy Testimony**

**Pastor Eric**

**First Baptist Recognition of Pastor Lynn Williams**

**Pastor Eric**

**Remarks**

**Pastor Lynn Williams**

**Hymn of Response – O Jesus, I Have Promised - #501 (st. 1 & 2)**

Words by John E. Bode, music by Arthur H. Mann ANGEL’S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee,  
That where Thou art in glory, There shall They servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow My Master and my friend!

**Benediction**

**Pastor Eric**

**Song of Sending – *He Who Began A Good Work***

Words and music by Jon Mohr © 1987 by Jonathan Mark Music and Birdwing Music  
A GOOD WORK

He who began a good work in you,  
He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it,  
He'll be faithful to complete it,  
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it.

**Please remain seated until dismissed by one of our hosts. Thank you.**

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