

# The Worship of God

August 15, 2021

10:00 AM

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

**Invitation to Worship**

**Pastor Eric Spivey**

## **Call to Worship - st. 4 of hymn, *Come, All Christians, Be Committed***

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.  
Worship Him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.  
For His grace give Him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,  
And repeat the gospel story till the world His name has heard.

## **Songs of Praise – *O Magnify the Lord* - #134**

Words and music by Melodie and Dick Tunney © Meadowgreen Music Co. TUNNEY

O magnify, O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!  
O magnify the Lord; O magnify the Lord; and may His name be lifted high forever!

O worship Him, O worship Christ the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!  
O worship Christ, the Lord; O worship Christ, the Lord; and May His name be lifted High forever!

Kind of kings and Lord of lords; may His name be lifted High forever!

O magnify, O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!  
O magnify the Lord; O magnify the Lord; and may His name be lifted high forever!

## ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* - #136**

Words by Charles Wesley, music by Carl Glaser, arr. Lowell Mason AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sorrow's cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

**Invocation**

**Diane Adams**

**Worship in Song – *Only By Grace* – arr. Larson**

**Beth Kinsey, soprano, Dick Brodbeck, baritone**

**Scriptures of Generosity – based on Matthew 6:19-21, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Matthew 6:33**

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy

**And where thieves break in and steal;**

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy

**And where thieves do not break in and steal.**

For where your treasure is,

**There will your heart be also.**

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,

**But the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

Each of you should give as you have made up your mind,

not reluctantly nor under compulsion,

**For God loves a cheerful giver.**

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,

so that by always having enough of everything,

**You may share abundantly in every good work.**

***But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness***

***and all these things will be given to you as well.***

**Song of Scripture – *Seek Ye First* - #524**

Words and music by Karen Lafferty © 1972 Maranatha! Music / CCCM Music LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you – Allelu, alleluia!

**Scripture Reading – Acts 4:35-37**

**Message – “Putting Generosity Into Practice”**

**Pastor Eric**

**Stewardship Prayer**

**Dick Brodbeck**

**Affirmation in Song – *Doxology* - #668**

Music by Thomas Ken, music from the Genevan Psalter, 1551 OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

**Generosity Faith Sharing**

Join Pastor Eric as he leads us in sharing stories of faithful generosity. During this time, he will invite you to participate in today’s worship through sharing one of your stories in the sanctuary or through text [706.499.9999]. Consider answering one of these generosity prompts as the Lord leads you:

- What is your earliest experience in giving to the church?
- Describe a moment or event in your life where you have trusted the Lord with your money.
- Describe your generosity mentor. What did they do to inspire you?
- When did you wake up to the desire to be generous?
- What are practices of faith and giving that are memorable to you?

**Song of Response – *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* - #371**

Words by Eva B. Lloyd, music from *The Sacred Harp*, harm. James H. Wood  
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Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.  
 Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.  
 Come into His courts with gladness, each His sacred vows renew,  
 Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give Him, they are gifts from God above,  
 To be used by Christians freely to proclaim His wondrous love.  
 Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring,  
 In your work, find Him with favor, and with joy His praises sing.

God's command to love each other is required of everyone.  
 Showing mercy to each other mirrors His redeeming Son.  
 In compassion He has given of His love that is divine;  
 On the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace are fully Thine.

**Prayers for the Future of First Baptist Church**

**Benediction**

**Pastor Eric**

**Song of Sending – *We Go in Peace* - #512 in the Celebrating Grace Hymnal**

Words and music by Keith Christopher © 2010 Celebrating Grace, Inc. EDWARDS

We go in peace, we go in love, we go with grace and mercy from the Lord above  
 To tell the world this very thing: that Jesus Christ is Lord and King,  
 Jesus Christ is Lord and King!

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## Putting Generosity into Practice

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Acts 4:35-37

*Generosity is the virtue of giving good things to others freely and abundantly. It is a learned character trait that involves attitude and action entailing both the inclination and the actual practice of giving liberally. It is not a haphazard behavior but a basic orientation of life. What generosity gives can vary: money, time, attention, aid, encouragement and more but it always intends to enhance the true wellbeing of the receiver. Like all virtues, generosity is in person's' genuine enlightened/self-interest to learn and practice [Smith, C. (2013). "The Generosity Project." Notre Dame University].*

### **Generosity Stories**

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