

The Worship of God

January 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

****Please stand as you are able**

God's Work @ First

Pastor Brenda Cohen

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Ray Johnson

Prelude

The Love of Jesus Medley (Hayes, #652/395/170)

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

Responsive Reading

David Kidd

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

We are greeted in peace and in love.

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

We worship in hope and with grace.

In love and joy God calls us together.

And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

****Hymn of Aspiration #363**

Let Others See Jesus In You

While passing through this world of sin, and others your life shall view,
Be clean and pure without, within, let others see Jesus in you.

(Refrain)

Let others see Jesus in you, let others see Jesus in you;

Keep telling the story, be faithful and true, let others see Jesus in you.

Your life's a book before their eyes, they're reading it through and through;

Say, does it point them to the skies, do others see Jesus in you? (Refrain)

Then live for Christ both day and night, be faithful, be brave and true,

And lead the lost to life and light, let others see Jesus in you. (Refrain)

Responsive Reading – Imitating Christ

Led by the Sanctuary Choir

Choir:

We are called to follow the example of Christ,
The one who showed us the way of true love and humility.
He walked among us, full of grace and truth,
Living in perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

Congregation:

**We will strive to imitate Jesus,
In His love for others, His kindness, His compassion.
We will walk in His footsteps,
Seeking to serve, not to be served.**

Choir:

Jesus taught us to love our enemies,
To bless those who curse us,
And to forgive those who wrong us,
For in doing so, we reflect His heart.

Congregation:

**We will forgive as He forgives,
Not holding grudges, but letting go of bitterness.
We will love without condition,
As Christ has loved us.**

Choir:

Jesus humbled Himself, taking the form of a servant,
Washing His disciples' feet,
Teaching us that greatness in His kingdom
Is found in serving others.

Congregation:

**We will serve with humility,
Not seeking recognition, but desiring to honor God.
We will lift others up,
Just as Christ has lifted us.**

Choir:

In His life, Jesus demonstrated perfect obedience to the Father,
Even unto death on the cross.
He suffered, yet He did not retaliate,
He trusted in God's plan and fulfilled His purpose.

Congregation:

**We will obey God,
Even when the path is difficult or unknown.**

**We will trust in His timing and His will,
And surrender our lives as Jesus did.**

Choir:

Jesus said, "Come, follow Me,"
And in following Him, we are called to become like Him.
We are transformed by His Spirit,
And through Him, we are made new.

Congregation:

**We will follow Christ with our whole hearts,
Allowing His example to shape us,
Imitating His love, His sacrifice,
And His unwavering devotion to the Father.**

Choir:

May we be more like Jesus every day,
In word, in deed, and in heart,
So that others may see Him in us
And glorify our Father in heaven.

Congregation:

**We commit ourselves to this journey,
To live as Christ lived,
And to be His hands and feet in the world,
For His glory, and His alone.**

****Hymn of Commitment #597**

Let it Be Said of Us

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the power of the risen Lord.

(Refrain)

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song;
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us: We were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness;
We were ruled by His peace heeding unity's call,
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. (Refrain)

Offertory Prayer		Bobby Bennett, Deacon
Offertory	<i>I'd Rather Have Jesus (Purifoy, #530)</i>	Grace Brodbeck, Piano
Message in Music	<i>The Way of Christ (Choplin)</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Message	<i>Don't Hate -- Imitate 1 Corinthians 4:6-17 (NRSV – Updated)</i>	Pastor Ray

****Hymns of Community**

#395 I Love You with the Love of the Lord

I love you with the love of the Lord,
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in you the glory of my King,
And I love you with the love of the Lord.

#396 I Thank the Lord for You

I thank the Lord for you, my friend, and all that we have shared.
My life is so much richer now; His love has placed you there.

I pray that Christ will grow in me and let my life express
The depths of love He feels for you in patient tenderness.

The face and hands of Christ Himself seem human now and true.
I've grown to know and love Him more; I've seen Him, friend, in you.

Special Called Business Meeting	David Kidd, Moderator
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Benediction	Pastor Ray
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Song of Sending (from Hymn #363)

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Postlude	Grace Brodbeck, Piano
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