

The Worship of God

February 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

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

God's Work @ FBCG

Pastor Brenda Cohen

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Ray Johnson

Prelude

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (Pethel; #219)

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

Call to Worship and Invocation

Marty Pickard

For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things, like silver or gold, but with the precious love of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times. In Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are reliable and altogether righteous. They are more desirable than gold—than an abundance of pure gold.

Don't collect for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.

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 your heart will be also.

**** Hymn of Commitment #530**

I'd Rather Have Jesus

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.

(Refrain)

Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.
I'd rather be true to His holy name. (Refrain)

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs.
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead. (Refrain)

Service Recognition of Brandi Bell (5 years) and Grace Brodbeck (10 years)

****Hymn of Thanks #557**

More Precious than Silver

Lord, You are more precious than silver;
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.

And who can weigh the value of Knowing You?
Who can judge the worth of who You are?
Who can count the blessing of loving You?
Who can say just how great You are?

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Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.

Offertory Prayer

Billy Wright, Deacon

Offertory

I Love to Tell the Story Medley (Phillips; #626) Grace Brodbeck, Piano

Message in Music

Songs I Long to Hear (McKibben)

Sanctuary Choir

Message

***Avarice and Wanting Wisely*
Luke 12:13-21 (NLT)**

Pastor Ray

****Hymns of Love**

#524

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia

#114

Enough

You are my supply, my breath of life, still more awesome than I know.
You are my reward, worth living for, still more awesome than I know.
And all of You is more than enough for all of me,
For every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with Your love, and all I have in You
Is more than enough.

You're my sacrifice of greatest price, still more awesome than I know.
You're my coming King, You are everything, still more awesome than I know.
And all of You is more than enough for all of me,
For every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with Your love, and all I have in You
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Benediction

Pastor Ray

Song of Sending (from Hymn #530)

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Postlude

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

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