

The Worship of God

August 23, 2026

10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

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

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Ray Johnson

Prelude

Fughetta on "Lux Benigne"

Ryan Stone, Organ

Call to Worship and Invocation

Bethany Darius

We gather today as a diverse family, seeking companionship, rest, and strength for the journey ahead.

Christ Himself stands at the door, welcoming the seeker, the skeptic, the hurting, and the joyful.

In His presence, there are no outsiders, only brothers and sisters gathered at one table.

As we have been freely accepted, let us now extend that same reckless, beautiful hospitality to one another.

He has welcomed us into his house, breaking down the walls that divide us and calling us his own.

May our worship today break down walls and build a sanctuary of belonging for all people.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it.

May this sanctuary be a place of true refuge, where the lonely find family and the weary find rest.

**** Hymn of Aspiration #375**

Make Me A Channel of Blessing

Is your life a channel of blessing?
Is the love of God flowing through you?
Are you telling the lost of the Savior?
Are you ready His service to do?

(Refrain:)

Make me a channel of blessing today,
Make me a channel of blessing, I pray;
My life possessing, my service blessing,
Make me a channel of blessing today.

Is your life a channel of blessing?
Is it daily telling for Him?
Have you spoken the word of salvation
To those who are dying in sin? (Refrain)

We cannot be channels of blessing
If our lives are not free from known sin;
We will barriers be and a hindrance
To those we are trying to win. (Refrain)

A Video: Helping and Healing in the Neighborhood

**** Hymn of Dedication #370**

Pentecost Hymn

You've poured out Your Spirit, Great Father of Life,
Your presence, Your power, the Spirit of Christ;
The fruit of His triumph, the breath of His love,
The proof He has risen and reigns now above.

Your promise is given in wind and in flame,
With lives now ignited to burn in Your name.
Now loving, now holy, now bold in the truth,
Your body, Your people are one, Lord, in You.

We praise You, our Father, the Fountain of Life,
For comfort and challenge, for purpose and light.
In love we will share all the gifts You provide
That all may be blessed and our Lord glorified.

Your challenge is sounding, our calling is clear:
To live out a gospel the needy can hear.
Lord, help us to go till all people have heard,
And touch every life with the love of the Lord.

Offertory Prayer

Janet Gil, Deacon

Offertory

Knowing You (Hayes, #487)

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

****** Children's Worship may leave**

Message in Music

Entertain the Angels (Sorenson)

Sanctuary Choir

Message

***Making All Better: Hospitals, Hospitality, and First Baptist Church
Luke 10:25-37 (The Message)***

Pastor Ray

**** Hymn of Invitation #386**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God,
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too,
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Benediction

Pastor Ray

Song of Sending

Make me a channel of blessing today,
Make me a channel of blessing, I pray;
My life possessing, my service blessing,
Make me a channel of blessing today.

Postlude

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

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