

MAY 17, 2026

10:30 AM



**The Prelude:** *How Firm a Foundation* Arr. Don Hustad

**The Welcome:** Chris Giddens

**\*The Hymn of Celebration:** *Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)*  
*Come Thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace*  
*Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise*  
*Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above*  
*Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer Hither by Thy help I'm come*  
*And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home*  
*Jesus sought me when a stranger Wand'ring from the fold of God*  
*He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood*

*Oh to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be*  
*Let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee*  
*Prone to wander Lord I feel it Prone to leave the God I love*  
*Here's my heart Lord take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above*

*Above all else I adore your name*  
*Above all else tune my heart to sing your praise*  
— Repeat —

*The highest praise, The loudest praise, To the name above Every name*

*Prone to wander Lord I feel it Prone to leave the God I love*  
*Here's my heart Lord take and seal it Seal it for thy courts above*

**Worship in Prayer:** Lindy Turner

**Recognition of Graduates:** Justin Donnahoo

**Prayer for Our Graduating Students:** Melinda Sander

**Parent-Child Dedication:** Pastor  
*Elizabeth "Betsy" Mae Via ~ Nicholas and Nicole Via, parents*

**\*The Unison Reading:** *Psalm 139:13-17*  
<sup>13</sup> *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*  
<sup>14</sup> *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*  
<sup>15</sup> *My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*  
<sup>16</sup> *Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*  
<sup>17</sup> *How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!*

**\*The Hymn of Response 71:** *On Eagle's Wings* ON EAGLE'S WINGS

**Preschool Praise Time {Age 3 through K5}**  
Preschool Praise is designed for children in PK2-Kindergarten. Children may meet the preschool leader at the front of the sanctuary on the left side by the double-doors following The Hymn of Response. Following the worship service please pick up your child in the Learning Center.

**The Offertory Prayer:** Linda Lentz

**The Offertory:** *Rhosymedre (or Lovely)* Ralph V. Williams

**\*The Presentation of Gifts:** *The Doxology* OLD 100TH  
*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below;*  
*Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Scripture Reading:** *Romans 12:9* Pastor

**The Anthem:** *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson  
*Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire, And have not love, my words are vain: As sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess, But not be giv'n by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin. Come Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide ev'ry deed; By this we worship, and are freed.*

**The Message:** "Love Unmasked" Dr. Tony Wolfe

**The Invitation to Christian Commitment**

**\*Invitation Hymn 579:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE

**\*The Benediction:** Pastor

**The Choral Benediction:** *Amen* THREEFOLD



**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
One of the essential ministries of First Baptist Church is the prayer ministry. Your request is given to our ministry staff and members who are a part of our prayer ministry. If you have a need that is confidential, and you are not sure you wish to turn in a written request, please feel free to contact the church office to speak to a minister.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please pray for:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I give permission to publish this request on the weekly prayer list.

## Welcome

First Baptist Church welcomes you today! We are honored you chose to be with us and our prayer is that you will experience God through worship. If you are a guest, please take one of the welcome booklets available through the ushers. Our ministry staff would love to have a chance to meet you, so please fill out the information below, tear at the perforated edge and place it in the offering plate. {Please print}

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of a church:  yes  no

If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

- First-time guest
- New in community
- Have \_\_\_ children at home
- Would like more info about FBC
- Would like minister to call
- Have a prayer request (over)

Interested in Church Membership?  
Please email/call the church office to make an appointment with the Pastor:  
lori@fbcharleston.org

Please circle your age or grade:

Age:    0-3      4-5  
 Grade:  1  2  3  4  5  6  
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           College/Grad School  
 Age:    20-29  30-39  40-49  
           50-59  60-69  70-up

Church Office: 843-722-3896  
Web Site: www.fbcharleston.org



## The Chimes of the Trinity

As we leave, let us remember that we do not leave the church; we leave as the Church to go into the world and make disciples in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## The Postlude:

*The Rejoicing*

G.F. Handel

## WORSHIP NOTES

\*The congregation will please stand during this time.

First Baptist Church welcomes Dr. Tony Wolfe, Executive Director of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, to preach this morning. Tony leads South Carolina Baptists with Christlikeness, an energetic wisdom, and a strength built on character shaped by the Spirit. We are pleased to have Tony and Vanessa visiting First Baptist this morning!

Worship through music is led by the Sanctuary Choir, composed of members of the congregation who offer their services through the ministry of music. Organist: Beverly Bradley. Pianists: Trace Lewis and Gaile Giles. Music and scripture text are printed as given from authors or translations used for copyright purposes. FBC CCLI # 2024428; For use solely with SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved: ccli.com.

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## MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor: Marshall Blalock  
 Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Administration: Evans Newell  
 Minister of Worship and Music: David Templeton  
 Regeneration Worship Leader: Lindy Turner  
 Minister to Students: Justin Donnahoo  
 Minister to Children: Chris Giddens

DEACON OF THE WEEK: MAY 17 - 23

*Linda Lentz*

**Life Verse: Jeremiah 29:11** — *For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

**Favorite Hymn:** *On Eagle's Wings*

**Favorite Contemporary Song:** *Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord*

**Favorite Missionary Story:** Merrel Calloway's many missionary stories were so inspirational from the First Baptist Church pulpit. He and his wife were missionaries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. I especially remember him emphasizing the importance of teaching scripture as memory verses and Christian songs to the people in that region but also to our children at First Baptist.



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