

The Worship of God

at First Baptist Church

October 17, 2021



Call to Worship

Today we thank you, God,
for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters.

Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament
and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

**In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters
from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land.**

You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus
who was nurtured in the water of Mary’s womb,
baptized by John in the water of the Jordan,
and became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well.

**Jesus washed the feet of the disciples
and sent them forth to baptize with water and spirit.**

Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water.

**Bless all who touch this water that they may be ever reminded
of your abiding presence and claim on their lives.**

A Benediction for Baptism

God of wonder and grace,
we thank you

**for your love revealed here this day
as this community, these parents, and this young woman
come together making covenant promises.**

We pray that this community will have the grace
to uphold the promises made here this day,
providing a safe shelter of your love
in which this young woman may grow and play.

**We pray that these parents may continue to feel
the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today.**

**We pray that this young woman will bask in your love
as she makes her own journey through this life.**

Amen.

Today First Baptist Church celebrates with the family of Ed and Bridgette Myers on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter, Courtney.