

**The Worship of God
Sunday, July 30, 2017**

Pursuing Us With Peace...

Francis Thompson speaks of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as “that tremendous lover, always pursuing me to bless me with goodness and mercy.” Do you have such a gracious God? As you prepare for worship, stop running and chasing after the wind or whatever it is you think will bring happiness. What if the blessings of goodness and mercy are behind you, but they never can find you because you’re running away from the peace that is pursuing you?

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Prelude	<i>The Gift to Be Simple</i> <i>Dale Wood</i>	Hye-Jean Choi
Welcome		C. V. Blake
Time of Greeting	<i>What a Beautiful Name</i>	
Lighting of the Christ Candle		C. V. Blake
Congregational Call to Worship	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i> <i>How Can I Keep from Singing</i>	
Morning Prayer		C. V. Blake
Testimony		Venantie Uwishyaka
Songs of Worship	<i>God is Able</i> <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	CH 688
God’s Eternal Word for Us Today	<i>Psalm 23:1-6a</i> <i>Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.</i> <i>Congregation: Thanks be to God.</i>	Katie Palmer
Offertory Prayer		Luke Palmer
Offertory	<i>Your Grace Still Amazes Me</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Message from God’s Word	<i>Who is Following You?</i>	Phil Christopher
Invitation	<i>Lord, I Need You</i>	
Continuing Acts of Worship		John Moore
Recognition of Decisions		C. V. Blake
Benediction	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i>	
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune</i> <i>Andrew Carter</i>	Hye-Jean Choi

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano Hye-Jean Choi, organ

*The flowers today are given by Hazel Thompson and Frances T. Hodges
in loving memory of Kathleen (Granny) Thompson and Kathleen Hodges.*