

**The Worship of God
Sunday, July 09, 2017**

The Journey to the High Country

Are you tired of living in the lowlands of life, just getting by like sheep nibbling the leftover pastures? The Shepherd wants to take you to the high country of abundance. We cannot be airlifted there. The way to the high country goes through the dark valley. We will all have dark valleys. As we prepare for worship, the questions are: "How will we respond to the dark valleys and to where do we see them leading us?" If we want something more and deeper in our relationship with God, trust it will take us through the dark valley.

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Prelude		Beverly Warren
Welcome		John Moore
Time of Greeting	<i>Majestic</i>	
Lighting of the Christ Candle		John Moore
Congregational Call to Worship	<i>Every Praise</i>	
Morning Prayer		John Moore
Children's Sermon		Becky Tucker
Songs of Worship	<i>Be Strong in the Lord Mighty to Save</i>	CH 734
God's Eternal Word for Us Today	<i>Psalm 23:1-4</i> <i>Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.</i> <i>Congregation: Thanks be to God.</i>	Nancy Patrick
Offertory Prayer		Mike Patrick
Offertory	<i>He Still Leads</i> <i>Ken Lyle Jr., soloist</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Message from God's Word	<i>No Fear: A Way to the High Country</i>	Phil Christopher
Invitation	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	
Continuing Acts of Worship		Candy Rains
Recognition of Decisions		John Moore
Benediction	<i>Majestic</i>	
Postlude		Beverly Warren

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano