

The Worship of God
Sunday, October 22, 2017

Unlocking the Gifts of Generous Giving

"Firstfruits" giving, or tithing, isn't the ceiling of giving. It is the floor. It isn't the finish line, but the starting block. God prospers us not to raise our standard of living, but to raise our standard of giving. The best way to battle selfishness is to put God first in our giving. Giving forgiveness or our money drives out selfishness and leads to the freedom of the blessed life.

Prelude	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	Celebration Orchestra
Faces & Places of First Baptist Church		
Welcome		Becky Tucker
Time of Greeting	<i>Every Praise</i>	
Lighting of the Christ Candle		Becky Tucker
Congregational Call to Worship	<i>Our God Saves</i>	
Morning Prayer		Becky Tucker
Songs of Worship	<i>How Great Is Our God</i> <i>Days of Elijah</i>	
God's Eternal Word for Us	<i>Luke 6:36-38</i> <i>Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.</i> <i>Congregation: Thanks be to God.</i>	Linda Carter
Offertory Prayer		Larry Carter
Offertory	<i>The Cause of Christ</i> <i>Sidney Irwin, soloist</i>	Sanctuary Choir & Youth Choir
Message from God's Word	<i>Generous Giving</i>	Phil Christopher
Observance of the Lord's Supper		
Invitation	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	
Continuing Acts of Worship		Mike Greenfield
Recognition of Decisions		John Moore
Benediction	<i>Every Praise</i>	
Postlude	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano