



First Baptist Church

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

10:45am

Centering Words

God, as you created life at the beginning of time,
create and shape us anew.

We want to be clay once more, shaped by your hand.

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

arr. Giamanco

Sam O'Hare, clarinet; Angie France, organ

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock and People

We come to this hour of worship
seeking the freedom found in the grace
we receive through Christ Jesus.

We seek to know more fully God's great love.

May God inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ,
that as we examine our lives and live out these days,
we may become examples of God's abundant love
for all people.

As angels attended Jesus in the wilderness,

may the Holy Spirit tend us today

that we may feel revived and sustained to follow Jesus.

Let us worship together.

*Hymn of Lent 169

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

(Children, meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study.)

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Catherine Davenport

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering*The Lenten Path*

Schram

Sam O’Hare, clarinet; Worship Ensemble

The Lenten path may take me
somewhere I do not want to go.
Right to the foot of Calvary,
away from all the comforts that I know and love,
but I must follow the steps of Jesus,
and journey to the cross,
remembering the pain, the hunger, the loss.

Chorus

When I think of what I’m giving up,
bring me to my knees.
When I think I’ve sacrificed so much,
bring me to my knees.
In every action of self-denial,
remind me, Lord, to pray,
and lead me, Lord, along the Lenten path each day.

The Lenten path reminds me
of hours You spent in earnest prayer;
resistance to temptation,
unwavering commitment to prepare Your heart.
Now I must follow the steps of Jesus
and journey to the cross,
remembering the pain, the hunger, the loss. [Chorus]

The Lenten path may take me to Calvary.
The Lenten path may take me to Calvary.
But I must follow Jesus.
I must follow Jesus.
I must follow.

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn of Grief (see insert)**

Our Cities Cry to You, O God

SALVATION

Offertory Prayer

Susan Garber

Offertory

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. Lanier

Sam O'Hare, clarinet, Angie France, piano

***Response of Thanksgiving**

Doxology

OLD 100TH/Laney

We follow You from morn to night,

Your easy yoke, Your burden light.

The way is hard and joyful too.

You take our hand, You see us through! Amen.***

Musical Offering

Justice Will Rise!
Worship Ensemble

Zelman/Miller

Here is the fast the Lord has required:
lift up the burdens that crush people down.
Share of our bread with those who have none.
This is the way, this is the way
God's blessing is found.

Chorus

Break every yoke that burdens the suffering,
justice will rise, a light at its dawning.
Turn and reach out, let love find a way,
God's people will shine like the sun at noon day. [repeat Chorus]

Take heart and join the great amen,
justice will rise again,
justice will rise, justice will rise, justice will rise!

Come, our strength and consolation,
mend division that keeps us apart.
Fill us with longing to offer compassion,
ring God's peace to every heart.
Justice will rise, justice will rise,
justice will rise!

Sermon

The Light of Lent

Major Treadway

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer

Major Treadway

***Hymn of Departing 521**

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, February 22

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, February 23

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, February 24

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, February 25

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Spaghetti)/
Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 103

6:00pm Common Prayer and Bible Study/Music Suite

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Suite

Thursday, February 26

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, February 27 - Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Readings for Next Sunday:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

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Our membership is open to all persons regardless of race, social status, gender, and sexual identity and affirms our motto, “Breaking down barriers to proclaim the love of Christ.”

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Deacons & Minister of the Week: February 22-February 28

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You can also scan the code to submit a prayer request or let us know that you are interested in membership at First Baptist. Response cards and offering envelopes are also available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.