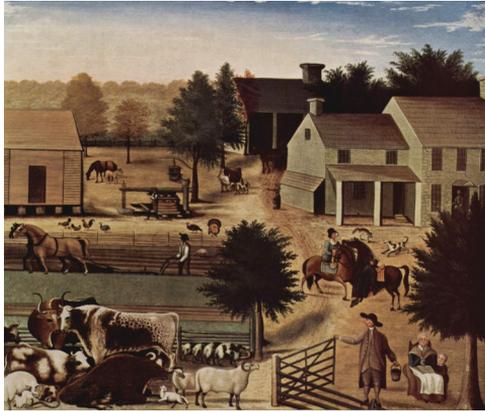




First Baptist Church

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10:45am

Centering Words

God calls us and blesses us,
that we might share our blessings with others.

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Major Treadway

Prelude

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

arr. Krug

Call to Worship

The Pilgrim's Road

Seth Hunnicutt and People

Step softly onto the ancient path,
where the mist meets the hills.

We find our way in the gentle rhythm of the Spirit.

Leave the green valleys of our keeping
and let us unmake the walls we have built
between neighbor and friend.

**We follow the Tender Voice that calls us
beyond our comforts and into the holy, wild unknown.**

Walk this wide country together as travelers, not as owners.

Our home is the journey; our rest is in God.

Trust the unseen hand that leads us
to a place yet to be shown.

**We let go of the familiar
and offer our footsteps to the God of Abram.**

Let us gather at the table,
where the bread and the fruit of the vine
are sustaining gifts for those on the journey.

**We take what we need for the miles yet to come,
that we may nourish and comfort one another.**

Rest your heart in the company of those who walk beside you.

**We are a pilgrim people on The Way,
resting in the love of one another,
and resting in the heart of Christ.**

Let us worship and give thanks to the God of the open road.

May we walk humbly in peace, and may we walk together.**

***Hymn of God's Guidance 565**

God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

Julia Bass

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

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

Robbie Pinkerton

Offertory

Just as I Am/Old Rugged Cross

arr. Kelsey

***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.***

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Robert Burts

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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

Musical Offering*Do Justice*

Walth

Worship Ensemble

Chorus

Do justice, love mercy, show kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

Do justice, love mercy, show kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

Listen, the Lord is calling to you.

Listen, and hear His Word.

His words echo from the mountaintop.

Heed His command rejoice. [repeat Chorus]

How shall I come before the Lord,
and bow before the exalted God?

Shall I approach Him with sacrifices,
incense and oil, silver and gold?

What shall I offer for my transgressions?

How shall I praise His name? [repeat Chorus]

Sermon*Possessing Places*

Major Treadway

Silent Confession**Assurance of Pardon****Pastoral Prayer**

Nenette Measels

Invitation to Communion *All Belong Here* L. Rand/H. Rand
Brendan Dunn and Pam Hester, duet

When you're not sure who you really are,
when all you feel is the shape of your scars,
and you have more wounds than you can count,
open your eyes, look all around,
you aren't alone, this is your home.

Chorus

Come and remember who you are here.

Do this to remember who I am.

Come and remember you belong here.

All belong here.

When you don't know how to forgive,
when locked doors seem like the only way to live,
and you've got more questions than you can count,
open your eyes, look all around,
you aren't alone, this is your home.

At this table come as you are,
broken and bleeding's okay.

At this table eat and be filled

Come and drink in this grace. [repeat Chorus]

Communion

Leaders and People

***Hymn of Unity and Service 467**

We Are One in Christ

THAXTED

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

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

Communion and Children

There are many perspectives on when it is appropriate for children to begin taking communion. At First Baptist, each family may decide when children should begin. Children whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing. To signify that they wish to receive a blessing but not Communion, children should cross their arms over their chests when they approach the person serving the bread. This option will provide all children a way to participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, "Let the little children come to me." Our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, March 1-Communion Sunday

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, March 2

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, March 3

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, March 4

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Soup)/
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, March 5

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, March 6 - Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

Readings for Next Sunday:

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

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Welcome to First Baptist Church!

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: March 1-March 8

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We are glad that you are here!

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card.

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.