



First Baptist Church

J E F F E R S O N C I T Y T E N N E S S E E



THE WORSHIP OF GOD Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

Behold the Lamb

arr. Larson

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock and People

Moses saw a burning bush and took off his shoes,
Expecting to be on holy ground.

**We come to worship with shoes on and minds distracted.
How shall we find a toehold of holiness?**

As in Moses' time so with us now,
God hears the peoples' cries.

**Our prayers are full of cries.
How do we know God listens?**

"I AM," God told Moses, and called him forth.

**In this time of worship may we hear God's name,
and feel God's call, in our hearts and in our feet.**

Let us praise God together.**

*Hymn of Praise 45

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

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

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response Hymn 234

Spirit of the Living God

TRENTHAM

Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Seth Hunnicutt

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

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

***Lenten Hymn 48**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Blevins

Offertory

O Sacred Head Now Wounded/Nothing but the Blood

arr. Kelsey

***Response of Thanksgiving**

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH/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

Build My Life

Duren

Worship Ensemble

Brendan Dunn, soloist, guitar; Cameron Rowlett, drums

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing,
worthy of all the praise we could ever bring,
worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe,
we live for You.

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name,
Jesus, the only one who could ever save,
worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe,
we live for You.
We live for You.

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You.
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder.
And show me who You are
and fill me with Your heart
and lead me in Your love to those around me.

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name,
Jesus, the only one who could ever save,
worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe,
we live for You. [Chorus]

I will build my life upon Your love.
It is a firm Foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone,
and I will not be shaken!

Sermon

Recalling Calling

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Keveren

***Hymn of Departing 634 (verse 1 only)**

We Walk by Faith

FAITH'S JOURNEY

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, March 16

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, March 17

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, March 18

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, March 19

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

5:00pm WNS (Chicken) Fellowship Hall

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 218

6:00pm Common Prayer Bible Study/Music Ste.

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste.

Thursday, March 20

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, March 21—Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, March 23, 2025:

Isaiah 55:19; Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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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.