



# First Baptist Church

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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10:45am

**Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation**

Chad Hartsock

**Prelude**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

arr. Page

**Call to Worship**

Chad Hartsock and People

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

My God, I put my trust in you.

**Let none who trust in you be put to shame;**

**Let the evil be disappointed in all their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord,

And teach me to follow in your paths.

**You guide the humble in doing right, O God,**

**And all your ways are love and faithfulness.\*\***

**\*Hymn of Praise and Sustainment 48**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

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

## Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Annette Stooksbury

“When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

**Silent Confession**

Major Treadway

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Pastoral Prayer**

## Prayer Response Hymn 234

*Spirit of the Living God*

TRENTHAM

### Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Rachel Bass

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

## \*Lenten Hymn 169

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. ANNE

### Offertory Prayer

Jim Wilson

**Offertory***Lenten Reflection*

arr. Smith

**\*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***O God, Beyond All Praising*

Holst/Page

Kristin Hankin, solo; Melanie Simpson, piano

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

**Sermon***The Wilderness Between*

Major Treadway

**Time of Reflection and Response***Great Is Thy Faithfulness with Abide with Me*

arr. Bennett

**\*Hymn of Departing 634 (verse 1 only)***We Walk by Faith*

FAITH'S JOURNEY

**\*Benediction**

Major Treadway

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

## ***The Coming Week at FBC***

### ***Sunday, March 9***

- 2:00pm Church Advisory Council Mtg./Room 214  
5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

### ***Monday, March 10***

- 6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall  
7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

### ***Tuesday, March 11***

- 10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor  
1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

### ***Wednesday, March 12***

- 9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301  
5:00pm WNS (Soup) 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 13***

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

### ***Friday, March 14—Church Office Closed***

Readings for next Sunday, March 16, 2025:  
Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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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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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Angie France, Organist

Cyndi Harrell, Ministry Assistant

Dr. Chad Hartsock, Minister for Students

Rev. Nenette Measels, Minister of Music and Worship

Cameron Rowlett, Video Editor

Melanie Simpson, Pianist

Karen Treadway, Interim Administrative Coordinator

Dr. Major Treadway, Senior Pastor

### **Deacons & Minister of the Week:**

Susan Garber/Betty Watkins/Chad Hartsock

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### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30pm, Closed on Friday

Secure online giving:

<https://www.fbcjeff.org/give>

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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.