



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

February 25, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10:45 am

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Major Treadway

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

arr. Bach

Liz Brogan and Chris Justice, clarinets; Melanie Simpson, piano

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock, Nenette Measels, and People

Leader 1: We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us.

Leader 2: God invites us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves.

Leader 1: God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ.

Leader 2: God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness.

Leader 1: God bids us to be obedient to a divine will so we might know true freedom.

All: We come to worship our Creator, seeking to have our faith challenged into growth. We root our faith in worship, seeking to find nourishment for our spirits in this growing season of Lent.**

*Hymn of Gathering 302

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

PROMISE

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

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 22:23-28; 30-31

Caroline Snyder

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me

but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.
Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

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

*Hymn of Guidance 403	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Offertory Prayer		Dana Bible
Offertory	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	arr. Lanier
	Liz Brogan and Chris Justice, clarinets; Melanie Simpson, piano	

New Testament Lesson	Mark 8:31-38	Bill Rosser
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Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Musical Offering	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. Althouse
	Liz Brogan and Christ Justice, clarinets; Melanie Simpson, piano	

Prayer of Confession		Pam Hester
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God of compassion, look upon us in mercy, for we haven't walked in the way of Jesus, your Son. We have not laid down our lives for the Gospel, but have sought to advance and defend ourselves. Our faith in you has wavered; we have trusted more in our own strength and understanding.

In lovingkindness, forgive us. Strengthen our faith by your Spirit, that we would be courageous enough to embrace the way of the cross. Enable us to trust that this way of life, proclaimed and lived by Jesus, displays your glory most faithfully and is the finest way of life both now, and in ages to come. Amen. ***

Prayer Response of the People 384

Speak to My Heart

HOLCOMB

Sermon

The Next Step

Major Treadway

Time of Response and Reflection

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Purifoy

*Hymn of Commitment and Departing 495

Step by Step

STEP BY STEP

*Benediction

Major Treadway

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

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2nd Sunday in Lent



Take up your cross and follow me.
from Mark 8:34

THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

Sunday, February 25

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, February 26

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, February 27

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

Wednesday, February 28

9:30am Women's Bible Study/301

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

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

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

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

Thursday, February 29

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles, Jefferson
City

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 1—Church Office Closed

Sunday, March 3

9:30am Bible Study Classes for Adults/Various
Rooms

10:00am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary

10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook
and Youtube

10:45am Children's Bible Study/Birth-K Room
119, 1st-5th grade Room 218

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, March 4

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

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".

CHURCH STAFF

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant

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Dr. Chad Hartsock, Interim Minister for Students

Ricke Hester, Interim Administrative Coordinator

Steven Lloyd, Custodian

Rev. Nenette Measels, Interim Minister of Music

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Deacons and Minister of the Week:

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