



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

March 10, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10:45 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation Major Treadway

Prelude *Mercy Tree* arr. Koerts

Call to Worship Isaiah 43:14, 20-21 Nenette Measels

The Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, gives water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to his chosen people, the people he formed for himself that they might declare his praise.**

*Hymns of Praise and Adoration *Think About God's Love**** HARRAH

Adrian Peña, violin, Worship Ensemble

Think about God's love, think about God's goodness,

Think about God's grace that's brought us through.

For as high as the heavens above, so great is the measure of God's love.

*323 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

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

Offertory Prayer Carolyn Johnson

Offertory *What Shall I Render to the Lord?* Courtney
Clark Measels, tenor

What shall I render to the Lord for all His goodness unto me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Be at rest. Once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from falling.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of His people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His goodness unto me?

Scripture Reading Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21 David Johnson

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?"

For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

*Hymn of God’s Love 178

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

TOWNEND

Prayer of Confession****

Major Treadway and People

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We do not love you as we should.

We forget our dependence on you and do not honor you.

Instead of glorifying you, we try to bring ourselves glory.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We do not love others as we should.

We hurry through our days and miss opportunities to be your hands and feet.

We judge quickly and respond thoughtlessly.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We do not love ourselves as we should.

We disparage our appearances, criticize our best efforts, and misuse our bodies.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We are weighed down by the bad things that are done to us.

We hold grudges, harbor bad feelings, and believe lies told about us.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We are overwhelmed by sin.

Man of sorrows, you know our pain and suffering.

By your wounds we are healed.

Take our burdens, we pray, and free us from sin. Amen.***

Musical Offering

In This Season

Crane/Lockaby

Adrian Peña, violin; Worship Ensemble

In this season, shifting tides, fears are churning as our burdens rise.

Through the trouble, peace assured, hope will be our guide.

For every trial that we must face becomes a step on the path of faith.

Though all is stripped away yet love remains.

Love abiding, love providing, in this season.

In this season, tossed and tried, doubts, like shadows looming, cloud our sight.

Through the darkness, grace secured, Christ will be our light.

For every trial that we must face becomes a step on the path of faith.

Though all is stripped away yet love remains.

Love abiding, love providing, in this season.

A time to weep, a time to laugh.

A time to mourn, a time to dance.

The moments fly as the seasons pass, yet God's love endures.

Yes, God's love is sure, his love is sure.

For every trial that we must face becomes a step on the path of faith.

Though all is stripped away yet love remains.

Love abiding, love providing, God's love providing in this season.

Sermon

Serpents in the Wilderness

Major Treadway

Time of Response and Reflection

God So Loved the World

Stainer/arr. France

Adrian Peña, violin; Angie France, organ

*Hymn of Commitment and Departing 435

Share His Love

SULLIVAN

*Benediction

Major Treadway

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

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THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

Sunday, March 10

2:00pm Church Advisory Council Meeting/214
5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, March 11

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

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
7:15pm Budget & Finance Committee Meeting/
Parlor

Thursday, March 14

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles, Jefferson
City
2:00pm Senior Fellowship Team Meeting/301
6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 15—Church Office Closed

Sunday, March 17

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

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

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