



# 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 31, 2024

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

10:45 am

**Easter**

Welcome and Opportunities of Service

Chad Hartsock

Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

*Low in the Grave He Lay*

arr. Smith

Angie France, organ; Melanie Simpson, piano

Anthem of Celebration

*On the Third Day*

Pote

Jesus was crucified. Jesus was crucified.

He died and was buried, died and was buried.

Jesus was crucified.

On the third day, on the third day,

On the third day Christ arose.

On the third day, on the third day

On the third day Christ arose.

He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead,  
His kingdom will have no end.

Christ is risen from the dead, he is risen as He said,

He is alive, He is alive, Alleluia, alleluia,

Christ has conquered death and sin,

Died for us our souls to win,

He is alive, He is alive, Alleluia!

He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead,  
His kingdom will have no end.

On the third day, on the third day, on the third day Christ arose!

\*Hymn of Eastertide 222

*Thine Is the Glory*

MACCABEUS

Kaylin Hartsock and Addie Snyder, bells; Worship Ensemble

New Testament Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Donna Davenport

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the

week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Offertory Prayer

Bruce Davenport

Offertory

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

arr. Davis/Lau

Prayer of Confession

Major Treadway and People

Holy God, Your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good. But sometimes, we close our ears to your call, and with our perverse pride we foul the gifts you have given us.

**We mistreat those we love, and we dishonor you, the One who made us.**

Yet you provide streams of living mercy; you invite us again and again to live renewed lives.

**So we turn once again to the cross, to the empty cross, to the stone rolled away, to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand, to the gracious gift of your Spirit.**

We seek your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**We draw upon your promises, and we ask once again for mercy.**

**With your Holy Spirit, sanctify us. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn of the Risen Christ

*When It Seemed That Love Was Dying*

HYFRYDOL

When it seemed that Love was dying, hope and joy forever gone,  
Friends of Jesus, fearful, wondered who would help them carry on.  
Joseph came to claim the body, Nicodemus, too, was there,  
Bravely showing their allegiance, handling Him with tender care.

In a borrowed tomb they laid Him, breathless, broken, and alone;  
Then, before they left the garden, sealed the doorway with a stone.  
Women, watching, stood by weeping, lost in sorrow, deep in gloom,  
Never dreaming God would bring forth life anew from barren womb.

Sunday, when the tomb was empty, Mary cried in great dismay,  
Till she heard these words of greeting: “Jesus Christ is risen today.  
Fear not! Go and tell the others: There’s no need to weep or cry.  
Earth is filled with alleluias! Hope and love will never die!”

Mary and the others found their friends who hid in fear and grief.  
“Wipe your tears and gather courage! Hear this news beyond belief:  
We have seen Him! Christ is living! God has rolled away the stone!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God! We are not alone!”

When it seemed that Love was dying, Love showed it could rise again,  
Filling empty hearts with courage, hope, and joy, a glad "Amen!"  
Let us, too, be alleluias, serving you, Lord, to the end.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Live in us now, Risen Friend!\*\*

Musical Offering

*He Lives*

arr. Raney

Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives!  
Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives!  
He lives, He lives, He lives, my Savior lives!  
I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever some may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need Him He's always near.  
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.  
Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives!  
Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives!  
Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King.  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.  
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives all fear is gone.  
Because I know, I know He holds the future,  
And if you ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives, He lives within my heart.  
Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives!  
Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives!  
He lives, He lives, He lives, my Savior lives!

Sermon

***Therefore***

Major Treadway

Time of Response and Reflection

*In The Garden*

arr. Purifoy

\*Hymn of Declaration of Faith 208

*He Is Lord*

HE IS LORD

Celebration Ringing

*Majestic Alleluia*

Raney

Handbells: Julia Bass, Rachel Bass, Thomas Bass, Kaylin Hartsock, Steven Lloyd,  
Kristi Sanford, Addison Snyder, Caroline Snyder, Noah Snyder; Angie France, director

\*Benediction

Major Treadway

\*Please stand if you are able to do so.

\*\*Text by Mary Nelson Keithahn, from *Come Away with Me*, Abingdon Press, 1998.

\*\*\* Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition*, 2013, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI.

## THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

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### **Sunday, March 31—Easter**

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

### **Monday, April 1**

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

### **Tuesday, April 2**

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

### **Wednesday, April 3**

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, April 4**

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, April 5—Church Office Closed**

### **Sunday, April 7**

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

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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

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant

Angie France, Organist

Dr. Chad Hartsock, Interim Minister for Students

Ricke Hester, Interim Administrative Coordinator

Steven Lloyd, Custodian

Rev. Nenetta Measels, Interim Minister of Music

Cameron Rowlett, Video Editor

Melanie Simpson, Pianist

Dr. Major Treadway, Senior Pastor

**Deacons and Minister of the Week:**

Mel Hawkins & Peggy Dalton/Nenetta Measels

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