



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 3, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10:45 am

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

The Heavens Are Telling

Beethoven/arr. Wells

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock and People

Leader: In this season, we worship remembering Jesus' death in love for us and all people.

All: Lent is a time of tears.

Leader: But out of tears, joy is born—the joy of sin forgiven, hope reborn, and life restored.

All: We stand in awe of the God who brings joy out of tears, and life out of death. Let us worship in reverence.**

*Hymn of Gathering

We Have Come to Join in Worship (tune 296)

HOLY MANNA

Verse 1

We have come to join in worship
And adore the Lord our God
Let us come in prayer expecting
God to speak His mighty Word
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down
Christians pray and holy manna
Will be showered all around

Verse 2

See them gather all around you
Those He bought at such a cost
See the weary see the hurting
See the lonely see the lost

Be His hand and touch the needy
Be His gospel let it sound
Be His body and sweet manna
Will be showered all around

Verse 3

Let us love our God supremely
Let us love each other too
Let us care for all His people
Till our God makes all things new
Christ will call us home to heaven
At His banquet we'll sit down
Christ Himself will rise and serve us
Living manna all around

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

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Offertory Prayer

Leon Shoemaker

Offertory

Father of Mercies, in Your Word

arr. Schalk

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Susan Garber

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Prayer of Confession

Carolyn Blevins

God of mighty deliverance, we gratefully embrace the redemption you have offered us through Jesus our Savior, who was lifted high on the cross for our sake.
Yet we have dishonored his sacrifice for us; we have not followed his example of loving service and have spurned his call to honor your life-giving law.

In mercy, forgive us for rejecting his way of life. Quicken us by your Spirit to take up our cross, that we may walk purposefully and joyously in the ways of life and peace you have set before us, loving you with all our heart and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.***

Prayer Response of the People 184

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Musical Offering

A Welcome Place

Williams/Raney

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,
make this church a welcome place.

To the hungry and the poor,
may there be an open door.

To the weary and distressed,
may this be a place of rest.

Lord of mercy. Lord of grace.
make this church a welcome place.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,
make this church a learning place

where we read Your holy Word,
Teaching us that Christ is Lord,

preaching He has come to save,
Learning as we walk by faith.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,
make this church a welcome place.

Reaching out to others,
serving both great and small,
sharing our abundance with one and all.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,
make this church a holy place,
where we come to seek the truth;
fill our hearts and worship You
in our words and through our deeds,
knowing You will meet our needs.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,
make this church a welcome place.

Amen, amen!

Sermon

God's Foolishness

Major Treadway

Time of Response and Reflection

Morning Has Broken

arr. Purifoy

*Hymn of Dedication and Departing 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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 3

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, March 4

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, March 5

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

Wednesday, March 6

9:30am Women's Bible Study/301

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

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

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

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

Thursday, March 7

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

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 8—Church Office Closed

Sunday, March 10

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

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

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

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