



# First Baptist Church

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February 18, 2024

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

10:45 am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation Chad Hartsock

Prelude *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* arr. Keveren

Call to Worship Nenette Measels and People

Leader: Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

**All: Lent calls us to the cutting edge when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth; the cutting of a new covenant.**

Leader: Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take upon ourselves as community the intention of true participation in the mystery of God-with-us.

**All: Lent calls us to corporate penitence, accountability, and preparation. Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight.\*\* Let us begin the journey together.**

\*Hymn of Praise 295 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

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

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 25:1-10 Donna Dobyns

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

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right  
and teaches the humble his way.  
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

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

Offertory Prayer

Thomas Bass

Offertory

*O Praise His Name (Anastasis)*

arr. Koerts

New Testament Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

Joe Dobyns

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."  
And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.  
Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."

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

Musical Offering

*The Lenten Path*

Schram

Dorian Carpenter, oboe; Worship Ensemble

The Lenten path may take me somewhere I do not want to go.  
Right to the foot of Calvary, away from all the comforts that I know and love.

But I must follow the steps of Jesus, and journey to the cross,  
remembering the pain, the hunger, the loss.

When I think of what I'm giving up, bring me to my knees.  
When I think I've sacrificed so much, bring me to my knees.  
In every action of self-denial, remind me, Lord, to pray  
and lead me, Lord, along the Lenten path, each day.

The Lenten path reminds me of hours You spent in earnest prayer;  
resistance to temptation, unwavering commitment to prepare Your heart.

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But I must follow Jesus.  
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Prayer of the People 166                  *Forty Days and Forty Nights*                  Chad Hartsock and People

\*Prayer Response of the People 169          *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*          ST. FLAVIAN

**Verse 1**

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
 Teach us, with You, to mourn our sins and close by You to stay.

**Verse 2**

As You with Satan did contend and did the victory win,  
 O give us strength in You to fight, in You to conquer sin.

**Verse 3**

As You did hunger and did thirst so teach us, gracious Lord,  
 to die to self and so to live by Your most holy word.

**Verse 4**

And through these days of penitence and through Your passion tide,  
 Forevermore in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

**Verse 5**

Abide with us that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,  
 an Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!

Sermon    *In The Wilderness*    Major Treadway

Time of Response                                  *Ah, Holy Jesus*    arr. Lau/Shackley

\*Hymn of Commitment and Departing 491          *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*                  FALLS CREEK

\*Benediction    Major Treadway

\*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.                  CCLI #120972

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## THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

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### **Sunday, February 18**

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

### **Monday, February 19**

5:00pm Genealogy Society Meeting/FH

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

### **Tuesday, February 20**

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

11:30am Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch/Perkins,  
Jefferson City

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

### **Wednesday, February 21**

9:30am Women's Bible Study/301

4:00pm Deacons Meeting/102

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

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

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

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

### **Thursday, February 22**

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

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, February 23—Church Office Closed**

### **Sunday, February 25**

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, February 26**

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

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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. Nenette Measels, Interim Minister of Music

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Dr. Major Treadway, Senior Pastor

**Deacons & Minister of the Week:**

Carolyn Blevins & Karen Smith / Chad Hartsock

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