

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING Stacey Simpson Duke

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: After he was baptized, Jesus went alone to the wilderness, where he was tested.

People: Forty days in the desert he fasted and was tested.

Leader: Let us follow him into the wilderness to face our fears, our weakness, our temptations,

People: Let us worship, seeking the Spirit as our guide and companion on the way to our best freedom in Christ.

PRELUDE *Récit* - Pierre du Mage
from *Livre d'orgue* (1674-1751, French)

*INVOCATION Charlotte DeVries
(* If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *EIN' FESTE BURG*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM from Psalm 91
Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shade of the Almighty will say to the Lord,
People: "My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust."
Leader: God will command angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. They shall bear you upon their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
All: When you call, I shall answer, "Here I am." I will be with you in trouble; I will rescue you and honor you.

EPISTLE READING Romans 10:8b-13
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul* - Matthew Merker
Dear refuge of my weary soul, on You, when sorrows rise,
On You, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.

To You I tell each rising grief, for You alone can heal;
Your Word can bring a sweet relief for ev'ry pain I feel.
Have you bid me seek Your face, and shall I seek in vain?
Can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
May I ever find a place to breathe my sorrows there.
O gracious God, where shall I flee? You are my only trust;
My weary soul will cleave to You, though prostrate in the dust.
Your mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend Your will and wait beneath Your feet.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Stacey Simpson Duke
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires know,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GOSPEL READING Luke 4:1-13 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan
(Children 5th grade and younger come forward)

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus

(Following Time as Children, children in 2nd grade and younger leave for Church School. Children in 3rd-5th grade remain in worship on second Sundays of the month.)

*HYMN 473 (sung twice) Lead Me, Lord *LEAD ME, LORD*

SERMON *Life-Giving Refusals* Paul Simpson Duke

Fellowship Time Volunteers Needed

There is a new sign-up for 2019 that needs lots and lots of volunteers. All food and supplies are provided as well as "training" and assistance. Families are welcome! The time required is approximately 45 minutes before worship and 45 minutes after. Please choose a date or two and sign-up at the Information Counter or in the fellowship hall.

Join the Sunday Morning Welcoming Team!

No meetings - just come and serve! Our Welcoming Team is one of our most important ministries. On Sunday mornings, volunteers stand in key places in the building to show hospitality to all who come for worship. Sign up online - Sign-up is online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44afa928ab9-sunday> - it's fast and easy! Sign up on your own, with a friend, with a spouse, or with your whole family. Sign up once or multiple times. Serving on our Welcoming Team is a great way to plug in to ministry at First Baptist and get to know others in our community. Questions? Contact Sam Laidlaw at laidlawsam7@gmail.com.

The 2019 Flower Calendar

The signup calendar is now posted on the downstairs bulletin board near the Lounge door. The flowers are placed on the chancel for each service and your dedication goes in the bulletin. The flowers are yours to take after the Sunday morning service. The cost is \$30, payable by cash, check, or online. (See instructions next to the signup calendar.) Please sign up early to secure your date(s).

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Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, Mar 10	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour classes 5:00 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Tuesday, Mar 12	1:00 p.m. - Board of Mission Action (Conf. Room) 1:30 p.m. - ChristCare Group (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>FBC Young Adult Team</i>
Wednesday, Mar 13	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - Board of Christian Education (Conf. Room) 7:00 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)
Thursday, Mar 14	12:15 p.m. - Coffee Break Concert (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Mar 17	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour classes 5:00 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)

Our Coffee Break Concert Series presents two Meditation series in March and April. Meditation I: Music and Poetry will be held on March 14, Thursday at 12:15 pm in our beautiful sanctuary. Our own Heather Entekin will introduce poems by Thomas Moore, Leonte de Lisle, Jane Kenyon, Jung-Ju Seo and Mary Oliver. Music composed by Dudley Buck, Franz Liszt, Henri Duparc, Robert Schumann, Chang-Shik Song and Bill Evans will be performed by Ling-Ju Lai (piano), Yongmin Kim (tenor) and Shin-Ae Chun (organ and piano). All are welcome to come and meditate through these poems and musical pieces. This is a free concert. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors.

Sing-a-long at Hillside Terrace

The Beecher-Brewer and MacGregor-Stitt Circles will meet at 2pm on Tuesday, March 19, at Hillside Terrace for their annual gathering with the residents at Hillside Terrace.

Children & Youth Christian Education and Music

Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about our ministry with kids and youth, please connect with our Director of Children's Ministry, Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) or our Youth Minister, Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com).

Infant - 3-year-olds: room 307 on the 3rd floor

- 10:00 Worship with family, nursery available
- 10:30 Families may choose to have kids go to the nursery following Time as Children.
- 11:30 Children and nursery staff go to another play space (room 202 B) for Friendship Time.
- 12:30 Parents pick up kids in room 202B (Children's Ministry wing) after 2nd hour adult classes.

4-year-olds – 2nd grade: room 202A

- 10:00 Worship with families
- 10:30 Godly Play Church School
- 11:20 Children and Youth Choir (music room)
- 11:35 Snack and Grace Notes Choir
- 12:10 Friendship Time
- 12:30 Parents pick up kids after 2nd hour adult classes (room 202B)

3rd – 5th Grade: Room 201B

- 10:00 It's "Stay for Second Sunday" so 3rd-5th graders will worship with their families for the whole service.
- 11:00 Fellowship Time with families
- 11:20 Children and Youth Choir and Children's Choir (music room)
- 12:30 Parents pick up kids in the choir room after 2nd hour adult classes.

Youth (6th - 12th grade)

- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Fellowship Time
- 11:20 Children and Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 11:35 Church School (room 107)

Adult Christian Education

11:30-12:30

Adult Lenten Church School Series: Plenty Good Room Lounge
Drawing on the rich resources of African-American spirituals, this study, which begins today, will offer opportunities for participants to deepen their experience of God through Scripture, reflection, and music. Today's session will include reflection on the song, "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley." Coley Roberts will sing.

The Bible Discussion Class Room 108
The Bible Discussion Class (formerly the Young Adult Class, but now expanding) continues their study of the book of Acts. For a great discussion of the early church, and of what it means to be a Christian community, come and join this self-led class.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study meets 1:30pm in the Lounge. Paul Simpson Duke leads a study of the Gospel of John.

Small Groups: We have continuing small groups centered on study, sharing, prayer, worship and mission meeting at various times. See Stacey or Paul for information on how to join an existing group or form a new group.

College/University Students: The Gathering is for undergraduates and graduate students. This semester, we gather on Sunday each week from 5:00-7:00pm in the Campus Center, for a free, home-cooked meal, friendship, and spiritual growth. If you would like to receive our weekly e-newsletter, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.

Readings for Next Sunday, March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 * Psalm 27 * Philippians 3:17-4:1 * Luke 13:31-35

Plastic Containers Needed for Vespers. Please bring your plastic containers (cottage cheese, take out, and the like) with lids for us to use to send leftovers with our Vespers guests. Drop them off in the church kitchen. This is a continuing need.

Kat is on vacation and will return to the office on Thursday, March 14.