

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING Paul Simpson Duke

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: One thing we ask of the Lord, this is what we seek:

People: To live in God's house every day of our lives, to see God's beauty and respond to it.

Leader: Let us sing and make melody to God, who hears us when we call out, and who answers us with grace.

PRELUDE *Le Prie-Dieu* George Oldroyd
(A Prayer to God) (1887-1956, English)

*INVOCATION Emmanuel Morgan
(* If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN (see insert, vv. 1-2, 4) *Gather Us In* *GATHER US IN*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM from Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

People: Though war rise up against me, I will be confident.

Leader: "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"

People: Your face, Lord, I do seek.

ALL: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

EPISTLE READING Philippians 3:17-41

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Sing to the Lord a New Song* Robert Lau

People and tongues of ev'ry nation sing to the Lord a new song.

Bring him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song.

All God's creatures, old men and children, voices raised in hymns of love.

He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song.

Mountains and hills and all creation sing to the Lord a new song.

Join in a hymn of adoration. Sing to the Lord a new song.
Praise him! Praise His name, sing "Alleleuia!" Praise Him for his mighty deeds.

This is our song, our supplication: "Sing to the Lord a new song."

Praise him, shining stars, and praise him highest heavens.

Oh, all kings and princes praise his holy name. Angels above make melody to him.

Now lift your voice, lift up your heart, and sing, and sing!

Come, Christians all, now raise your voices, sing to the Lord a new song.

Praise and thanksgiving be your choices, sing to the Lord a new song.

Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp; dance your dance, and shout for joy.

Make music now as heav'n rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song. Sing! Sing! Sing a new song.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Paul Simpson Duke

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

Merciful God,
you have made us by love, for love,
but we have fallen short of love.

We confess:

we have let our fears keep us from you;

we have let our doubts dim our purpose;

we have let our cravings crowd out our compassion.

Forgive us, we pray.

Redeem us, and make us more like Jesus. Amen.

*GOSPEL READING Luke 13:31-35 Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Open Our Eyes*
Children 5th grade and younger come forward while we sing

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.

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan
(Children 5th grade and younger leave for Church School)

*HYMN 115 (vv. 1-3, 5) How Like a Gentle Spirit *SURSUM CORDA*

SERMON *A Vulnerable Love* Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name* Christopher Tye

To our Redeemer's glorious name Oh, may the sweet, the blissful theme
Awake the sacred song. Fill ev'ry heart and tongue
Oh, may His love, immortal flame, Till strangers love the charming name
Tune ev'ry heart and tongue! And join the sacred song! *Refrain*

*He left His radiant throne on high,
Left realms of heav'nly bliss,
He came to earth to bleed and die,
Was ever love like this?*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 348 *Softly and Tenderly* THOMPSON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prière* - Louis Niedermeyer
(A Prayer) (1802-1861, French)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Mary Gregg's March 16 birthday*

The Gregg Family

The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Helen Louise Bowser, Ron Gregg, Carol Stumpf, Peter Boevé, Roberta Hause, Gene Eavy, Joan & Lynn Blunt, Stacey Simpson Duke, Bob Simpson, Ron & Donna Tipton, Doris George, Bill McKeachie, Juanita Dieterle, Pat Huebel, Iris Martin, Liam Clarke, Anna Kirstein, Saw Nay Lin, Judy Stratman, Liz & Micah Dalton, Robert L, and Marissa Alaniz.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019

~ Please turn off all cell phones. Thank you. ~

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 sign-up 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 sign-up calendar.) Please sign up early to secure your date(s).



Easter Lily Order Form

I / We would like to order an Easter Lily (\$17.50 each) to be given:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Enclosed is my check made out to "First Baptist Church" for \$_____, for a total of _____ plant(s), which will be displayed on the chancel Easter Sunday, and may be picked up following the service that day. Paid orders must be received by Thursday, April 11. Please leave them in Kat's mailbox in the office.

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 17 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour classes
 3:00 p.m. - Huron HS Choir Farewell Concert
 5:00 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
- Monday, Mar 18 5:30 p.m. - Board of Outreach (Conference Room)
 7:00 p.m. - Racial Justice Book Group
 (Campus Center)
- Tuesday, Mar 19 1:30 p.m. - Beecher-Brewer/MacGregor-Stitt
 Circles (Lounge)
 5:30 p.m. - Vespers - *Northside Church Team*
 6:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees (Lounge)
- Wednesday, Mar 20 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
- Thursday, Mar 14 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
- Sunday, Mar 24 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour classes
 5:00 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)

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.

Readings for Next Sunday, March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9 * Psalm 63:1-8 * 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 * Luke 13:1-9

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.

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 Worship with families
- 10:30 Church School
- 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 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, "Poor Mourner Got a Home at Last ."

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>.

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