



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

*\*Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

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**Silent Prayer:** Lord God, thank you for the rhythm of the Lenten season. Draw our hearts toward you. Prepare us to be an Easter people formed by you. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Medley of Hymns

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

\*The Introit

“Lamb of God”  
(Twila Paris)

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God.**

**Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.**

**O wash me in his precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

**Leader:** Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

Welcoming One Another

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Amazing Grace”

#202

*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for Godly Play (younger group) and Oasis (older group).*

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound**

**That saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found,**

**Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,**

**And grace my fears relieved;**

**How precious did that grace appear**

**The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares**

**I have already come:**

**'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,**

**And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,**

**His word my hope secures;**

**He will my shield and portion be**

**As long as life endures.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Kayely Rich

Assurance of Pardon

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach      “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”  
(Claudia Hernaman)

*To the tune of “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

**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.**

**As you with Satan did contend,  
And did the vict’ry win,  
O give us strength in you to fight,  
In you to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence,  
And through your Passion-tide,  
Forevermore, in life and death,  
O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us that when this life  
Of suffering is past,  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last!**

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (pp. 2-3, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**All: While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.**

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**All: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;**

Leader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

**All: At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**All: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Leader: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**All: Many are the torments of the wicked,**

Leader: but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

**All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

\*Gloria Patri

#623

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:12-19 (p. 156, New Testament section)

\*Gospel lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 3, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#43

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

**Chorus:**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Chorus**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Chorus**

Prayers of the People

Owen Winter

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Kayely Rich

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\* Hymn for Departing      “Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”  
(Words: Margaret Becker; Music: Keith Getty)

**Jesus draw me ever nearer  
As I labour through the storm.  
You have called me to this passage,  
And I'll follow, though I'm worn.  
May this journey bring a blessing,  
May I rise on wings of faith;  
And at the end of my heart's testing,  
With your likeness let me wake.**

\*Benediction

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing      “Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern” Xavier Russell-MacLean  
(Johann Christoph Bach)

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends” — an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.



## Coming up in March...

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Thursday, March 2nd	Older Adults Ministry
Sunday, March 19th	AGM 2023

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