



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, March 16th, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery.

The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary.

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, we have no power to help ourselves: keep us outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

*The Introit "Throughout these Lenten Days and Nights"

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.**

**The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weakness greater power,
Embraces us, though lost and flawed, and leads us to his rising hour.**

**And though the road is hard and steep, the Spirit ever calls us on
Through Calvary's dying, dark and deep, until we see the coming dawn.**

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

All: **And also with you.**

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Be Thou My Vision”

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The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn before going downstairs for Godly Play and Oasis.

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I, thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Cheryl Johnston

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

"Lamb of God"

By 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.**

(Refrain:)

**O 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.**

**Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

(Refrain)

**I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. *(Refrain)***

"If You Will Only Let God Guide You"

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**If you will only let God guide you and hope in him through all your ways,
Whatever comes he'll stand beside you, to bear you through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that cannot move.**

**Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er the Father's pleasure, and all discerning love have sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known to him who chose us for his own.**

**Sing, pray, and swerve not from his ways but do your part in conscience true;
Trust his rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in you;
God hears the call of those in need, the souls that trust in him indeed.**

Epistle Lesson: Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

All: One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.

Leader: For the Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; the Lord will conceal me under the cover of his tent; the Lord will set me high on a rock.

All: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

All: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Leader: If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

All: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

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

*Gloria Patri

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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.

*Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to Luke 16.1-13

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Lord, You Are”

by Lynn DeShazzo

**Lord, you are, more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with you.**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of lory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Man of Sorrows”

**Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by his own betrayed.
Bowling to the Father's will, he took a crown of thorns.**

**O that rugged cross, my salvation, where your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, O Lord Jesus! praise and honour unto thee.**

**Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem,
And reconcile the very ones, who nailed him to the tree.**

**O that rugged cross, my salvation, where your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, O Lord Jesus! praise and honour unto thee.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in Godly Play and Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.



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