



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 12, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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*Just when we were beginning to enjoy the play,/ the stagehands came out and dismantled the manger./ From its wood,
they built a cross./ What kind of drama is this anyway?/ The happy ending wasn't an ending after all, but just act I.*

- Ann Weems

Gathering Music

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us with He Leadeth Me"
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Praeludium"
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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

John Pauls

Leader: You are invited!

People: God, help us lay aside the things that prevent us from accepting your invitation.

Leader: You are not just welcomed, but wanted!

People: God, help us let go of our desire to control who else is here with us.

Leader: You are called!

**People: God, help us to live each day according to your word, so we'll be dressed and ready
when we hear you.**

Leader: Come!

People: We come to worship, to prepare, to listen, and to respond.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 302)

"Come Away from Rush and Hurry"
PROMISE

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

* Responding in Peace (CONG 570, vs. 3)

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
TRUST IN JESUS

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;

Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew 22.1-14

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Beautiful Savior!"

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

You continually reach out to us, Holy God, pouring yourself out to draw us into your love. We confess that we sometimes think we have more important things to do. Forgive us when we are preoccupied with maintaining the status quo, and we reject the new thing you are doing. We confess that much of our energy is taken up with material things, and we don't have time to turn aside to join you. Forgive us when we take you for granted, or when our community is so narrow we can't even recognize the box we have built for you and ourselves. Give us a glimpse of your kingdom feast, and make us ready not only to come in, but to participate in your vision.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Taste and see that the Lord is good! Receive the abundant and overflowing pardon of our generous God.

Morning Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

America for Christ

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"I Must Tell Jesus"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Chaplain Toni Page
Ezekiel 36.25-7

Sermon

Chaplain Toni Page
"Finding My Voice"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 456)

"I Come With Joy"
DOVE OF PEACE

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Jesus, With Us Abide"

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Please leave the sanctuary in quiet reflection and greet one another in the narthex.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: John Pauls

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Pianist: Dr. Christy Miller Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Jim Lord Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill Welcome Table: Kimberly Sturtevant

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: New Hope Fellowship

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. Steve Van Ostran, serving churches throughout Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah.

International Ministries Missionaries: Ann & Bill Clemmer, serving the Democratic Republic Of The Congo, Sudan

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.
The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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