



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
LAETARE SUNDAY
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP

FBC SANCTUARY

11:00 A.M.

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Let anyone laugh and taunt if he so wishes. I am not keeping silent, nor am I hiding the signs and wonders that were shown to me by the Lord many years before they happened, who knew everything, even before the beginning of time.

- St. Patrick

Gathering Music

“Jesus Paid It All”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Christ, Thou Art My Life”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Pat Transue

Leader: Keep alert for Christ coming among us.

People: We come with eyes open to see.

Leader: Looking for ways to love our neighbor,

People: We come with hearts open to receive.

Leader: Ready to let your light shine,

People: We come with hands open to serve.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 215)

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”
DARWALL

* 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. 4)

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
TRUST IN JESUS

**I’m so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.**

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!

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

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Sovereign God, all time is in your hand, and yet we confess that we want you to work to our timetable. We recognize that the world is not as it should be and we long for your coming to make things right, yet we delay and slow down because justice is not profitable or comfortable. We pray for you to change things now, when we want them fixed, yet we make excuses about how we are to ready to change. Forgive us, and let your forgiveness fill us to overflowing with the talents you have given us, and so include others in the work you set before us each day.

Sung Confession

"Hosea's Wife"

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Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The ever-giving love of our God has been presented to you! Receive the extravagant grace of our Lord.

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

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Hallelujah! What a Savior"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew 25.14-30

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music

"Wayfaring Stranger"

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

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Fear or Trust?"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 692)

"Let Truth and Mercy Find Here"
AURELIA

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Pat Transue

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Flautist: Andrew Lord

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

Livestream Video Crew: Joanna Gillette, Steve Yoder Sound: Chad Johnston

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis Welcome Table: Steve & Sally Heilman

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Ninth Street Missionary

*American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. James M. Harrison, serving churches throughout the
U.S. Southeast*

International Ministries Missionaries: Aphiwan & Scott Coats, serving in Myanmar and Thailand

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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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