



“The greatest commandment”  
Brett Jordan



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 10, 2024  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.*

—Katharine Drexel

Gathering Music

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“My Heart Is Filled With Longing”

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\* Call to Worship

Laura McCorkill

Psalm 107

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

**People: When we cried to you with our troubles, O Lord, you saved us from our distress.**

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for your wonderful works to all of humanity.

**People: Hear now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving, as we tell of your deeds with songs of joy.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 354)

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

JOYFUL SONG

\* 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 (CONGR 169, vs. 1 & 3)

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

Psalm Reading

Laura McCorkill

Psalm 89.1-4

Children’s Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 295)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

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

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's good and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

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.**

Prayer Response

"O Love"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

God at Work: What FBC Means to Me

Rev. Cristina Adams

Offertory (Evelyn, piano)

"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place"

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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

Morgan Bandy  
Mark 12.28-37

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Morgan Bandy  
"The Greatest Commandment"

\* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 368) (Evelyn)

"We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord"  
CLONMEL

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude in G Minor”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Laura McCorkill*

*Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson*

*Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen*

*Livestream Video Crew: Matthew Johnston, Glenn Prescott • Sound: Shane Schenkel*

*YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Local Church: St Lawrence Catholic Center*

*American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. James Kelsey,  
serving churches in New York State*

*International Ministries Global Servant: Jae Stockton, global servant in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico*

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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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