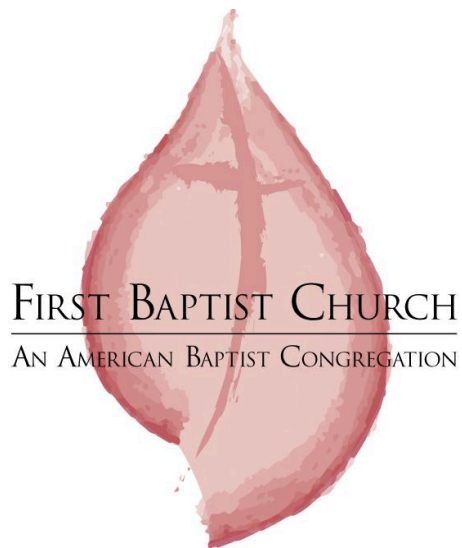




"Rend Your Hearts"
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Gathering Music

“A Way to Calvary Leadeth”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

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* Call to Worship

Rev. Cristina Adams

Psalm 116

Leader: I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications

People: You have inclined your ear to me; therefore I will call on you as long as I live.

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on your name,
God.

People: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 171 vv 1-3)

“What Wondrous Love is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

JESUS SHARES A MEAL

Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread

Celebration of the Cup

Hymn of Response (CONGR 465 vv 1, 3, 4)

“As He Gathered at His Table”

STUART

JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES’ FEET

Gospel Reading

Rev. Matt Sturtevant

John 13.3-14

Hymn of Response (CONGR 465, vv 2, 5)

“As He Gathered at His Table”

STUART

JESUS EMPOWERS TO SERVE

Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams

John 14.12-17

Hymn of Response (CONGR 234)

“Spirit of the Living God”

IVERSON

JESUS PRAYS

Gospel Reading Prayer

Rev. Cristina Adams
John 17.11–13, 15–19, 20–23 (CEB)

Hymn of Response (CONGR 600)

“O How He Loves You and Me”
PATRICIA

JESUS HEALS

Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
John 18.8–14

Hymn of Response (CONGR 544 vv 1–2)

“When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart”
RESIGNATION

THE ROOSTER CROWS

Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
John 18.15–18, 25–27

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Leader: I love the Lord, because God

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,

People: and still you love us – you have loved us to the end.

Leader: We have denied you,

People: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

Leader: We have betrayed you,

People: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

Leader: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

People: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Response (CONGR 184)

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
ST. CHRISTOPHER

Invitation to Experience the Story

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

You are invited to participate in any or all of the experiential prayer stations, where instructions will be given. Take whatever time you want at each station, and when you are finished, please leave the worship space in quiet reflection:

“Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet” (John 13)

Narthex

An invitation to wash each other’s feet (or hands).

“Jesus Empowers to Serve” (John 14)

Children’s Corner

Draw/color a picture, or write a note, that we will give to our Senior Friends.

“Jesus Prays for Himself, His Friends, and the World, and Brings Healing” (John 17 & 18)

Judson Room

An invitation to pray for your needs and the needs of others.

Receive the symbol of anointing oil as we seek healing together.

“The Rooster Crows” (John 18)

Sanctuary Chancel

Sit or kneel at the chancel in a posture of confession.

Artists’ statement about the cover image, “Rend Your Hearts”

The day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, is all too familiar to us; we are living in it. We must gather; we must assemble; we must unite. We need everyone. Zion’s call is to drop everything and to rend not their clothes, but their very hearts. In Lenten seasons we are good at rending our clothes. We are good at tearing apart that which is not that big of a deal to us. We keep our rending at a safe distance. I think the modern-day version of rending clothes is to give up chocolate or cheese or take a break from Twitter, but we are called to rend our very hearts. What would it look like to rend, or to deeply examine, the inner messy corners of ourselves in response to the darkness of the world and our own brokenness? In creating this image, I wanted to show each figure with their arm across their chest clutching their heart in desperate hope. However, as the image took form, I realized their arms looked like hearts beating out of their bodies. It’s amazing how sometimes, in our attempt to share our thoughts or ideas, deeper meaning is revealed through our processing, creating, and sharing. – Lauren Wright Pittman

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