## First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ
March 4, 2018

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP <br> Third Sunday in Lent <br> March 4, 2018 

## Morning Worship

Eleven O'clock

* Please stand as you are able.


## Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore
The threefold bell toll represents the doctrine of the Trinity:
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Meditation Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit. Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude
Meditation on, Arlington
Mr. Jim Council Fred Boch

The Chancel Choir
The Heavens Proclaim
Marcello, arr. Hal Hopson
Invocation
Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Praise, No. 7

HYMN TO JOY
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Responsive Reading
Psalm 19
Congregation
Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
People: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
People: the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
People: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
Leader: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent, do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Old Testament Reading<br>Exodus 20:1-17<br>Mr. Stephen Prince

Hymn Response, No. 262
AUSTRIAN HYMN
Word of God, Across the Ages
Epistle Reading
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Mrs. Sylvia Walker

* Offertory Hymn, No. 208

BEECHER
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* Offertory Prayer

Offertory
Bread of Heaven on Thee We Feed

Mr. Justin Faulk
Mr. Jim Council
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

* Offertory Response, No. 27 Doxology

HAMBURG
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
Children's Sermon
Mr. Melvin Ezzell
Pastoral Prayer
Rev. Clore
Worship Through Song
Go Not Far From Me, O God
Nicola Zingarelli

Gospel Reading

Sermon

John 2:13-22

My Temple

* Hymn of Commitment, No. 538

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

* Benediction
* Benediction Response

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Rev. Clore

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HENDON

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The Chancel Choir
CAITHNESS

Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

* Postlude

Fugue in C Major
Mr. Council
J. S. Bach

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mollie S. Tedder by Sylvia T. Elkins. We thank Mr. Melvin Ezzell for leading our worship music today.

Today’s meditation was copied from Call to Worship, PAM, Louisville, KY, 2014.
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## Sunday, March 4

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship
Tentative Youth/Adult Handbells

## Monday, March 5

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

## Wednesday, March 7

5:00 p.m. Children's Music Activity, Grades 1-5
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Equipping Church
Study ch. 8 (pp.134-147), Godly
Play Children's Program
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
Deacons of the Week
John Sauls / Merle Worley
Heck-Jones Offering
\$2,843 of our \$3,000 goal.
March 4-11 - Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Our missions offering goal is $\$ 1,000$.


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