

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

March 11, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 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

Loving God, giver of all light and life,
you sent Jesus Christ into the world
not to condemn, but to save.
Help us to lift up the light of Christ
and receive the gift of eternal life;
through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G

Mr. Jim Council

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Congregation

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

People: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

Leader: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Invocation

Rev. Clore

- * Hymn of Praise, No. 638 NUN DANKET
Now Thank We All Our God
- Old Testament Reading Numbers 21:4-9 Mrs. Jenny Clore
- Hymn Response, No. 54 FAITHFULNESS
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:1-10 Mrs. Mary Jean Prince
- * Offertory Hymn, No. 453 ORTONVILLE
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
- * Offertory Prayer Mr. Kevin Williamson
- Offertory Mr. Jim Council
A Lenten Meditation A. W. Turvey
- * 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 The Chancel Choir
God So Loved the World John Stainer
- Gospel Reading John 3:14-21 Rev. Clore
- Sermon Live Like You Believe Rev. Clore
- * Hymn of Commitment, No. 416 OLIVET
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
 (Stanzas 1-3)
- * Benediction Rev. Clore

*** Benediction Response**

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

The Chancel Choir
ERHALT UNS, HERR

We pray, O blessed Three-in-One, while endless ages run.
That this, our Lent of forty days, may bring us growth and give you praise.

*** Postlude**

We All Believe in One True God

Mr. Council
Fredrich Wilhelm Zachow



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Class teachers Haywood Corbett and Dr. Fred Senter.

Today's meditation was copied from *Call to Worship*, PAM, Louisville, KY, 2014.

Sunday, March 11

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Melody Makers, (Ages 4 - 1st grade)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells
- 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 13

- 10:30 a.m. Sing with Understanding Hymn Sing

Wednesday, March 14

- 4:00 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting
- 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. 9 (pp.157-167), Godly
Play Children's Program
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday—Saturday, March 15-17
CBFNC Annual Gathering

Deacons of the Week

Kate C. Lee / Barbara Whitson



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