# First Baptist Church



## **Growing Toward Christ**

March 18, 2018

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## Fifth Sunday in Lent March 18, 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** God of thundering glory and wondrous love,

you lifted up Jesus Christ from the earth to draw all people to your holy name. Like grains of wheat that fall to the dust, teach us to die—and so to bear much fruit, giving our lives for the sake of the gospel, following and serving Christ forever. Amen.

Prelude Mr. Jim Council

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine ASSURANCE

arr. Robert Hebble

Call to Worship The Chancel Choir

Lift High the Cross arr. Robert Lau

Invocation Rev. Clore

\* Hymn of Praise, No. 21 STUTTGART

O My Soul, Bless God the Father

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 51:1-13 Congregation

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from

my sin.

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless

when you pass judgment.

People: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom

in my secret heart.

People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I

shall be whiter than snow.

Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed

rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right

spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your

holy spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a

willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and

sinners will return to you.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 Rev. Eddie Fort

Choral Response The Chancel Choir

Write Your Blessed Name K. Lee Scott

**Epistle Reading** Hebrews 5:5-10 Pierson Young

\* Offertory Hymn, No. 587 Jesus Shall Reign DUKE STREET

\* Offertory Prayer Mr. Carlton Prince

Offertory Mr. Council

Steal Away arr. Gilbert Martin

\* Offertory Response, No. 144 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 Mrs. Robin Fort

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Clore

Worship Through Song The Chancel Choir

Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God Carl Mueller

Gospel Reading John 12:20-26 Rev. Clore

**Sermon** The Fruit of Death Rev. Clore

\* Hymn of Commitment, No. 325

Whiter Than Snow

Benediction Rev. Clore

**Benediction Response** 

The Chancel Choir

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

**FISCHER** 

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 Mr. Council All Glory Be To God On High J. S. Bach

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Gayle Powell.

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

#### Sunday, March 18

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

5:30 p.m. Youth Sunday Planning Meeting

#### Monday, March 19

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

3:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

#### Tuesday, March 20

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

#### Wednesday, March 21

Deadline for Member Info Sheet and Spiritual Gifts Assessment Books

**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. 10, Godly

Play Children's Program

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

#### Saturday, March 24

Glow-in-the-dark Easter egg hunt 5:00 -

7:30 p.m.

### **Deacons of the Week**

Eric Underwood / Glenn Waters



#### Ministerial Staff

Rev. Ryan Clore, Pastor Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

#### Support Staff

Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Ministry Assistant Mrs. Dinah Reaves, Financial Ministry Assistant Mr. Jim Council, Interim Organist

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