

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

March 12, 2017

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven O'clock**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Rev. Ryan Clore

The bell tolls calling us to repentance,  
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Meditation**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose way is  
always to have mercy, and to protect us from danger:  
Confirm in us the mysteries of the true faith, that  
as we believe in your Son Jesus Christ, we might  
receive the salvation of our souls and everlasting life;  
O blessed and holy Trinity, you are our God for ever  
and ever. Amen

**Prelude**

Youth and Adult Handbell Choir

*Celebration No. 2 in E Flat*

Michael R. Keller

**Call to Worship**

The Chancel Choir

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Théodore Dubois

**Invocation**

Mrs. Mary Jean Prince

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 208**

BEECHER

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 121

Congregation

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The LORD will keep you from evil; he will keep your life.

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time  
on and forevermore.

**Hymn Response**

*In Heavenly Love Abiding*  
(Please see the hymn insert)

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| Scripture Reading             | Genesis 12:1-4a<br>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17   | Mrs. Hilda Ray                        |
| * Offertory Hymn, No. 538     | <i>Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know</i>  | HENDON                                |
| * Offertory Prayer            |  | Mr. Bryce Russell                     |
| Offertory                     | <i>Trio in E Flat Major</i><br>(from <i>10 Trios for organ</i> )   | Mr. Jim Council<br>Joseph Rheinberger |
| * Offertory Response, No. 253 | <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;<br/>Praise Him, all creatures here below;<br/>Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;<br/>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i> | HAMBURG                               |
| Children's Sermon             |  | Mr. Melvin Ezzell                     |
| Pastoral Prayer               |  | Rev. Clore                            |
| Worship Through Song          | <i>Psalm 139</i>   | The Chancel Choir<br>Allen Pote       |
| The Gospel Reading            | John 3:1-17  | Rev. Clore                            |
| Sermon                        | Tabula Rasa  | Rev. Clore                            |
| * Hymn of Commitment, No. 145 | <i>Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed</i>   | AVON                                  |
| * Benediction                 |  | Rev. Eddie Fort                       |
| * Benediction Response        | <i>Lenten Benediction</i><br><br>Oh Christ, thou Lamb of God<br>That takest away the sin of the world,<br>grant us thy peace. Amen.  | The Chancel Choir<br>KIRCHENORDNUNG   |
| * Postlude                    | <i>O God, Thou Faithful God</i><br>(from <i>11 Chorale Preludes</i> )  | Mr. Council<br>Johannes Brahms        |

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Reverend Ryan & Jenny Clore and family.

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**Sunday, March 12**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Chrismon Workshop
- 4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells
- 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

**Monday, March 13**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

**Tuesday, March 14**

- 11.00 a.m. *Sing with Understanding* (Hymn Sing)

**Wednesday, March 15**

- 5:10 p.m. Children's Music Activity Grades 1-5
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
(Matthew 20-21)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Deacons of the Week**

Stephen Prince  
David Jordan

**Ministerial Staff**

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

**Support Staff**

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