

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

March 26, 2017

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 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**

Discerner of hearts,  
you look beneath our outward appearance  
and see your image in each of us.  
Banish in us the blindness  
that prevents us from recognizing truth,  
so we may see the world through your eyes  
and with the compassion of Jesus Christ  
who redeems us. Amen.

**Prelude**

*Pastorale*

Mr. Jim Council  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**Call to Worship**

*Send Out Your Light and Your Truth*

The Chancel Choir  
LUX FIAT

**Invocation**

Rev. Eddie Fort

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 14**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 23

Congregation

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff  
they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Hymn Response, No. 68		RESIGNATION
	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	
The Epistle Reading	Ephesians 5:8-14	Mrs. Taylor Jordan
* Offertory Hymn, No. 292		ST. MARGARET
	<i>O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go</i>	
* Offertory Prayer		Mr. Bridger Warlick
Offertory		Mr. Jim Council
	<i>Aria in B Major</i>	Raymond Hahn
* Offertory Response, No. 253		OLD 100TH (altered)
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</i>	
	<i>Praise Him, all creatures here below;</i>	
	<i>Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;</i>	
	<i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>	
Children's Sermon		Mr. Melvin Ezzell
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Clore
Worship Through Song		The Chancel Choir
	<i>Go Not Far From Me, O God</i>	Nicola Zingarelli
The Gospel Reading	John 9:1-41	Rev. Clore
Sermon	20/20	Rev. Clore
* Hymn of Commitment, No. 330		NEW BRITAIN
	<i>Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound</i>	
	(Children's Choir Hymn of the Month for March)	
* Benediction		Rev. Clore
* Benediction Response		The Chancel Choir
	<i>Lenten Benediction</i>	KIRCHENORDNUNG
	Oh Christ, thou Lamb of God	
	That takest away the sin of the world,	
	grant us thy peace. Amen.	
* Postlude		Mr. Council
	<i>Minuet Finale</i>	George Frideric Handel
		Arr. E. Power Biggs

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Paul Sellers,  
Gregory Sellers and Karen Wilds  
by Myrtie Sellers & Family

Today's meditation was copied from *Call to Worship*, PAM, Louisville, KY, 2016.

**Sunday, March 26**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Ruth Believers Class @ Liberty Commons
- 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 27**

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

**Wednesday, March 29**

- 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 24, 25 & 26)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Deacons of the Week**

Jerry Wilson  
Jim Warlick

**Ministerial Staff**

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

**Support Staff**

Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Ministry Assistant  
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