

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

March 31, 2019

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 2019

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore

Meditation

God of lost and found,
through Jesus Christ you call us
to repent and return
from our wandering ways.
Lead us safely home, O Lord,
so that we might be reconciled
to you and to one another;
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The threefold bell toll represents the doctrine of the Trinity:
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prelude

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Mr. Jim Council
Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Congregation

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together!

People: For when we judge ourselves unworthy to be called the children of God, the Lord looks upon us with compassion, and runs to embrace us while we are still far away.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together!

People: For when we judge our neighbors unworthy to be called the children of God, the Lord looks upon them and weeps for joy, and makes a great feast while we stand at a distance.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together!

People: For the humble shall be received with honor, and the haughty shall be humbled; every prodigal shall return with hope, and every elder shall rejoice with gladness!

Invocation

Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Praise, No.208

BEECHER

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 32

Mr. Coburn Powell

Hymn Response, No. 306	<i>Depth of Mercy</i>	SEYMOUR
Epistle Reading	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Mrs. Jolene Lewis
* Offertory Hymn, No. 453		ORTONVILLE
	<i>How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds</i>	
* Offertory Prayer		Mrs. Trish Sanderson
Offertory		Mr. Council Franz Liszt
	<i>Voluntary in B Flat</i>	
* Offertory Response	<i>Doxology</i>	HAMBURG
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
Children's Sermon		Mrs. Sandi Floyd
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Clore
Worship through Song		The Chancel Choir arr. Dan Forrest
	<i>Nearer, My God, to Thee</i>	
The Gospel Reading	Luke 15:1-5, 11b-32	Rev. Clore
Sermon	Open Arms	Rev. Clore
* Hymn of Commitment, No. 312		THOMPSON
	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	
Benediction		Rev. Clore
* Benediction Response		The Chancel Choir Eddie Fort
	<i>Light of Christ</i>	
	Light of Christ, shine on our path. Chase away all darkness, and lead us to the heart of God. Amen.	
* Postlude		Mr. Council Johannes Brahms
	<i>Postlude in C Major</i>	



The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The meditation was copied from *Call to Worship*, PAM, Louisville, KY, 2015.

Today's Call to Worship was copied from *Litanies and Other Prayers*,
Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 1994.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 31

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Sunday Preparation
- 4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells
- 5:20 p.m. Youth Choir

Monday, April 1

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

- 5:00 p.m. Young Musicians (grades 1-5)
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Bible Study,
Godly Play Children's Program
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Deacons of the Week

Coburn Powell / Glenn Waters

Operation Inasmuch Projects

Linens Ministry - Collecting sheets,
mattress covers and blankets
(place on missions table).



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