

First Baptist Church



Reflecting God's Hope For a New Day

March 8, 2026

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Sunday
March 8, 2026

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Rejoice with Me; I have found My lost sheep. I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:6-7 NIV

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 221

Congregation

When Morning Gilds the Skies
In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice. Psalm 5:3 NIV

Responsive Reading

from Job 33:23-30

Congregation

Leader: But if an angel from heaven appears - a special messenger to intercede for a person and declare that he is upright,

People: **He will be gracious and say, 'Rescue him from his grave, for I have found a ransom for his life.'**

Leader: Then his body will become as healthy as a child's, firm and youthful again.

People: **When he prays to God, he will be accepted.**

Leader: And God will receive him with joy and restore him to good standing!

People: **He will declare to his friends, 'I sinned and twisted the truth, but it was not worth it. God rescued me from the grave, and now my life is filled with light.'**

Leader: Yes, God does these things again and again for His people!

All: **HE RESCUES THEM FROM THE GRAVE SO THEY MAY ENJOY THE LIGHT OF LIFE!**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Fred Senter

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 41:1-4

Dr. Senter

Offertory Hymn, No. 411 *'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus*

Congregation

God is my salvation; I will trust. Isaiah 12:2 NIV

Offertory Prayer

Offertory	<i>Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face</i>	Mrs. Slomanski arr. Harold Decou
	<i>Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would we touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace And all my weariness upon Thee lean.</i>	<i>Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.</i>
	<i>This is the hour of banquet and song; This is the heav'nly table spread for me; Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong The brief, bright hour of fellowship with Thee.</i>	
Doxology	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.	Congregation
Children's Sermon		Mrs. Donna Prince
Gospel Reading	John 10:1-9	Mrs. Genie Carter
Worship Through Song	<i>Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound</i>	The Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	Matthew 18:12-14	Dr. Hillman
Sermon	"We Are Pursued By God"	Dr. Hillman
Hymn of Invitation, No. 550	<i>I'd Rather Have Jesus</i>	Congregation
	<i>I consider everything a loss compared to . . . Christ Jesus my Lord. Philippians 3:8 NIV</i>	
Benediction		Dr. Hillman
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Chorale</i>	Mrs. Slomanski Johann Sebastian Bach

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*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and
in honor of our children and granddaughters, By coburn and Teri Powell.*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m. **Sunday, March 8**
Sunday School
Morning Worship
- 10:00 p.m. **Monday, March 9**
WMU Meeting
- 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, March 11**
Morning Prayer Service
Lenten Service at WUMC with lunch to follow
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

- 9:30 a.m. **Sunday, March 15**
Sunday School Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m. **Sunday, March 15, 22, 29**
Sunday School
Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. **Monday, March 16**
Finance Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. **Tuesday, March 17**
Deacons' Meeting
- 10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, March 18, 25, April 1**
Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Lenten Service at WUMC
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
- 4:00 p.m. **Sunday, March 22**
Family Movie - *Amazing Love: The Story of Hosea*
- Sunday, March 29**
Palm Sunday



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Deacons of the Week

03/08	Brownie Cook / John Sauls
03/15	Leigh Cook / Ron Walters
03/22	Gina Morningstar
03/29	Donna Prince / Charlie Duncan