

First Baptist Church at Worship

The First Sunday in Lent
Behold, I Make All Things New

February 26, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

*Amazing Grace**

setting by Raymond H. Haan

Greeting and Call to Worship

Jeremiah Banks

*Led by the Spirit, for forty days and forty nights,
Jesus fasted in the wilderness.*

*Led by the Spirit, for forty days and forty nights,
we prepare ourselves to meet the crucified and risen Christ.*

+Hymn 339

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

Call to Confession

Jefferson Calico

Prayer of Confession *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake*

by Richard Farrant

The Sanctuary Choir

*Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
That we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.*

- Lidley's Prayers, 16th century

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jefferson Calico

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

For God does not count our sins against us, but offers us the free gift of grace.

Thanks be to God!

Response

by John Bell

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new be - gin-ning with you and
start - ing from to - day. Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
pro - mise is true, for I am Christ the way.

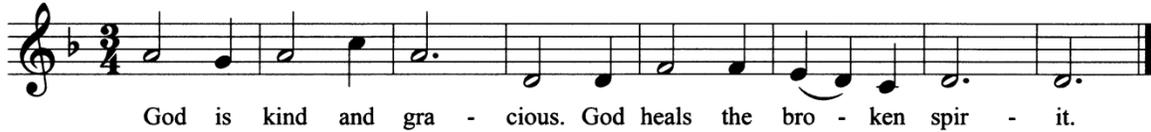
Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Psalm 32

setting by Hal Hopson



Blest is the one whose sin is forgiv'n, and whose wrongs are put far away.

Happy is the one free of guilt, whose spirit is pure, whose words are the truth. REFRAIN

When I refused to confess all my sin, my body wasted away.

Day and night my sins were before me; my strength dried up like the summer's heat. REFRAIN

Then I declared my sin to the Lord, and my heavy guilt I confessed;

God forgave all my transgressions; my sin and guilt were taken away. REFRAIN

A Readings from the Epistles – Romans 5:12-19

Jefferson Calico

+Hymn 587

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

A Reading from the Gospels – Matthew 4:1-11

Paul Sims

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus answered,

"It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him,

"Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him,

"Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and ministered to him.

Sermon

"New Longing"

Jefferson Calico

Responding

+Hymn 361

My Jesus, I Love Thee

*GORDON

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Paul Sims

Loose change will benefit the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Offertory – “A Place at the Table – for Everyone”

Remembering Our Past

J. P. Winchester

Prayers of the People

Jefferson Calico

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Sending

+The Peace

Paul Sims

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+Hymn 169

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

+Commission and Blessing

Jefferson Calico and Paul Sims

*Go from this place trusting in God’s mercy and grace.
As you face the wilderness, do not be afraid and do not compromise with evil.
And may God show you the path to walk,
may Christ Jesus be your teacher and guide,
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Allegro in C**

by Thomas Arne

+all who are able may stand
Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist
Carolyn Garr, cantor

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of
Betty Sue Surmont
in appreciation for her dedicated volunteer work with Baptist Housing
by
Wes and Lynn Tipton and family

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III

this evening at 5:30 in the fellowship hall
Picnic with Pie Auction and Basket Auction
to benefit CBF Global Missions