

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday in Lent

We Proclaim

February 25, 2024

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

We Gather

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. by D. Winkler

Nick Hibbard, saxophone

Call to Worship

Carolyn Garr

You who worship God,

Praise the Lord!

In the midst of the congregation

We will praise You!

All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.

All the families of the nations shall worship you,

For dominion belongs to our God!

-Psalm 22

+Hymn 45

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

+Prayer of Confession

Jeremiah Banks

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You call us to be a blessing in the world, but we only seek our own benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we only seek to save ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things—the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response

THIS FAR BY FAITH

*We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in the Holy Word;
God's never failed us yet. O, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith...*

We Proclaim

A Reading from the Gospels

Carolyn Garr

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! **For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.**"

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "**If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.** For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

-Mark 8:31-38

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

+Hymn 251

I Will Be Your God

LLANFYLLIN

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Sermon

"We Proclaim the Son of God"

Jeremiah Banks

We Respond

+Hymn 57

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

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.

Global Missions Moment

Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in February will go to the CBF Offering for Global Missions.

Offertory Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing?

by G. Gilpin

Alice Tremaine, soloist

Prayers of the People

Alice Tremaine

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.*

We Go Out

+Hymn 491

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

FALLS CREEK

stanzas 1, 3, & 4

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks & Alex Lockridge

*Beloved, set your minds on the ways of God, taking up your cross and following Jesus.
Go, now, in the love and power of the Triune God;
Meet your neighbors and yourself with an open heart,
And proclaim the Son of God to whomever you meet. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

O Worship the King

setting by Neil Harmon

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Nick Hibbard
member

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Rev. Alice Tremaine
Missions Committee member

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of
Wyatt Reeves
for his 5th birthday
by
Wes and Lynn Tipton

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

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