

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

We Proclaim

March 10, 2024

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

We Gather

Greeting

Jeremiah Banks

Prelude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. by F. Breazeale

*Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,
If we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.*

Call to Worship

Jessica Hearne

Give thanks to God, who is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of God say so.

Let those gathered in from every land say so.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

-Psalm 107

+Hymn 298

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH*

+Prayer of Confession

Alex Lockridge

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We grumble and complain when you have provided all we need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so that we may not perish but may have eternal life; 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

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Act of Praise

HYFRYDOL

*Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee;
Young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore Thee. We would bow before Thy throne;
As thine angels serve before Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.*

We Proclaim

A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.**

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. **But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”**

-John 3:14-21

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 405

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

A Reading from the Epistles

James Stillwell

Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon

“We Proclaim God’s Handiwork”

Alex Lockridge

We Respond

+Hymn 620

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

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

Elizabeth Reese

Loose change received in March will go to the Southeast Kentucky Ministerial Alliance.

Offertory Anthem

By His Grace

by Carol Tornquist

Prayers of the People

Scarlette Jasper

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

+Sending Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

*Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if You lead, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Beloved, you have been saved by grace through faith.
So seek out the light and combat the darkness,
See the work of God in you, around you, and throughout the world,
And proclaim God's handiwork by how you live. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

setting by J. Morgan

*Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

+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

Jessica Hearne
CBF Field Personnel

Rev. Scarlette Jasper
CBF Field Personnel

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Elizabeth Reese
Deacon

Rev. Dr. James Stillwell
Pastoral Counselor

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of
Casie McBurney
for her birthday
by
Her family*

*Last Sunday's flowers were placed in memory of
Gayle Majors
in commemoration of her March 6th birthday
by
Phil Majors*

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