



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 February 26, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

- "Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake" Richard Farrant/John Hilton
- Chorale Prelude on "Martyrdom" ("As pants the hart") C. Hubert H. Parry
- Andante in e minor Samuel Sebastian Wesley
- "Mortals, Bewail Your Grievous Sins" Johann Sebastian Bach

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

We Are Standing on Holy Ground Geron Davis
*We are standing on Holy Ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
 Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in His presence on Holy Ground.*

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#169 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*
 MEEKNESS

Lord, who throughout these forty days, signals the beginning of Lent and is often sung during Ash Wednesday services or throughout the season of Lent. Forty is a number with special biblical significance. It rained for forty days and nights when the earth was overtaken by floodwaters, and Noah waited another forty days before opening the window of the Ark. Israel wandered in the desert for forty years. Jesus was seen on earth following the resurrection for forty days. In this case, Christ's forty days in the wilderness provides the primary paradigm for the forty days of Lent.

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11**

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

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 he 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 waited on him.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God!

***FELLOWSHIP HYMN**

#587 *Amazing Grace*
NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace speaks of the sweetness found in Christ's grace for his children. As humans we are lost, blind in sin, and need saving. Jesus's saving grace is amazing!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 8)

(Vs. 1 & 4) *Lord, Be Glorified*
ADORATION & PRAISE

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In my heart, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my heart, Lord, be glorified today.**

***MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Rev. David Coggins

Paige Bartlett

May 14, 1940 – February 3, 2023

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)**

Rev. Coggins

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Jerome Stueart, Soloist

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace arr. Temple

*Make me a channel of your peace Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord And where there is doubt true faith in You
Make me a channel of your peace Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light And where there's sadness ever joy
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand To be loved as to love with all my soul
Make me a channel of your peace It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive And in dying that we are born to eternal life
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand To be loved as to love with all my soul
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THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“In Times of Distress”

The Response of God’s People

***HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 9)**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
SICILIAN MARINERS

The hymn reminds us to carry an awareness of God beyond the worship service, asking for refreshment, yet acknowledging that as we leave our worship space, we are going back into the wilderness of the secular world. The third stanza shifts the hymn’s focus from leaving the worship space to departing this life and ultimately uniting with Christ in heaven.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

#523 *God Be With You*
GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!*

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Psalm XX (“May the Lord answer you when you are in distress”)
Benedetto Marcello

(*) You’re invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave. **Thank you!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

COVID-19 Update: Montgomery County is in the "Low" COVID-19 Community Level. Recommended actions at the low level read this way: "Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, including recommended booster doses. Maintain ventilation improvements. Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Follow the recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19. If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions." For more information see www.cdc.gov.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>).



Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Elizabeth Ard	Tim Earnest	Judy See
Bartlett Family	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy Smith
Bayless Family	Bev & Bill Harrell	Chas Snyder
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Don Brown	Ray Landis	Emily Taylor
Gerald Busch	Anna Frances Lasley	Anne Veghte
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Lasley Family	Amy Wadham
Tami Malone Charles	Gene & Mary K Lee	Kay Wingham
Cowden Family	Mary Malone	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Tom McKenzie	Sebastian Ewald
Florida Dixon	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald
Brett Domescik	John & Shirley Nash	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Mary Ann Paloncy	Will Radachi
Neil Earnest	Peacock Family	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

The Story of Our Wooden Cross

Each year a large wooden cross is placed in the sanctuary during the Lenten season. It was built years ago by church member De Gerstle when he was in his 80's. De was a gentle and wise man, a member of this congregation for 50 years. He had built cabinets in the dining room and done other work for his church. But the cross was his gift to this congregation—a visible remembrance of his faith, his hope and his work. So think not only of the story of Jesus and his triumph over death, his gift to us by the crucifixion, but also of the quiet dedication of De to his faith. Peace be with us all.

Week of February 26 – March 5

Sun. 26	10:00a	.....	Worship Service (1 st Sunday in Lent)
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	12-3:30p	.....	BYF Bowling Outing (Capri Lanes)
Wed. 1	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
Thu. 2	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 5	10:00a	.....	Worship Service w/Communion (2 nd Sunday in Lent)
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities



BYF Bowling Outing Today

Noon - 3:30pm

We plan to carpool from the church around noon to head over to Capri Lanes (2727 S. Dixie Ave) and return in time for pickup at 3:30pm.

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS STARTS TODAY

"Loss, Grief, and Lent"

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

February 26 – March 26, 2023

Facilitators: Rev. David and Peggy Coggins

Week 1 – Feb 26

"Counting our Losses" – Genesis 2:15-17

Week 2 – Mar 5

"The Rooster Crows" – Luke 22:55-62

Week 3 – Mar 12

"Let's Make a Deal" – Matthew 4:1-11

Week 4 – Mar 19

"Reality Check" – I Samuel 16:1-5

Week 5 – Mar 26

"Rebirth" – Ephesians 5:8-14

The road to Calvary was littered with losses and grief. Just ask the disciples. Not every day walking with Jesus was characterized by the song "Oh Happy Day". Ash Wednesday is a waypoint in our spiritual journey that redirects us for a time down the path of reflection and confession on the meaning of our walk with Jesus.

For this season of Lent the Adult Sunday School Class will give an opportunity for us to share together our life journeys through the experiences of loss and grief under the revealing light of some familiar Lenten texts. The longer we live, the more opportunity we have in our life to experience the loss of persons, pets, possessions and lifestyle that have had significant meaning for us. There are few places where we can talk about our experience of loss and grief. Our hope is that this class will provide a place for you to share your experiences as well as to hear the experiences of others so that you do not feel alone in your walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

The class format will be interactive dialogue between participants guided by the facilitator. Everyone will be given opportunity to share from personal experiences as they feel comfortable. Together as a group we will share strategies that have helped us to move past our losses in order to can embrace a rebirth in our own spiritual walk. Privacy and respect will be given to all participants who share or choose not to share personal stories.

Acolyte Training

There will be an acolyte training session on Sunday, March 5 at 11:30am in the narthex.
This training session is open to kids in Grades 3 – 12.

Welcome Class to Begin March 5th

You may be new (or sort of new!) to our church and would like to get to know more about our congregational life, or you may be interested in becoming a member. Pastor Kent Berghuis will be offering a Welcome Class during the month of March from 11:30-12:15 on Sundays, beginning March 5 in his upstairs office. Let us know if you plan to attend by yellow card in the offering baskets, email kberghuis@fbccdayton.org, phone/text 937-344-7775, or tell Pastor Kent in person. Come and get to know each other and our church better, and become a part of the good things we have going on together!

Memorial Service for George Bayless

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for George Bayless will be held Monday, March 6 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson Street, 45402. Visitation in the West Parlor will begin at 10:00 am. The Service is at 11:00 am with all invited to a Reception in the Fellowship Hall following. Interment at Kettering Beavertown Cemetery, 45429, 2:45 pm.

Baptism: A Call to Discipleship

The Season of Lent will soon be upon us, and has traditionally been a time of preparation for those contemplating their baptisms and decisions to follow Christ. And so, we are once again inviting folks to consider the call of Christ on their lives, and their readiness to answer that call to follow by passing through the waters of baptism.

If this is a conversation you would like to have, please speak with me (Pastor Jason) or Pastor Kent. This can involve a series of one-to-one conversations or be part of a small group experience. Often when there is more than one person wishing to be baptized we form a Discipleship Class that meets together to share our stories, our beliefs, and talk about the meaning of baptism and following Jesus.

We already have one young person who has expressed a desire to be a part of these baptism conversations; so if there are any others who want to join us, please let me (Pastor Jason) know. We are tentatively looking at having four Sunday sessions from February 26 through March 19; however, we can be flexible with scheduling. Please note that at the conclusion of these conversations one does not have to be baptized. There is always room to say, "No" or "Not yet." As the preacher Fred Craddock would say, it makes the "Yes" all the more meaningful.

AN INVITATION! BELL CHOIR FOR LENT/EASTER



Through the year, our Board of Christian Education will be exploring a variety of ways to help us connect and reconnect as a church. A recent idea was to form a bell choir that would commit to practicing music together for a definite period of time and then offer that music in worship. Knowing that being part of such a choir is a real commitment and that the season of Lent is upon us, we would like to invite any youth (grades 6-12) and adults to join the bell choir as a lenten spiritual practice.

THE COMMITMENT: The choir would meet and rehearse on four Sunday mornings in Lent—March 5, 12, 19 & 26—from 11:30am-12:15pm in the Choir Room. The bell choir would present their music in worship on Easter Sunday, April 9 (arriving for an 8:30am final rehearsal that day). Participants would need to be present for all rehearsals, and of course Easter Sunday, in order to have a functioning bell choir (imagine the difficulty of playing a guitar with missing strings, or a piano with missing keys).

If you would like to join the bell choir and/or have questions, please connect with Michael Wadham (misterwadham@gmail.com).

Church Meetings in March

Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 8 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 15 @ 6:30pm



MARCH OFFERING

*“From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ.” John 1:16-17*

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is promoting the 2023 America for Christ Offering which seeks to raise \$1,500,000 to support American Baptist mission and ministries through our churches and community partners across the United States and Puerto Rico. Our gifts to this offering support regions, churches, and community organizations with grants for a variety of purposes, including: Chaplaincy and spiritual caregivers support; aid for children living in poverty; new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; promoting discipleship. Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus’ disciples in 2023 by supporting this year’s America for Christ Offering. Special offering envelopes will be available in the pew racks next month.

Heritage Committee: Call for Volunteers

The Heritage Committee is gearing up for the church’s big Bicentennial Year in 2024. We have many projects that we could use volunteers to help on:

- First is the sewing of special banners for the sanctuary. The banners have been designed by Janet Lasley but the volunteer would need to purchase materials and create the banners with a deadline of December of this year. We would love to be able to hang them for most of the church year.
- Second is scanning and cataloguing of the many photos that have been collected. While the originals will be eventually placed in the archives at Wright State, we need scanned versions of the pictures to use in our updated church history and to create a digital church “photo album”. Guidelines for this have been developed.

Contact Donna Miles Curry (937-470-5643 or donna.curry@wright.edu) if you need more information or can help us out.

Donations for Homefull

Donation items needed for Homefull are household cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaning solutions, etc. Please bring items to church and place in the designated bin in the narthex. Thank you for your continuing support of the drive to provide items needed by those individuals and families moving from the street and shelters into permanent housing.

CALL TO PRAYER

(Verses 1 and 4)

182 LORD, BE GLORIFIED

*Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.
Psalm 24:10*

Verses 1, 2

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,
2. In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

1.
be glo-ri-fied; In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
be glo-ri-fied; In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to -

Verses 3, 4

2.
day.
3. In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,
4. In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

be glo-ri-fied; In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
be glo-ri-fied; In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

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Tune: Bob Kilpatrick
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HYMN OF RESPONSE

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis-miss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

4 joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

7 tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

10 O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.