



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
 March 19, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

- Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) J. S. Bach
 From the Mass in B Minor
- Agnus Dei Giuseppe Verdi
- Prayer from "Rienzi" Richard Wagner
- Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) Georges Bizet
- O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin J. S. 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

Lift Up Your Heads TRURO (#173)

*Lift up your heads, you mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
 the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!*

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#68 *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*
 HE LEADETH ME

He Leadeth Me by American Joseph Gilmore (1834-1918) was birthed out of a particular struggle in American history. This hymn was composed in 1862 during the Civil War, a time of upheaval and insecurity. The author was preaching at First Baptist Church in Philadelphia soon after his ordination.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: America for Christ Offering

Ted Greenwood

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

Linda Ginter-Brown

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

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

#65 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*
CRIMOND

It is a metrical psalm commonly attributed to Francis Rous and based on the text of Psalm 23 in the Bible. The hymn first appeared in the Scots Metrical Psalter in 1650 traced to a parish in Aberdeenshire. It is commonly sung to the tune Crimond, which is generally credited to Jessie Seymour Irvine.

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 last page)

O Blessed Savior
Gordon Young

**O blessed Savior, grant us peace—
as we come before thy face.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. David 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

Chancel Choir

Here I Am, Lord arr. Mark Hayes

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me I will hold Your people in my heart
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save*

*Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart
I will hold Your people in my heart*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Learning to See"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#19 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
FOREST GREEN

It is almost impossible to believe that *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* was originally written for children. But that is exactly what this hymn was intended for. It was first published in 1715 in a hymnal called "Divine and Moral Songs for Children." It was the goal of the author, Isaac Watts, to write songs to the level of a child's understanding. However, this song is now more associated with adults than with children.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord, Make Me More Holy
arr. Eric Oliver

*Lord make me more holy, until we meet again,
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Kyrie Eleison Richard Purvis

(*) 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!*



*The chancel flowers are given today by Harold West, Pete & Linda Thomson and family,
in loving memory of Janet West, devoted wife, mother, grandmother,
and great-grandmother.*



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 "Medium" COVID-19 Community Level. Recommended actions based on current level read this way: "If you are at high risk of getting very sick, wear a high-quality mask or respirator (e.g., N95) when indoors in public. If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them. 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." 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	Taylor Family
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	Steve Liss	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)		

Week of March 19 – 26

Sun. 19	10:00a	Worship Service (4 th Sunday in Lent)
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	11:30a	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tue. 21	6-10p	Philharmonic Chorus Rehearsal (Dining Room)
Wed. 22	2:00p	Bible Study
Thu. 23	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 26	10:00a	Worship Service (5 th Sunday in Lent)
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	11:30a	Bell Choir Rehearsal

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2023
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*

Through your generous support, you become the hands and feet of Jesus, serving those in need throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico with transformational ministries of ABHMS.
Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Bell Choir Rehearsals

Bell Choir rehearsals: March 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11:30am-12:15pm in the Choir Room. The bell choir will present their music in worship on Easter Sunday, April 9 (arriving for an 8:30am final rehearsal that day). Questions? Connect with Michael Wadham (misterwadham@gmail.com).

Welcome Class

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 is offering a Welcome Class during the month of March from 11:30-12:15 on Sundays. Come and get to know each other and our church better, and become a part of the good things we have going on together!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

"Loss, Grief, and Lent"

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm – February 26 – March 26

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” – 1 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.



CARRY-IN PALM SUNDAY DINNER

Main dish provided by the Deacons
A-L bring desserts
M-Z bring side dishes

Reservations needed by Sunday, March 26.

Ordination Recognition Service

An Ordination Recognition Service for Jeff Perkins is being held March 26, 2023 at 4 pm at University Baptist Church in Bloomington, IN, with a reception following. You are invited to support Jeff in this step on his ministry journey, whether in person or in Spirit!

Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace *Soup Volunteers Needed!*



On April 7th there will be a Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace through Downtown Dayton from 12-2pm. This is an ecumenical witness for justice and peace issues based on the Stations of the Cross. The walk begins at Courthouse Square (Third & Main) and ends at First Baptist Church. Rain or shine, come for all or part. **Following the Walk, First Baptist will invite participants to enter the church and into Fellowship Hall where there will be soup and water prepared for them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board asking for donations of soup and/or help in other ways.**



Rebuilding Together National Workday Saturday, April 29 from 8:30am–4:30pm *Stay for all or part of the day!*

First Baptist volunteers will be paired with House Captain Pete Certo's project at 514 Smith Street, Dayton 45417. (Pete is a RTD Board Member.) Specific project details will be communicated from your House Captain Pete and FBC Volunteer Coordinator Tim Holmen. Please plan to report directly to your assigned house location at 8:30am on April 29. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. Stay for all or part of the workday. Volunteers are asked to sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p89ri6s>

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:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Second is scanning and cataloging 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.

Jail Ministry

Rev. Don Brown is seeking donations of soft-back Bibles and reading glasses (any strength) for the jail ministry. After a hiatus of nearly three years due to COVID, the visitation ministry of volunteer chaplains is beginning again.

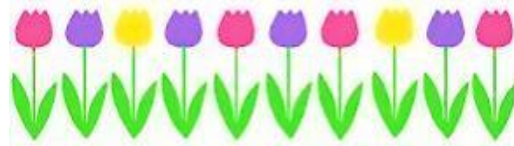
Mission Board Spotlight: THE HOUSE OF BREAD

*Serving a hot, nutritious lunchtime meal to anyone in need
365 days a year!*



The “House of Bread” is one of the great ministries that our church supports through our church’s Mission Board. They offer a warm and healthy meal every day and a sense of belonging and community. People are considered “guests” and welcomed warmly. Many are struggling with the stress of hunger and poverty. So the welcome means so very much.

There are several ways to volunteer, including helping with lunch between 10:30am and 1:30pm. Volunteers must be over 16, fully vaccinated, and come with a compassionate mind set. Volunteers are asked to sign up in advance and can find a date by emailing: JudithMooreHOB@gmail.com (please give her a few days to get back with you). Financial contributions and donated food are also a help. Please see what is needed and how to donate at houseofbread.org.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, April 9. A special insert on Easter Sunday will include names of donors and names of those in whose memory or honor a flower is given. A gift of \$20 is suggested. **Please turn in your order/dedication and payment by Monday, April 3.** Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church and please note ‘Easter Flowers’ on the memo line.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER / DEDICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)



Your Name(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ \$20 enclosed

_____ \$20 will be mailed by 4/3/23

CALL TO PRAYER

O BLESSED SAVIOR

(Prayer response)

Slowly *p*

S
A

O bless - ed Sav - ior, grant us peace _____

T
B

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is for Soprano (S) and Alto (A), and the bottom staff is for Tenor (T) and Bass (B). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Slowly' and the dynamic is 'p' (piano). The lyrics are 'O bless - ed Sav - ior, grant us peace _____'. The music consists of chords and single notes, with a long note at the end of the first line.

rit. *pp*

as we come be - fore thy face. _____

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The top staff is for Soprano (S) and Alto (A), and the bottom staff is for Tenor (T) and Bass (B). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'rit.' (ritardando) and the dynamic is 'pp' (pianissimo). The lyrics are 'as we come be - fore thy face. _____'. The music continues with chords and single notes, ending with a double bar line.

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