

First Baptist Church of Dayton

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



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Beloved Is Where We Begin

If you would enter into the wilderness,
do not begin without a blessing.

Do not leave without hearing who you are:
Beloved,
named by the One
who has traveled this path
before you.

Do not go without letting it echo in your ears,
and if you find it is hard to let it into your heart,
do not despair.
That is what this journey is for.

I cannot promise this blessing will free you
from danger,
from fear,
from hunger or thirst,
from the scorching of sun
or the fall of the night.

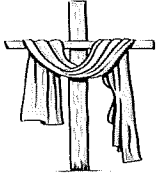
But I can tell you
that on this path
there will be help.

I can tell you
that on this way
there will be rest.

I can tell you
that you will know the strange graces
that come to our aid
only on a road such as this,
that fly to meet us bearing comfort and strength,
that come alongside us for no other cause
than to lean themselves toward our ear
and with their curious insistence
whisper our name:

Beloved.
Beloved.
Beloved.

—Jan Richardson
from *Circle of Grace*



The First Baptist Church at Worship
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 February 18, 2024 ~10:00 AM



PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Choral in E Minor Jean Langlais
 Chorale Preludes on "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen" Johannes Brahms
 Chorale Prelude on "Mortals, Bewail Your Grievous Sins" 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

He Has Done Great Things for Me
 Jessy Dixon

*He has done great things for me, great things, great things.
 He has done great things for me. He will give your victory.
 I gonna let my little light shine.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*OPENING HYMN

#169 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*
 ST. FLAVIAN

The first stanza makes the immediate connection to the fast and temptation of Christ. This stanza, like the ones that follow, ends with an application: teach us to mourn our sins and stay close to Thee. The next two stanzas mention Christ's interaction with Satan and his physical toil during those forty days, also with a related application. The final two ask Christ to abide with the reader concluding with the hope of eternal life, "an Easter of unending joy."

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON

Jaimee Ryan

Psalm 25:1-10: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Mark 1:9-15: In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

#23 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
ROYAL OAK

Cecil Frances Alexander describes how God is responsible for creating all things, positive and negative, big and small, in the world. Cecil Frances Alexander was a hymn writer, shaping Christianity poetically. Her hymns blend theological depth with accessible, lyrical poetic form.

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 (Room 4) after the Children’s Message for a “One Room Sunday School” class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER (SEE PGS. 7-8)

Order My Steps
Glenn Burleigh

**Order my steps in Your word, dear Lord. Lead me, guide me,
every day. Send Your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps
in Your word. Please, order my steps in Your word.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
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

Chancel Choir
Directed by Dr. William Henry Caldwell

Up With a Shout Bill Littleton
(Soloists: Dr. Melody Williams and Artrell Allen)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a fool like me.
O hallelujah Lord! Yes, I once was lost, but now I’m found,
was blind, but now I see.*

“Beloved”

The Response of God’s People

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty GOD, when we stop to look at our lives, we sometimes find that we have wandered far from you; and that all is not well. Because of your great love for us, and because there is forgiveness with you, we turn back to you now, and confess our sin.

We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors with our thoughts, our words, our silence, our actions and our inaction. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, so that we may again take joy in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASTOR: Beloved, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, the old has passed away, behold all things have been made new. Let us share this good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PEOPLE: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (SEE PG. 9)

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
ST. MARGARET

This hymn is about putting your hope in Jesus, whose love will never let you go, and the hope we can have in eternity. We experience many loves through this life, but also the loss of love as well. George Matheson (1842-1906) the composer of this hymn provided us with an account of the origins of one of the most beloved hymns of the late 19th century: “My hymn was composed in the manse of Innellan on the evening of the 6th of June, 1882. . . . Something happened to me, which was known only to myself, and which caused me the most severe mental suffering. The hymn was the fruit of that suffering. It was the quickest bit of work I ever did in my life. I had the impression rather of having it dictated to me by some inward voice than of working it out myself.”

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Alspaugh

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#522 *O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*
ST. PETER

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Canzona on “Through Adam’s Fall” Jean Langlais

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

Please drop off 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.

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.)

Jason Alspaugh	Bill Harrell	Judy Smith
Elizabeth Ard	Lavanda Ferguson	Kaye Suryk
Glen Babb	Barbara Jett	Thorstenson Family
Jessica Blair	Ray Landis	Anne Veghte
Gail Bowman	Gene Lee	Harold West
Don Brown	Dana Liss	Dorothy Williams
Rob Brown	Vincent Liss	Sharon Wingham
Bogan/Bryant Families	Tom McKenzie	Military Duty:
Gerald Busch	Arthur Merkle	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Lynn Domesick	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
David Donovan	Riese Family	Kyle Kline
Jim Earnest	Judy See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Feb. 18 – 25

Sun. 18	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes
Wed. 21	6:00p	.....	Lenten Study @ Christ Episcopal
	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 22	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 24	10-2	.....	BYF Painting Party (New day/time!!)
Sun. 25	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes
	11:30a	.....	Installation Svc for Rev. Perkins @ DLBC

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.

Adult Sunday School Offering
Early Christian Scriptural Interpretation:
Seeing Christ in the Whole Bible

Led by Dr. Michael Cox
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
February 4 – 25 in 1st Floor Chapel

Early Christians saw the Incarnation as the culmination of a series of Old Testament theophanies—(i.e., “appearances” or “manifestations” of God)—understanding them as appearances of the preincarnate Christ—that is, as “Christophanies.” This class will explore how the Christological interpretation of Old Testament theophanies helped shape a distinctive early Christian reading of the Bible, producing a coherent scriptural narrative leading from Genesis through Sinai and Zion to Jesus. Over the course of the class, we’ll explore together several of these passages from both the Old and New Testaments in order to better understand and employ this early Christian approach to scripture in our own Bible study, prayer and worship.

INTERFAITH FORUM OF GREATER DAYTON PRESENTS
HEALING TOGETHER

PTSD Awareness & Role of Faith in Healing

Sunday, Feb. 18 @ 3:00-5:00pm
Sikh Society of Dayton

(2320 Harshman Road, Dayton 45424)

For more info, pick up a printed flyer from the table by the church office.

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 21 @ 6:30pm

Wednesday Evening Lenten Study
Christ Episcopal Church – Fellowship Hall

***“Scripture’s Spectrum: Queer, Trans, and
Non-Binary Bible Readings”***

Led by Dr. Esther Brownsmith
Wednesdays @ 6:00 – 7:30pm
February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20

(NOTE: A light meal will also be provided)

BYF Gathering & Paint Party

Saturday, Feb. 24 @ 10:00-Noon

*(NOTE: We will resume painting the youth room,
so bring work clothes to wear.)*

NEW DAY / TIME !!

As we start a new year we would like to be sure to have updated information for our youth participants, and ask that parents turn in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form for each youth to Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org / 937-631-3579). Printed copies are available outside the church office. Friends are always welcome, but we ask that they also turn in a BYF Form.

**The new *Secret Place* for March-April-May
are available in the literature racks.**

Installation Service for Rev. Jeff Perkins
Sunday, Feb. 25 @ 11:30am
(Carry-In Luncheon at 12:30)
Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church

Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church recently called our own Jeff Perkins to be their Pastor! While we will miss his regular presence here (as well as Michael!), we are glad for this use of his spiritual gifts in our sister congregation. There will be an Installation Service for him there (960 W Dorothy Lane) on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 11:30 AM, with a carry-in luncheon at 12:30. **It would be great for some of our First Baptist family to go over and show our support!**

Cincinnati's
May Festival Youth Chorus
Sunday, March 3 @ 4pm
First Baptist Church of Dayton



On Sunday, March 3, at 4 p.m. First Baptist Church of Dayton will host the renowned May Festival Youth Chorus under the direction of Dr. Matthew Swanson, who is the newly appointed director of the world-renowned May Festival Chorus. The concert will feature various choral works of all periods and styles, vocal solos and arias, and a piece by contemporary African American composer Rollo Dilworth, along with a world premiere work entitled *What Do the Tress Know?* The concert is free and open to the public. Parking is also free. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2024
GRACE upon GRACE
March Offering

*"Because of God's great love we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." ~ Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)*

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is promoting the 2024 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 2024 by supporting this year's America for Christ Offering. Special offering envelopes will be available in the pew racks in March.

Irish Dancers on March 17
Sunday, March 17 @ 11:15am
Fellowship Hall



Please join us for some St. Patrick's Day joy after church on March 17th! Along with refreshments we will have dancers from the "Celtic Academy of Irish Dance" share their talents and enjoyment of Irish dancing! We are blessed to have them join us! They will definitely bring happiness to your hearts.

CALL TO PRAYER

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333 ORDER MY STEPS

*Our steps are made firm by the LORD, when He delights in our way.
Psalm 37:23*

1. Or - der my steps in Your word, dear Lord,
2. Hum-bly I ask Thee, teach me Your will.
3. Bri - dle my tongue, let my words ed - i - fy, Let the

Lead me, guide me, ev - er - y day,
While You are work - ing, help me be still. Though
words of my mouth be ac - cept-a-ble in Thy sight. Take

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs), and a separate vocal line with lyrics. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Send Your a - noint - ing, Fa - ther, I pray.
Sa - tan is bus - y, God is real!
charge of my thoughts, both day and night.

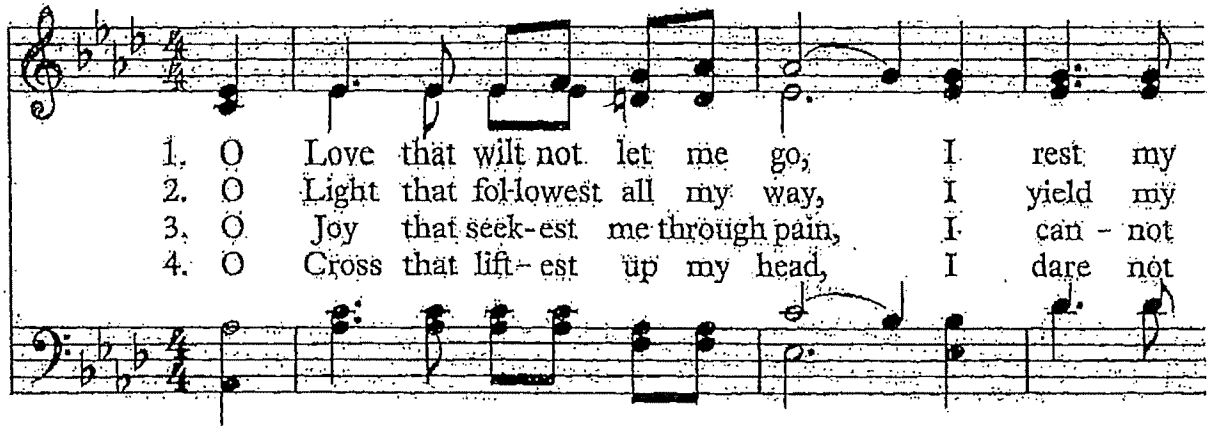
Or - der my steps in Your word. Please,

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or - der my steps in Your word.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

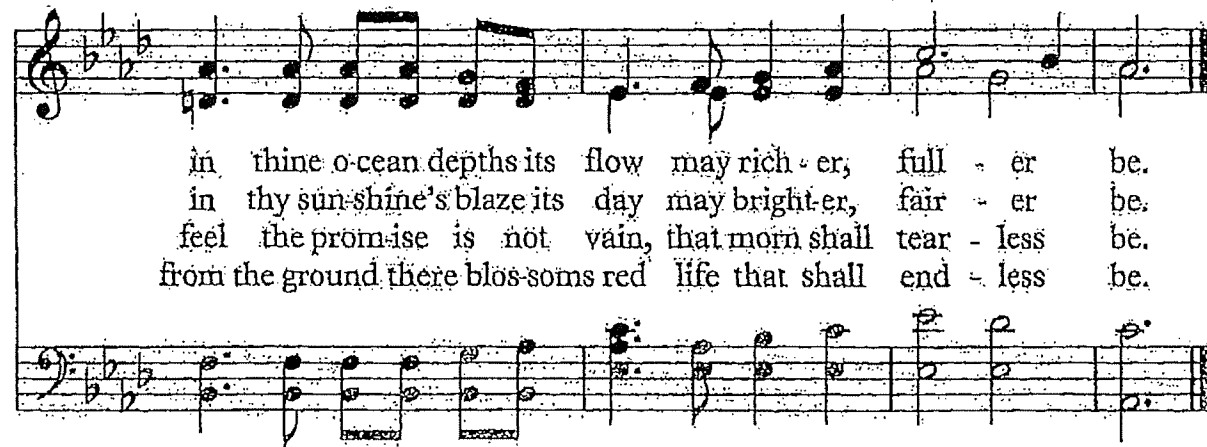
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1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my
 3. O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can-not
 4. O Cross that lift-est up my head, I dare not



weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow thru the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and



in thine o-cean depths its flow may rich-er, full-er be.
 in thy sun-shine's blaze its day may bright-er, fair-er be.
 feel the prom-ise is not vain, that morn shall tear-less be.
 from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end-less be.

WORDS: George Matheson, 1882
 MUSIC: Albert L. Peace, 1884

ST. MARGARET
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