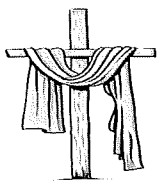


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The First Baptist Church at Worship
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
February 25, 2024 ~10:00 AM



PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Chorale Improvisations on "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now," "O Christ Thou Lamb of God,"
"Be Thou My Vision," and "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" -- Paul Manz
"Pavane" and Prelude on "Be Thou My Vision" -- Ian Higginson

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 & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 95:6-7)

Rev. David Coggins

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*OPENING HYMN

#45 *The God of Abraham Praise*
LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise is a Christian adaptation of the well-known Jewish hymn "Yigdal", loosely translated and Christianized by the evangelist Thomas Olivers after a visit to the Great Synagogue of London in 1770. It was first published in 1772.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jaimee Ryan

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-17: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Romans 4:13-25: For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") --in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#184 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
ST. CHRISTOPHER

Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane the author of this hymn was born in Scotland in 1830 and died in 1869. The daughter of a county sheriff, she lived most of her brief life near Edinburgh. Though in frail health most of her life, Elizabeth found the strength to help the poor and sick in her hometown. She and her sister gave all that they could spare to charity including, it is said, selling their horse and carriage for the benefit of the needy. The townspeople of Melrose referred to Elizabeth as "the Sunbeam." "Beneath the cross of Jesus," focusing on the shelter of the cross, was first published three years after the author's death in 1872 under the title "Breathings on the Border," perhaps a double entendre referring to a geographical location near Melrose, the Scottish Borders, and a reference to the border between life and death.

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. 6-7)

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.**

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Alspaugh

The Rev. James Earnest
August 10, 1922 – February 17, 2024

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

Rev. Alspaugh

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
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Music Director

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray arr. William Henry Smith

*O I couldn't hear nobody pray, O I couldn't hear nobody pray, Way down yonder by myself,
O I couldn't hear nobody pray. In the valley, O I couldn't hear nobody pray, On my knees,
O I couldn't hear nobody pray, With my burden, O I couldn't hear nobody pray,
And my Savior, O I couldn't hear nobody pray, O my Lord! [Refrain]
Chilly waters, O I couldn't hear nobody pray, In the Jordan, O I couldn't hear nobody pray,
Crossing over, O I couldn't hear nobody pray, Into Canaan, O I couldn't hear nobody pray,
O my Lord! [Refrain]
Hallelujah! O I couldn't hear nobody pray, Troubles over, O I couldn't hear nobody pray,
In the Kingdom, O I couldn't hear nobody pray, With my Jesus, O I couldn't hear nobody pray,
O my Lord! [Refrain]*

THE SERMON

Rev. Coggins

"God's Reckoning"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#71 *Be Thou My Vision*
SLANE

"Be Thou My Vision" is an 8th century Irish hymn that was translated by Eleanor Hull in 1912. Today the hymn is sung to the Irish folk tune "Slane". This song is rooted in medieval Celtic Christianity and has grown in popularity due to many Christian artists performances in contemporary non-traditional services. It is believed that the original poem may have been written by an Irish saint who experienced blindness later in life.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Coggins

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Rigaudon Jean Baptiste Lully

(*) 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
Earnest Family	Judy See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Feb. 25 – Mar. 3

Sun. 25	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
Wed. 28		.....	No Sunday School Classes
	11:30a	.....	Installation Svc for Rev. Perkins @ DLABC
	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
Thu. 29	6:00p	.....	Lenten Study @ Christ Episcopal
	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 3	10:00a	.....	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
		.....	Sunday School Classes
	4:00p	.....	May Festival Youth Chorus

Installation Service for Rev. Jeff Perkins

Today, 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) today, Feb. 25 at 11:30 AM, with a carry-in luncheon at 12:30 **We will not have classes after service today in order to allow as many as would like to attend the installation service to do so. The Deacons are still willing to put out coffee/refreshments for those not heading over to Dorothy Lane who might wish to stay here and catch up/converse with others. Given our history and connection with DLABC and Jeff, it would be great to attend and show our support for them.**

Church Women United News

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 1:00 p.m., Dorothy Lane Baptist Church. Our speaker will be Roberta Longfellow from Grace United Methodist Church here in Dayton. She will be sharing about the HOPE LETTERS ministry they have established.

Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast: Tuesday, Mar. 12 at 9:30 a.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Road, Kettering 45429. Cost is \$10 at time of reservation. Please give Linda Ginter-Brown your reservation.

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)

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



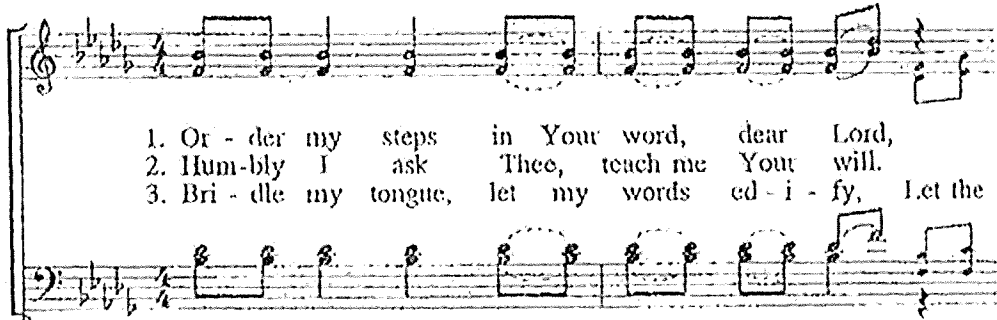
Please join us for some St. Patrick's Day joy after church on March 17th! Along with refreshments we will have dancers from the "Celtic Academy of Irish Dance" share their talents and enjoyment of Irish dancing! We are blessed to have them join us! They will definitely bring happiness to your hearts.

CALL TO PRAYER

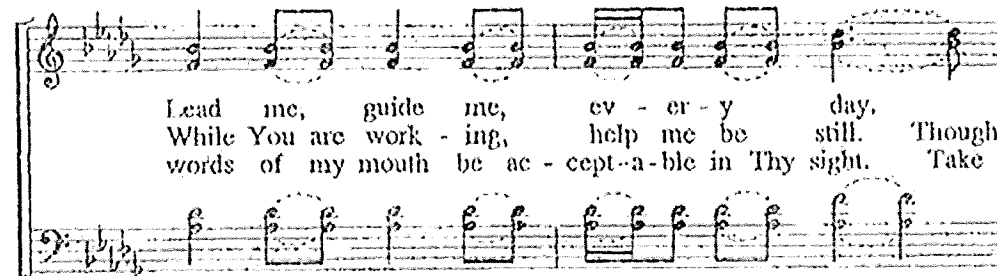
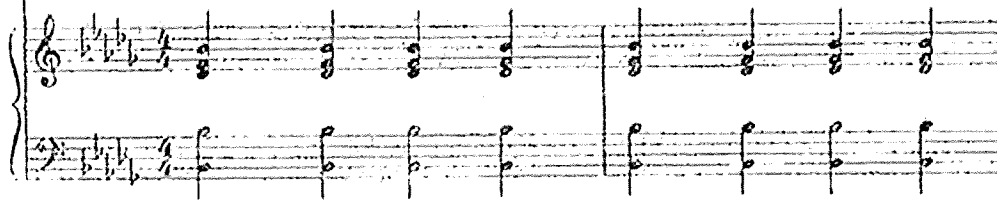
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333 ORDER MY STEPS

*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



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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