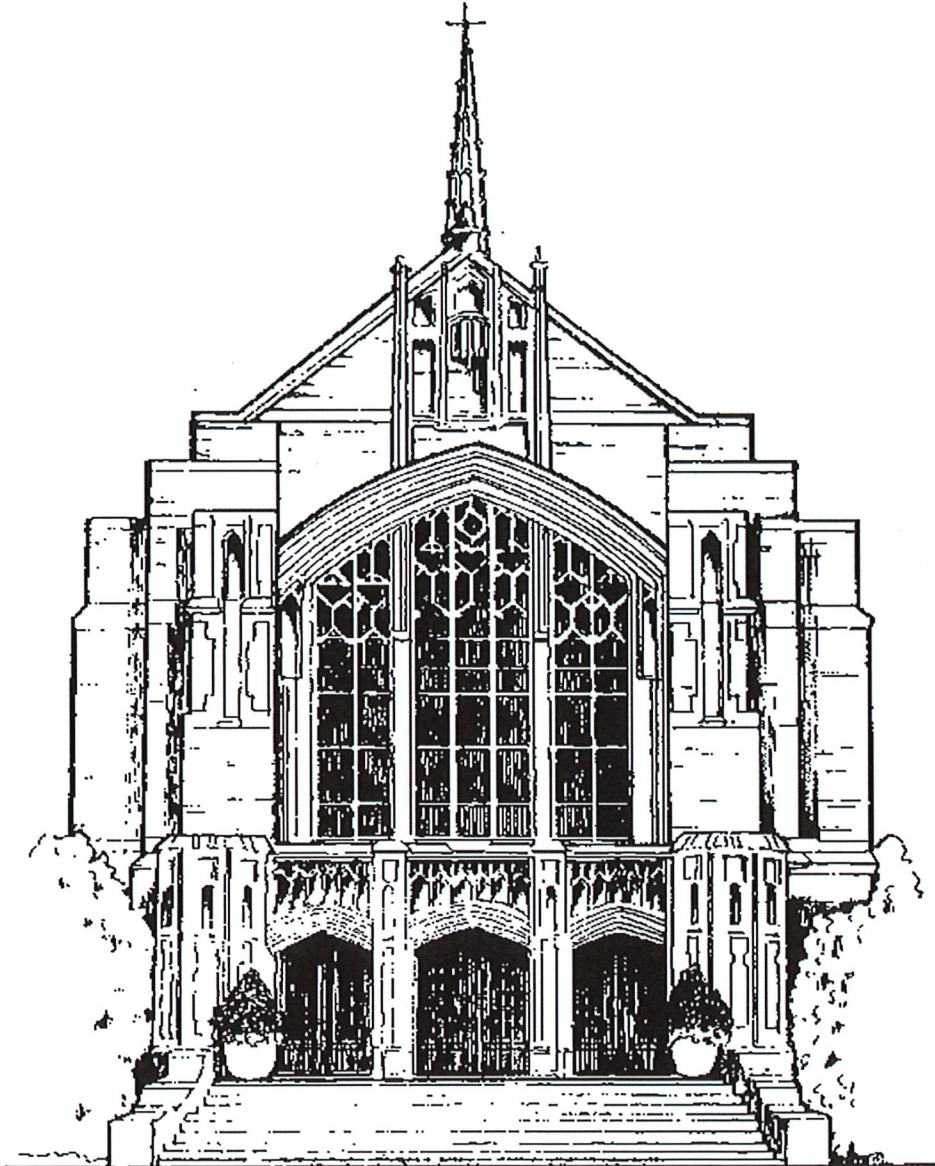




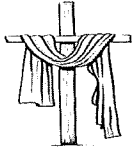
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A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Second Sunday in Lent
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The First Baptist Church at Worship
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 16, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Organ Improvisations on "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" and
"The Lord's My Shepherd"
--Benjamin M. Culli

Chorale Preludes on "Ah, Dearest Jesus" and
"My Heart is Ever Yearning"
--Johannes Brahms

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
William Henry Caldwell, Director

Bless His Holy Name Andraé Crouch

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things,
bless his holy name.*

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1-8)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh-- my adversaries and foes-- they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

In his book, *The Gospel in Hymns*, Albert Bailey describes very eloquently the function of this hymn when he writes, "It is the eager cry of the knight who has been kneeling through the hours of darkness in vigil at the altar where his sword and armor are being impregnated with the power of heaven, and who now with the dawn rises to receive the accolade of his King and goes forth to combat." We probably don't think about our faith like this too often. Quite frankly, we most likely don't know how to make sense of this. How do we reconcile between the peaceful Christ and the seemingly war-driven God of the Old Testament? How can we claim to desire a world of peace when we talk in such violent language? These are questions Christians around the world wrestle with. But we shouldn't stay away from such language because we don't fully understand it. Part of our task is to remember that language is just that - only words. We talk in imagery. When we say we are putting on the armor of God, we know that we are clothing ourselves with love, righteousness, and good deeds. When we invoke the God of conquest, we know we are asking God to use us in a fight against spiritual evils, not physical. Perhaps the second verse of this hymn says it best: "For not with sword's loud clashing / or roll of stirring drums / with deeds of love and mercy / the heavenly kingdom comes."

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Cyerra Pemberton

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:31-35

Samantha Leal

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

#404 *I Need Thee Every Hour*
NEED

When this hymn was first published in 1873, this Bible verse was included underneath the title: “Without me ye can do nothing” (John 15:5 KJV). Each of the first four stanzas of this hymn dwells on a different facet of our dependence on God: our need for His peace, our inability to resist temptation alone, our need to find true meaning in life, and our desire to see God's promises fulfilled. The fifth stanza is an intense plea for God's presence.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

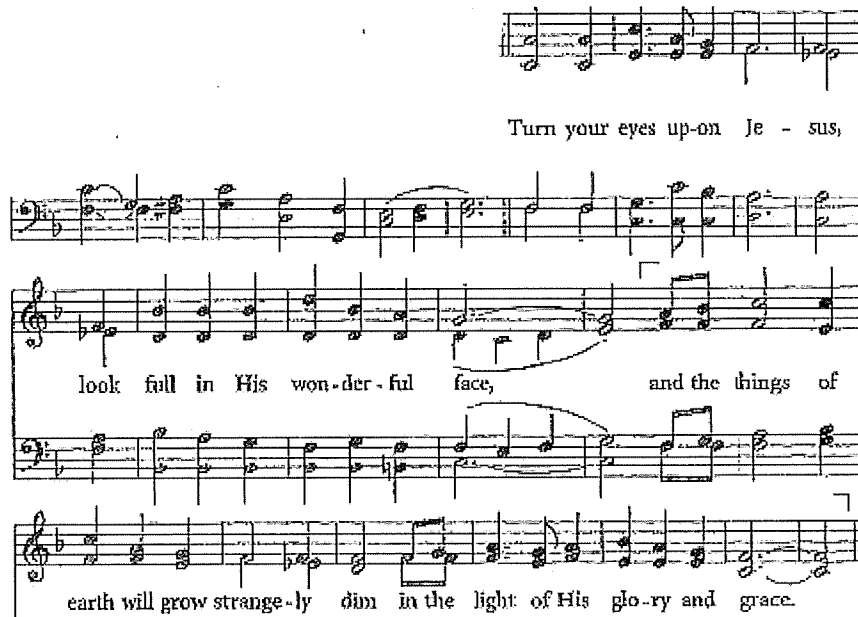
Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
LEMMEL

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.**



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus,
look full in His won-der - ful face, and the things of
earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of His glo-ry and grace.

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
William Henry Caldwell, Director

The Lord Is My Light Rev. Charles Nicks

*The Lord is my light, and my salvation
The Lord is my light, and my salvation
The Lord is my light, and my salvation
Whom shall I fear
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me
Oh, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me
Whom shall I fear
Wait on the Lord, and be of good courage
Oh, wait on the Lord, and be of good courage
Wait on the Lord, and be of good courage
He shall strengthen thine heart
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“Under God’s Wings”

The Response of God’s People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#403 *Lead Me, Guide Me*
LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

The text is an earnest plea for an intimate walk with God, who is asked to lead, guide, and protect the believer. It is a favorite in many churches and especially in the southeastern United States. It has been recorded by many traditional and contemporary gospel artists.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

3 Fold Amen
Danish

Amen

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 for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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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.fbcdayton.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.)

Laura Bayless	Barbara Jett	Judy See
Clara Black	Mike Kalbfleisch	Roger Stephens
Jessica Blair	Carole Lasley	Jerome Stueart
Gail Bowman	Gene Lee	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Vincent Liss	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Dorothy Williams
Gerald Busch	Lisa McMullen	Sharon Wingham
Mark Craig	Melissa Mikesell	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Pamela Cress	Tonya Mitchell & Family	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Petry Family	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	David See	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

Week of March 16 – 23

Sun. 16	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	Noon	.....	BYF Bowling Outing until 3:30p
	2-4p	.....	Bach Society Rehearsal
Tue. 18	3:00p	.....	Heritage Committee Meeting
Wed. 19	6:00p	.....	Lenten Study (CEC)
	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 20	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 22	9a-3p	.....	ABWM Women's Round-Up (DLBC)
Sun. 23	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

Baptist Youth Fellowship Bowling

Today, March 16 @ Noon - 3:30pm
Poelking Lanes - 1403 Wilmington Ave.

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 19 @ 6:30pm

America for Christ Offering 2025

GRACE UPON GRACE: Grace in Turbulent Times

The AFC Offering is a vital resource that empowers us to support life-changing ministry programs. Your contributions support creating new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; aiding children who are impoverished; supporting the work of chaplains and spiritual caregivers; promoting discipleship; preserving critical American Baptist spaces; and making higher education more affordable through scholarships. Each gift represents an act of compassion and solidarity, bringing us closer to God's vision of a world shaped by love, compassion, peace, and justice. Please give generously this month. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Faith & Film in Lent

March 9 – April 6 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1st Floor - Chapel

Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Our *Faith & Film* class returns this year during the Season of Lent. Together we will discuss a variety of films and consider how elements in them echo and intersect with our faith and the Gospel. We encourage folks to view the films ahead of time, but will also be sharing clips during the class to help facilitate discussion. If you'd like to organize a "watch party" with others, or need help accessing a film, Pastor Jason can assist (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Schedule of Movies:

March	9	<i>The Wild Robot</i> (2024); March
	16	<i>Conclave</i> (2024)
	23	<i>Leave the World Behind</i> (2023)
	30	<i>The Six Triple Eight</i> (2024)
April	6	<i>Flow</i> (2024)

2025 Lenten Study Opportunity

Wednesdays @ 6pm – March 19-April 9

Christ Episcopal Church (20 W First St)

Gathering in the Parish Hall

We once again have an opportunity to join with our folks at Christ Episcopal for a midweek time of fellowship and Bible study during the upcoming Season of Lent. In this year's Lenten series, we will explore five "feminist killjoys" of the Hebrew Bible—i.e., biblical women whose disruptive unhappiness threatens the simple black-and-white morality of the stories around them. Although their tales are ancient, these five "antiheroes" can still teach us how to wrestle faithfully with God's word. This class will be taught by Dr. Esther Brownsmith, an assistant professor of Hebrew Bible at the University of Dayton and a Christ Episcopal Church parishioner. **A simple soup supper is also provided at these gatherings, and last year we helped to provide the soups, bread and salads for one of the gatherings. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).** Below is the study schedule. The soup supper is served at 6pm, and the program starts at 6:15pm.

Wednesday, March 19, 6:15pm — Tamar the Brazen

Wednesday, March 26, 6:15pm — Miriam the Proud

Wednesday, April 2, 6:15pm — Michal the Offended

Wednesday, April 9, 6:15pm — Jezebel the Harlot

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.



American Baptist Women's Ministries **DABA Women's Spring Round-Up** (and Girls 13 yrs and older)

Saturday, March 22, 2025 @ 9am – 3pm
Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church
960 W Dorothy Lane, Kettering 45409

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Jane Gibbons

For registration information, please pick up a brochure from the table by the church office.



In Concert at First Baptist **May Festival Youth Chorus and** **May Festival Chamber Chorus**

Sunday, March 23, 2025
4:00pm

On Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 4 p.m. First Baptist Church of Dayton will host the Cincinnati May Festival Chamber Chorus and the May Festival Youth Chorus. Now in their official capacities with the world-renowned Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Association, we are delighted to welcome back to our sanctuary Dr. Matthew Swanson, newly appointed director of Choruses for the Cincinnati May Festival, and Mr. Jason Holmes, associate director of chorus and director of the Cincinnati Youth Choir. Matthew and Jason have appeared often as conductors and soloists at First Baptist, and they are regular musical guests during the summer. The program will feature music of all periods and styles and will feature soloists from the group. The concert is free and open to the public with free parking. There will be a reception following the concert in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Flowers

An order form will be included in the weekly bulletins beginning next Sunday!

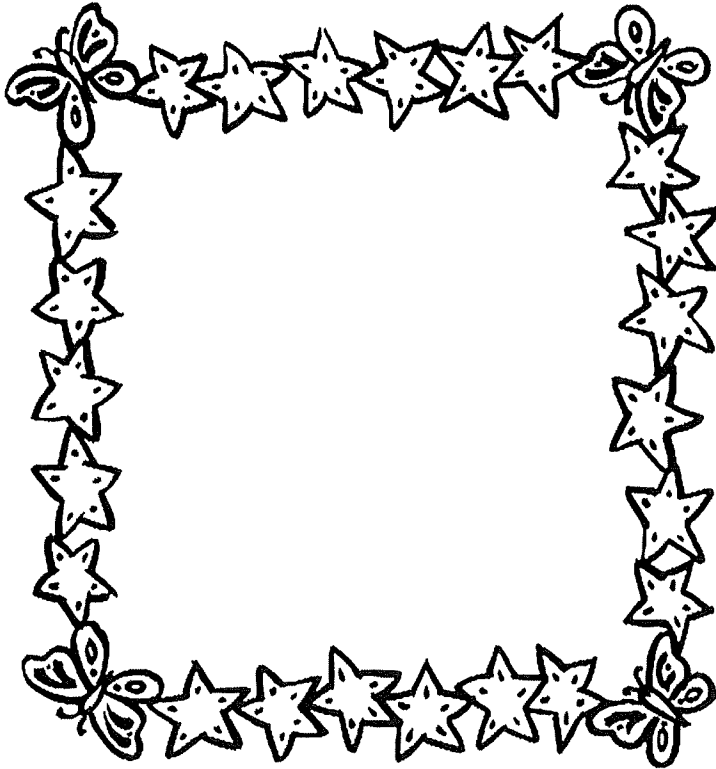


Send

A prayer of thanks

God loved Abraham and Sarah and God loves you!

Write a short prayer giving thanks for God's love.




Dear God, thank you for promising to always love me. Amen

This week

Make a promise to help someone in your family. Keep your promise.

Kids Celebrate

Second Sunday in Lent

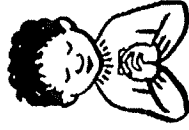


gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday in Lent. During Lent, people get ready for Easter by:



giving to people in need



praying



giving up a favorite thing



Talk about what you and your family could do together to observe Lent.

hear & celebrate

God's promise to Abraham and Sarah

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

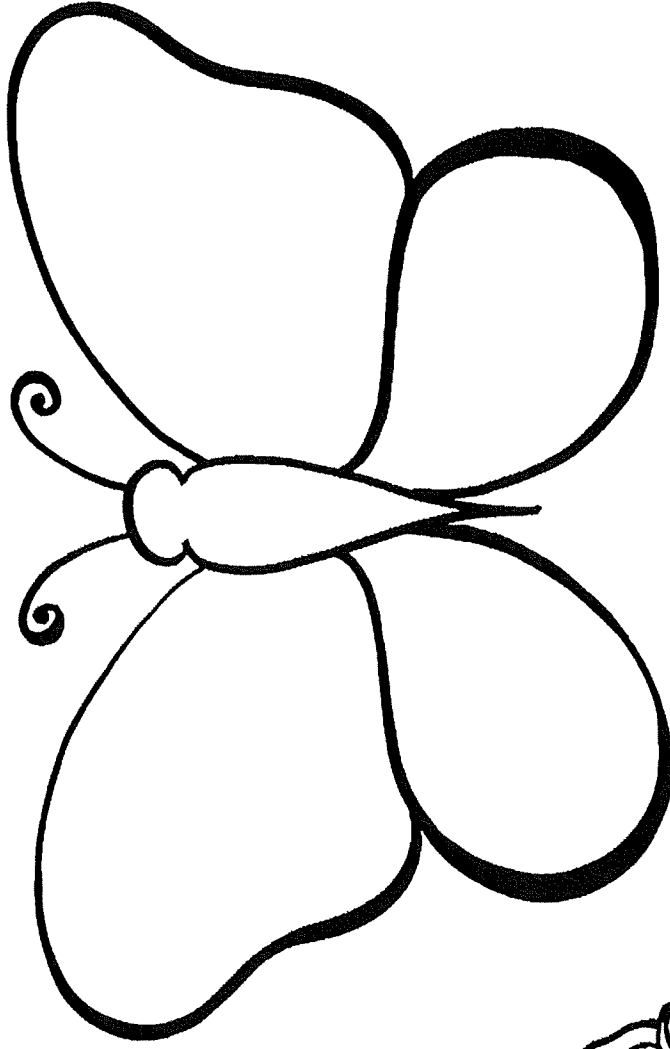
Abraham and Sarah had no children. One night God spoke to Abraham, saying, "Look at the sky and try to count the stars. You will have more children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren than the stars." Abraham trusted in God's promise. God kept the promise. Later, Sarah and Abraham had a son of their own.

Write down the word inside each star in order in the blanks. Then read the message.



Signs of God's promises

We can trust God's promises. God has promised to love us always. One way we feel God's love is through creation. New life at springtime reminds us of God's promises.



Butterflies are a sign of spring.
Decorate this butterfly's wings.