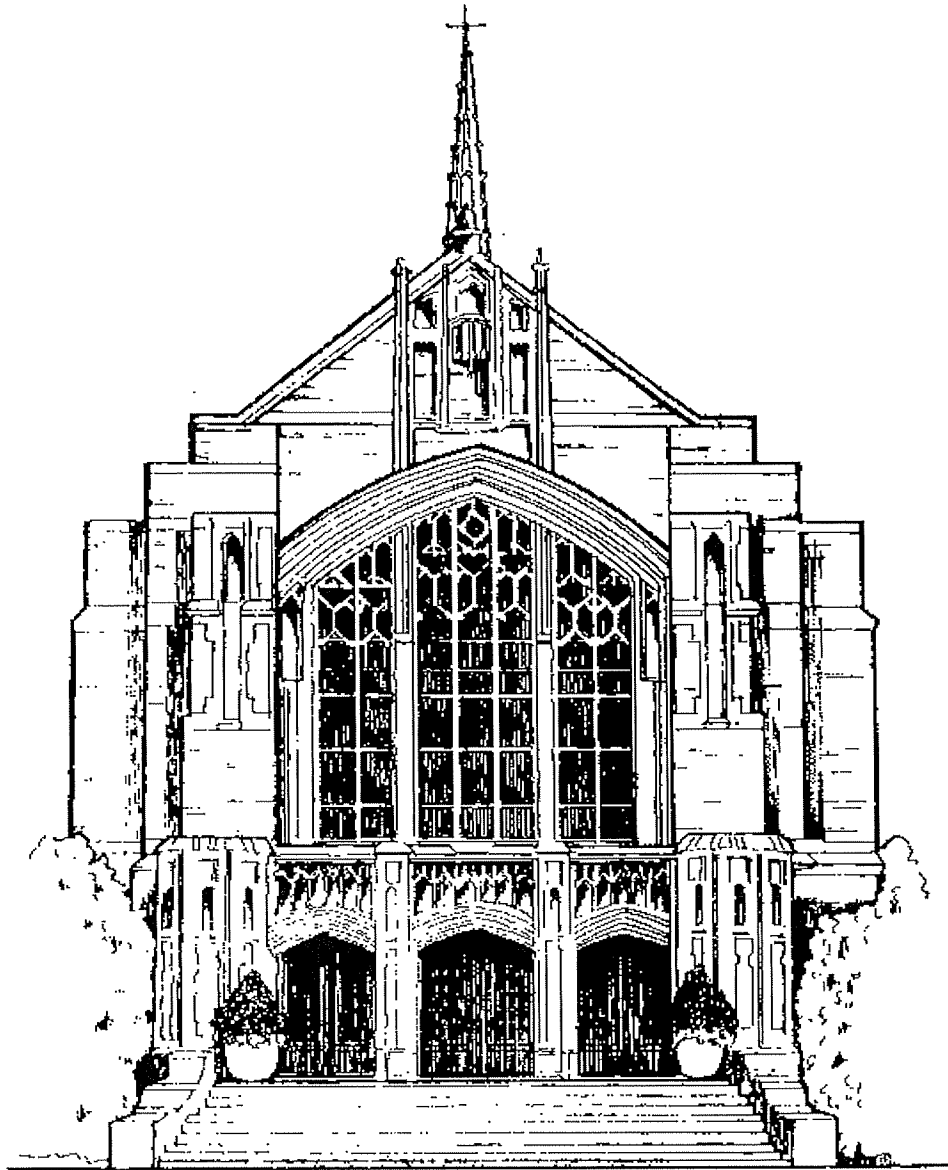


First Baptist Church of Dayton

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers
in Jesus Christ through worship, education,
fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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The First Baptist Church at Worship
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 22, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Variations on "O Sacred Head" Flor Peeters

Two Stations from *The Way of the Cross* Marcel Dupré

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

Rise and greet the sun; God's day has begun.
Eugene Butler

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN

#214 *The Day of Resurrection!*
LANCASHIRE

This hymn is one of the oldest hymns still sung. Traditionally in the Greek church, the celebration of Christ's resurrection began at the stroke of midnight on Easter Sunday, with the lighting of candles, jubilant greetings, and the singing of this hymn. It was as if the Church could not contain her joy any longer than she had to after the sorrowful contemplation of sin and its consequent suffering through Lent and Holy Week. The text bubbles over with "joy that hath no end" in the victory that Jesus Christ won over sin and death through His resurrection.

PASSING THE PEACE (*A time to greet one another*)

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-6

Clark Whittaker

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:6-11

Clark Whittaker

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:17-27

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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

#200 *In the Garden*
GARDEN

One occasionally hears stories of someone who disappeared and was assumed dead suddenly reappearing to their family and loved ones in a joyful surprise. Imagine how much greater Mary Magdalene's shock and elation was when Jesus, whom she had seen dead and buried three days earlier, suddenly called her by name and she turned and saw Him, very much alive and in person. This hymn elaborates on the emotions she may have felt in that moment, when her grief was turned to joy.

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

#613 v.1 *I Love the Lord*
I LOVE THE LORD

**I love the Lord, He heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live, and troubles rise, I'll hasten to His throne.**

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

Rev. Alsbaugh

**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, Director

I'm A-Going to Eat at the Welcome Table arr. Carl Diton

*I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table some of these days.
I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey some of these days.
I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven some of these days.
I'm a-going to wade across Jordan's River
some of these days, some of these days.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"When Dry Bones Come to Life"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#509 *Trust and Obey*
TRUST AND OBEY

This hymn paints a picture of communion with God in which fear and gloom have disappeared, and delight and joy saturate one's existence. However, this attractive life is not free – the Christian must totally surrender control of his life to God, and commit to trusting obedience of God's wishes, as the final stanza says – “what He says we will do, where He sends we will go.” Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*SUNG BENEDICTION

Chancel Choir

#523 God Be with You Rankin

*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

Chromatic Fugue Johann Pachelbel



(*) 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	Ralph Hopper	Mark Ryan
Harriet Berghuis	Barbara Jett	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Nancy Kerr	Judy Smith
Gail Bowman	Land Family	Joanne Stephens
Dana Brewer	Gene Lee	Kaye Suryk
Linda Ginter-Brown	Vincent Liss	Anne Veghte
Gerald Busch	Patti Loxley	Sharon Wingham
Merriann Craig	Tom McKenzie	Wolfe Family
Bill Cress	Lisa McMullen	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Melissa Mikesell	Sebastian Ewald
Brett Domescik	Shirley Nash	Sunny Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	Petry Family	Will Radachi

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of March 22 – 29

Sun. 22	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
Tue. 24	6-10p	.....	Philharmonic Chorus Rehearsal
	6:30p	.....	Mankind Meeting
Wed. 25	6:00p	.....	Lenten Supper Series (CEC)
	6:30p	.....	PDI Meeting
	7:00p	.....	Opera Chorus Rehearsal
Thu. 26	7:30a	.....	Bible Study (Wholly Grounds)
	6-8p	.....	BYF Gathering
	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 27	9:00a	.....	Manco Meeting
Sun. 29	10:00a	.....	Palm Sunday Worship Service
		.....	Luncheon to follow

Lenten Study

“Rest for the Restless Heart: Excerpts from *The Confessions* of St. Augustine”

Led by Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

February 22 – March 22 in the 1st Floor Chapel

How can we find rest for our restless hearts? St. Augustine opens his *Confessions* by stating that God made us to rest in God. The *Confessions* are his prayerful autobiography as he examines his life in light of God's call. This devotional classic takes us into the mind and heart of one of Christianity's greatest teachers. We will hand out and discuss key passages from the book in class during our study. You can purchase your own copy or find a public domain version online to go deeper through our weeks together if you like.

America for Christ Offering 2026

“*The Wisdom and Power of Storytelling*”

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 in March. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Time to RSVP for the Palm Sunday Luncheon !!

March 29, 2026

Chef Grey will be preparing the meal: ham, chicken, and sides. Vegan & gluten-free options will be available.

Please bring a dessert to share!

Reservations are needed today, March 22.



Palm Sunday – March 29th

10am – Worship @ First Baptist Church of Dayton
Palm Sunday Luncheon after service

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd

6:30pm - Agape Meal @ Christ Episcopal Church

Good Friday – April 3rd

Noon – Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace
2pm – Soup Luncheon @ First Baptist Church of Dayton

On April 3rd 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 at approximately 2pm, First Baptist will invite participants to enter the church and into Fellowship Hall where there will be soup, crackers, and water prepared for them. A sign-up sheet is available on the main hallway bulletin board and also in fellowship hall asking for donations of soup (vegetarian options preferred) and/or help in other ways.**

Easter Sunday – April 5th

10am – Worship @ First Baptist Church of Dayton
Flowering of the Cross | Special Music
(Bring some fresh cut flowers for the cross!)



EASTER FLOWERS

Orders & Dedications

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, April 5. 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 by Monday, March 30.** If you write a check, please make it payable to First Baptist Church and 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 3/30/26

Midweek Lenten Supper Series:

"Then He Told Them Stories"

Wednesdays @ 6:00 – 7:30pm
February 25 – March 25
Christ Episcopal Church – 20 W First St

THEN HE TOLD THEM STORIES

FIVE GREAT NARRATIVES FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

By The Rev. Mike Kreutzer Lenten Supper Series, Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25

The author of the Fourth Gospel was a gifted writer, who proclaimed his message to others by way of his engaging stories. In this series, we will begin by discussing the role of stories in our lives: the ways that they tell us who we are as people and shape our vision of ourselves and others. Then we will explore five of John's stories, taking note of John's use of literary and dramatic devices such as setting, symbolism, dual-meaning, misunderstanding leading to further explanation, and staging to communicate his unique vision of God's Good News in Jesus.

Daily Scripture Readings for Lent

Printouts listing the daily lectionary readings from Scripture for the Lenten season are available on tables in the Narthex and outside the church office. These are offered for your own personal study.
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/?y=17134#01202026>.



Sunday School/Second Hour
No Classes or Activities on Sundays, March 29 and April 5

Coffee & Cookie Social Time at One Lincoln Park

Monthly - 1st Wednesday
from 2:00-3:30pm
590 Isaac Prugh Way, Kettering 45429

Mary Herbert has planned a monthly coffee/cookie social time for our members who reside at One Lincoln Park. Currently we have 4 members living there--Linda Ginter Brown, Gerald Busch, Bill Harrell, and Ken Taylor. You are invited and encouraged to drop in for these monthly socials! Upcoming dates: April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at 937-298-2866.

KETTERING
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

INTO THE WOODS

Thursday, April 16th, at 7:30pm

Friday, April 17th at 7:30pm

Saturday, April 18th at 2pm* & 7:30pm

TICKETS: ketteringmusic.org/tickets

*ASL INTERPRETER IS AVAILABLE FOR THE SATURDAY MATINEE



Kettering Fairmont High School's annual musical, **Into the Woods**, will be held April 16th - April 18th. **Jadon See** has one of the leads in the production playing Rapunzel's Prince, and **Ava Powell** has a primary role with the Crew as the assistant to the director of the musical. If you would like to support some of FBC's youth and attend the musical, please scan the QR code above or go to ketteringmusic.org and click Tickets.

Send



New life

Spring brings new life. The word *lent* means spring. The seeds we plant look dead, but they will be living plants with the sun and rain sent by God.

Katie is puzzled. She bought packets of flower seeds and accidentally mixed them up.



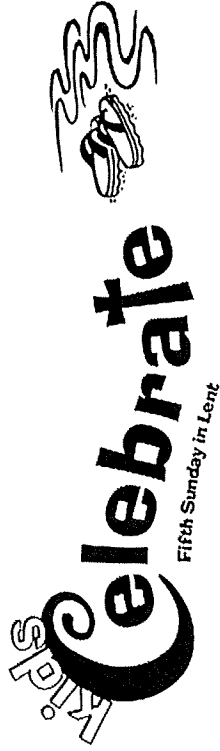
Draw a line between the matching packets that will give her the same kind of flowers.



Thank you, Jesus, for
bringing us new life. Amen

This week

Do a yard or neighborhood search for new spring plants and other signs of spring. New life is coming!

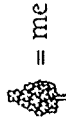
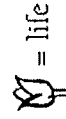


gather

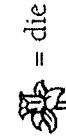
Welcome to worship.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection
and the . Those who believe in
even though they , will ,
and everyone who and
believes in will never .

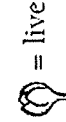
John 11:25-26a



= me



= die



= live

During these last of the 40 days of Lent you may see signs of spring, such as flowers starting to grow from bulbs that were planted months ago. The bulbs that have been buried under ground will show signs of life again.

Count 40 spring flowers on the pages of this bulletin.

hear & celebrate

Amazing changes

John 11:1-45



Today's gospel story tells about best days and worst days for Jesus and his friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.



The **WORST** happened when Lazarus died. Mary and Martha were upset when they thought Jesus was not coming to help them. Jesus cried when he went with them to Lazarus's grave.



The **BEST** happened when Lazarus was alive again. That is called *resurrection*, going from death to new life.



Listen for other stories about best and worst days in today's lessons, songs, and sermon.



The **BEST** and the **WORST** days are all *put God first* days. Remember to ask, "God, be with me all day long." Add your own ideas to the following lists.

BEST Days

- birthdays
- first bike ride after a long winter
- weekends
- Easter
- family play days

WORST Days

- rainy, cold days
- when someone you love dies
- sore throats and fevers
- scrapes, cuts, and bruises

