

A WORD ABOUT FBC

First Baptist Memphis is a Midtown congregation that seeks to follow Christ by practicing hospitality, community, dialogue, and service.

- We value diversity in our membership and believe it enriches our journey and ministry.
- We strive to be a family of faith where all can belong.
- We value the voice of every child of God and strive to hear the voice of God in one another.
- What we do inside our walls prepares us to share God's love across the street and around the world.

The Radio Bible Class (10:30 am) and this service (11:00 am) are broadcast live on radio stations ESPN 680 AM, and ESPN 92.9 FM. Sermons are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org.

Announcement

Together Deadline, March 13

The Together deadline for April is Wednesday, March 13. Please submit all articles and pictures to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org) by the deadline. Thank you.

Calvary Lenten Preaching Series Speakers

Mar. 12-13: Rev. Dan Matthews, St. John the Divine, New York, NY, 12:05 pm

Mar. 14-15: Dr. Omid Safi, Director of Duke University Islamic Studies Center, Durham, NC, 12:05 pm

Youth Spring Retreat, March 29-31, Houston, AL

Alabama Adventure: Youth Spring Retreat Friday, March 29 through Sunday, March 31. We are looking forward to time spent in fellowship and reflection on Smith Lake, and in Bankhead National Forest. The cost for the retreat is \$25. The deadline to sign up is today. Contact Holly Hatton with any questions.

Stewardship Sunday, March 31

Our 2019 Stewardship Campaign will be held in March and culminate with Stewardship Sunday on March 31. A congregational lunch will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship.

A letter about Stewardship from the Finance Committee, along with pledge cards for the 2019 Stewardship Campaign, will be mailed, or you can also pick up a card in the Welcome Center prior to Stewardship Sunday. You may also set up your pledge online. Please prayerfully consider your financial support for this year. A stewardship update will be given in morning worship on March 24, highlighting the impact your stewardship has on the life of the church.

You can bring your pledge card forward in worship March 31, or drop it in the model church in the Welcome Center on March 24. You are welcome to mail your card to the church at any time.

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, March 10

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Wednesday, March 13

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper,
Caritas

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal
Together Deadline

Thursday, March 14

10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor

Volunteers

Extended Care

Next Sunday, March 17

Threes/Fours: Doug Blankenship,
Rebecca Courtney

Floater: Glenna Ward

Welcome Desk at Worship

March 10: Jim Rogers

Receptionists

Mon, Mar. 11: Trudy Hatton/
Volunteer Needed

Tues, Mar. 12: Gayla Foscue/
Volunteer Needed

Wed, Mar. 13: Betty Wilson/
Sammy Rich

Thurs, Mar. 14: Bill Wilson/
Volunteer Needed

FBC in Prayer

New Concerns

Rob Bruno
Brant Butler
Sandy Chandler
Margot Weslee Cronk
Dallas Foscue
Linda Haywood
Maggie Jordan
John McCall
Anson Purdy
Jean Rose Raney
Lois Sandusky
Andy Simmons
Milton & Frances Ray

Sympathy

To Valerie Brenner in the death of her aunt, Mary Brenner Harrison.



Sun and Rocks by Charles Burchfield

First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

Whether we gaze with longing into the garden or with fear and trembling into the desert, of this we can be sure—God walked there first!

And when we who have sinned and despoiled the garden are challenged now to face the desert, we do not face it alone. Jesus has gone there before us to struggle with every demon that has ever plagued a human heart.

Face the desert we must if we would reach the garden, but Jesus has gone there before us.

—James Healy, *Starting Point*



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday in Lent

PREPARATION

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Welcome Rev. Ray Hatton

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: **And also with you!**

Prelude *Purple Twilight* Dennis Alexander
Dylan Hatton, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship *Give Me Jesus* Afro-American Spiritual
Paul Martin, *Tenor*

Invocation Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

* Hymn of Praise 74 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE
(Stanzas 1-5)

CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession Julie Richardson

All: *Gracious God, you know the difficult paths we tread;
you know the challenges we face.
Forgive us when we wander away from your guidance.
Reclaim us when we seek other gods that lead to our own
destruction.
Guide us back to you that we may rest in your shelter.
Strengthen our resolve that we may face the demons of our
lives and courageously resist the temptations that blinds us
to your love. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.*¹

Assurance of Pardon

One: Who is in the position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news!

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

¹ David N. Mosser, from the valueofsparrows.com

* The congregation will please stand, as you are able.

* Congregational Response 74

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.*

(As we sing the last verse, the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading *Luke 4:1-13* John McCall

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

* Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson
and Congregation

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

Triumph Beyond Turbulence
Luke 4:1-13
(page 889 in the pew Bible)

RESPONSE

* Hymn of Prayer 465 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* SOJOURNER

Prayers of the People Emily Callahan

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord* Felix Mendelssohn
The Sanctuary Choir

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.

ST. ANNE

Offertory Prayer

Edens Richardson

* Congregational Response 253 **Doxology**

OLD 100TH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

* Hymn of Response 476 *Be Strong in the Lord* STRENGTH

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

Postlude *Epilogue* Franklin Ritter

Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's worship participants are Dylan Hatton, a member of the Children's Department, Ray Hatton a member of the First Friends SS Class and a member of the Sanctuary Choir, Julie Richardson a member of the Connect 4 Sunday School Class and a member of the Personnel Committee, Emily Callahan a member of the Connect 4 SS Class, John McCall a deacon and member of the First Friends SS Class, and Edens Richardson, a member of our Youth group. Our offering bearers are assisted by George Blankenship.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Lent is a season of repentance, confession and examination. During these formative forty days we are gifted with time to take a closer look at our lives and our participation in the building of the kingdom as Christ's disciples. We are also given the opportunity to consider the many new possibilities offered to us as disciples of Christ. May we walk together through this season with intentionality and care.

—Laurence Hull Stookey, *Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church*

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST

We are so glad you decided to worship with us today. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor's Card in the pew rack in front of you. You can place these in the offering plate during the offertory. Consider lingering after worship so that our members might have a chance to greet you. Our deacons will be in the Welcome Center after worship and would love to meet you.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Church. They are valuable members of our faith family and we welcome them into this house of worship. Our nursery is open during worship for infants and toddlers. The nursery is located out the doors to the left of the pulpit and down the hall. Our nursery workers will be happy to assist you. Extended Care is for children ages 3-4 and for 5-year-olds who have not entered kindergarten. These children will sit as a group with our Extended Care leaders on the first pew in the right section. All children through 5th grade are invited to the front of the Sanctuary to participate in our Children's Sermon. Our preschoolers will leave for Extended Care after this.

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