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 and interim ministers 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.

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.

Announcements

Calvary Lenten Preaching Series Speakers
Mar. 10: Rev. Sonia Walker, Associate Pastor, First Congregational Church, Memphis, TN, 12:05 pm; **Mar. 11-12:** Father James Alison, author, theologian and Catholic priest, Madrid, Spain, 12:05 pm

Lily Orders for Easter
Beautiful lilies will again grace our Sanctuary and Welcome Center for Easter. Plants are $20 and may be ordered through April 5.

Name: _____

No. Plants _____

Memory:_____

Honor: _____

Deacons Meeting, March 15, 8:30 am
The Deacons will meet Sunday, March 15 at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, March 8
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, March 9
7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
6:00 p.m. Missions Committee, Parlor

Tuesday, March 10
7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Wednesday, March 11
7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Together Deadline

Thursday, March 12
7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor

Friday, March 13
7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Volunteers

Welcome Desk Deacon Greeter
March 8 Clay Wilson

Sanctuary Foyer Greeters
March 8 Natalie & Brian Cathey

Receptionists (8:30 am - 12:30 pm)
Mon, Mar 9: Trudy Hatton
Tues, Mar 10: Betty Wilson
Wed, Mar 11: Sammy Rich
Thurs, Mar 12: Bill Wilson

Extended Care
Next Sunday, February March 15
Threes/Fours: April Blankenship, Rebecca Courtney
Floater: Glenna Ward

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns
Brant Butler
Linda Haywood
Anson Purdy

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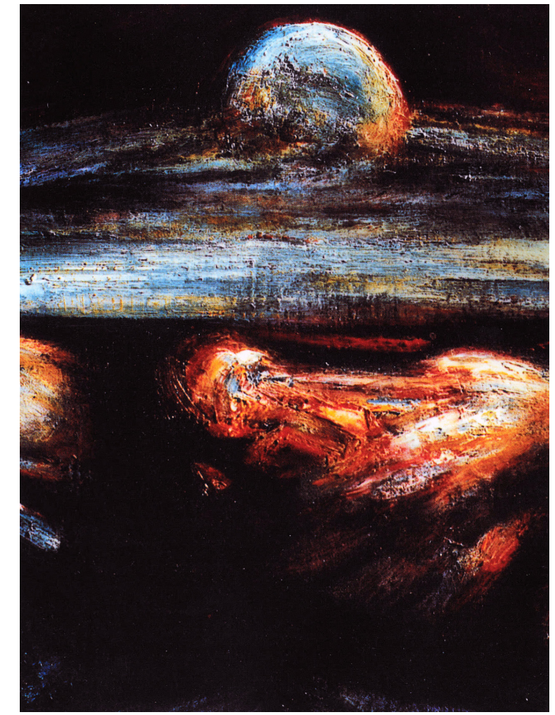

Go into Belief, Ding Fang

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

God does not just deal with this world, but deals with it passionately, loving it and suffering for it. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only son to it." (John 3:16). But this is not logic. This is passion. How else would God be willing to part with God's own son for the sake of us? Nor is this a result of reasoning. It is a risk. And passion always involves risk, does it not? But only in risking will there be new discoveries and exciting experiences.

—Choan-Seng Song

FIRST MEMPHIS

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday in Lent

PREPARATION

Welcome — Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: And also with you!

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

Prelude — *Jesus Loves Me* — William Bradbury
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship — *Romans 4:25* — Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation — Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise 15 — *Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing* — NETTLETON
(Stanzas 1-2)

* Call to Confession — Tom Marchand

One: Trusting in God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sin and repent.

* Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere followers of Jesus.
We claim to be so, but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be Christ's disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.
We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

* Assurance of Pardon — Tom Marchand

One: Hear the good news:
God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

* Congregational Response 15 — NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.
(As we sing, the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon — Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading — *John 3:1-17* — Jason Sullivan
(page 920 in the pew Bible)

One: This is God's Word for us today.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem — *God So Loved the World* — William J. Reynolds
The Sanctuary Choir

God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
God so loved the world.

Prayer of Preparation — Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde 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. Randy L. Hyde
What Jesus Said . . . About Birth

RESPONSE

* Hymn of Prayer 268 — *The Love of Christ Who Died For Me* — AZMON

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.

Offertory Prayer — Sally Smith

Offertory — *We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit* — Dietrich Buxtehude
Aaron Foster, *organist*

* 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. Amen.

Prayers of the People — Clay Wilson

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.

* Invitation to Discipleship — Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

* Hymn of Response 296 — *Jesus Is Lord of All* — LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

* Benediction — Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Postlude — *Toccata in E Minor* — Johann Pachelbel
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's worship participants are Tom Marchand, chair of the deacons and a member of the Day School committee; Jason Sullivan, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Church-Wide Fellowships Task Force; Sally Smith, a deacon and member of the Transition Team; and Clay Wilson a deacon and member of the Sanctuary Choir.

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.

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