

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 are 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.

Announcements

Candy and Plastic Eggs Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

Holly is collecting candy and plastic eggs for our Annual Egg Hunt.

Please purchase individually wrapped pieces of candy—NO NUTS, and please **DO NOT** fill the eggs. The Children's Committee will meet to make sure eggs are clean and filled safely.

Empty eggs and candy can be dropped off in the Welcome Center or please coordinate with Holly to drop them off. Thank you!

Flower Cross Decoration

On Holy Saturday, April 3, families can pick a time slot to cover the cross in flowers for Easter. This tradition is close to many of our hearts, and is a wonderful time of fellowship together as we anticipate Easter. This is a very meaningful symbol of life, hope and transformation at the corner of Poplar and Parkway—both for our church family and for our community. Contact Holly Hatton if you are interested in volunteering to decorate the flower cross.

Giving Options

FBC has several ways for you to keep up with your giving schedule.

You can mail your offering to the church: First Baptist Church, 200 E Parkway N., Memphis, TN 38112.

You can donate online via our website: www.fbcmemphis.org/giving

Or, you can email Lisa Butts to learn how to set up automatic recurring offering withdrawals set up from either your bank account or credit card. Recurring payments can be set up weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. This system gives you several options for setting up your gifts to FBC, and the best part is that with automatic withdrawal, there is no more worry with remembering to write the check or submit the payment through your bank or credit card.

For more information about any of the available giving options, contact Lisa via her email lbutts@fbcmemphis.org. She'll explain the process and help you get started.

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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.

The service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page, and is available in recorded form on Facebook and our YouTube channel, as well as the church's website (www.fbcmemphis.org/online-worship).

Sermons and worship services are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons.

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Ginger Bethany
Valerie Brenner
Nancy Burch
Brant Butler
Chatham Family
Anita Cobb
Nancy Cooper
Ken Haywood
Linda Haywood



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.
Interim Pastor

Rev. Ray Hatton
Music Ministry Interim

Holly Hatton
Children & Youth
Ministry Coordinator

Stacey Graves
Director, First Baptist Day School

Aaron Foster
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Cleansing the Temple by El Greco

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

Jesus' Action in cleansing the temple precincts seems to [be] . . . a protest like that of the prophets of old against the profanation of God's house and a sign that messianic purification of the Temple was at hand.

—Raymond E. Brown



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday in Lent

PREPARATION

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

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

Prelude

Jerusalem the Golden
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Alexander Ewig

ADORATION

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

From water to wilderness,
On stone and in hearts,
From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up . . .
We follow Jesus on the Lenten path, for where he is, we would be also.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise

Nearer, Still Nearer
Aaron Foster, *organist*

arr. Don Phillips

Call to Confession

Cathy Wilhelm

Despite all that God has taught us, we still act foolishly;
we are still weak.
In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace.
We confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength,
rather than our own.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, how fickle we are;
we sin against you without even knowing it.
Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,
and save us from willfully ignoring your way.
Let your commandments rule and guide us.
Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you;
keep us faithful.

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| Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships— with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us and brought us into this community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray Amen. | | |
| Assurance of Pardon | Cathy Wilhelm | |
| Sisters and brothers, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and one another! Thanks be to God! | | |
| PROCLAMATION | | |
| Children’s Sermon | Holly Hatton | |
| Gospel Reading | Jason Sullivan | |
| <i>John 2:13-22</i> | | |
| Choral Worship | <i>Every Road</i> Quartet | Dave Clark |
| Prayer of Preparation | Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde | |
| 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 Hyde | |
| <i>When the Church Becomes a Marketplace</i> | | |
| RESPONSE | | |
| Reminder of Giving | Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde | |
| Meditation | <i>Adagio</i> David Córdoba Hernandez, <i>pianist</i> | W. A. Mozart |

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| Response | <i>Doxology</i> Aaron Foster, <i>organist</i> | OLD 100TH |
| <i>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.</i> | | |
| Prayers of the People | Holly Hatton | |
| The Lord's Prayer | <p>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.</p> | |
| CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION | | |
| <i>Today we celebrate communion in the pews. Rev. Hyde will bless the elements as we take them together.</i> | | |
| A Word of Encouragement | Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde | |
| (If you are called to make a Decision of Faith or have questions about church membership, please speak with Rev. Hyde following worship.) | | |
| Benediction | Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde | |
| Response | <i>Blest Be the Tie that Binds</i> <i>Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.</i> | DENNIS |
| Postlude | <i>Awake, Thou Wintry Earth</i> Aaron Foster, <i>organist</i> | Tom Birchwood |
| <i>Per the Shelby County Health directive, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times in the building. Please do not linger to chat, but exit the building at the conclusion of worship. Thank you.</i> | | |
| Today's worship participants are Cathy Wilhelm, a deacon and Senior Adult SS teacher; Jason Sullivan, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and a member of the Church-Wide Fellowships task force; and Trudy Hatton, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and a member of the Youth committee. | | |

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

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.