



Our Worship of God

March 1, 2020

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✧ Combined Worship ✧

Welcome & Announcements

†Call to Worship (responsive)

After he was baptized by John,
Jesus went by himself to the wilderness
where he was tempted.

**Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted
to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.**

Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent,
which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

**Let us worship God and walk the journey together,
seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.**

Prelude

I'm Just a Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Morris

Chancel Bells

Kimberly Moeller, *alto saxophone*

†Prayer of Invocation

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you.

Amen.

†Opening Song

Into Dust

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Lenten Theme Interpretation

Carol McEntyre

Scripture Reading

Noah Hartsfield

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,
‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’ and
‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

First Kids Music

It is Written

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

God did not say,
*“You shall not be tempted;
you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed.”*
God did say, *“You shall not be overcome.”*
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness,
where he was tempted.
Sheltering God, Guiding God,
as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience,
so you are present with us:
you have urged us to trust you:
“Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you,
I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you.”
We have felt discouraged,
and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God,
when all manner of things have not gone well with us.

Lord, have mercy.

Instead of following where you lead, O God,
at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world
that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us.
At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed
by imitations of love, abundance, and joy.

Christ, have mercy.

O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire, we
have been tempted to lean on our own understanding and not acknowledge
you in all ways. We so often have sought to control our lives and order our
own steps, often ignoring your wisdom and pushing your guidance
aside.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence for Confession

Anthem

*For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
T'was I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee. Amen, amen, amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

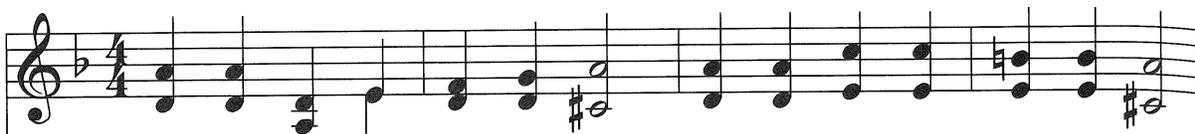
Meditation on Art

Questions for Reflection

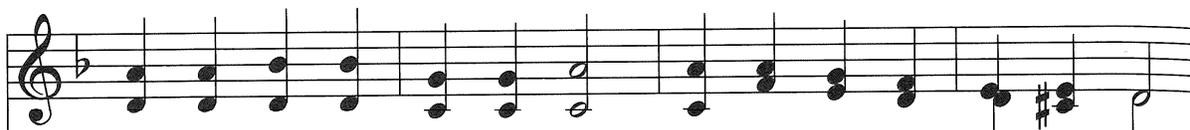
*What surprises you about this image?
What feelings does this invoke in you?*

†Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4. So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side;



1. for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2. fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
3. vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
4. round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
5. that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

†Offertory Prayer

Offering

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Shelby Myers, *vocals & guitar*

Marques J. Ruff, *vocals*

Message

Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Communion (responsive)

Gracious One, we struggle with spirits of fear and greed that tempt us away from your original plan for us. We excuse ourselves from responsibilities to our neighbors. We struggle to believe we have anything to offer to the whole. And at times we knowingly do harm to others for the sake of our own gain.

You know our struggles, O God. And so you sent us Jesus.

In him we learn how to show up for one another. Jesus lived in service to collective well-being. He was tempted and tried yet continued to choose love over self. He sought out those in need of community. He befriended the ones who were isolated. He challenged the structures that destroy.

Through his life, you taught us that the same capacities live in us. We too can choose the way of service to collective life. You have given each of us gifts to play our part. The same spirit of courage that kept Jesus proclaiming love even in the face of death lives in us.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying: "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant."

In remembrance of all you have done to save us,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us.

Christ was killed among us.

Christ rises again among us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts and make this bread and this cup sustenance for our Lenten journey. By your grace, may we experience anew the call you place on our lives to serve one another. In feasting at your table, may our hearts be filled with courage once again to follow Christ, come what may.

Observance of Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, your bread and your cup renew our spirits. No matter the times we have failed to show up to your call, or to our own needs, or to the cries of our neighbors, you receive us again. May your unending grace be our foundation as we journey with Christ towards justice. **Amen.**

†Song of Praise

Lord I Need You

†Benediction

Worship Notes

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Into Dust

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 1

11:15 am Youth Planning Meeting

Student Suite

No First Kids Choir Today

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Gathering

Student Suite

Monday, March 2

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, March 3

11:45 am-2:00 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, March 4

6:00 pm The Calling

Student Suite

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Thursday, March 5

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time -Clocks ahead 1 hour

Announcements

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out an information card during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Daylight Saving Time -Next Sunday

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8. Remember to turn clocks one hour ahead.

Lenten Series

Our theme for the season is *Journey Through Lent with Art*. The series includes a different work of art, a famous painting or sculpture, for every Sunday of Lent through Easter. Our worship series are often left-brain focused, taking on heavy theological topics, and trying to understand them in a new way. However, this series is about right-brained spirituality: connecting with God on a heart level. If you have ever been moved by a piece of music, a movie, or a theatrical performance, then you know art has a way of communicating beyond where words can take us. This series seeks to provide space to experience our God who is beyond all words.

Lenten Daily Reflection Email Option

During the season of Lent, you have the opportunity to receive daily Gospel reflections produced by the University Notre Dame on a different work of art for every day of Lent through Easter, with a brief meditation on each image. We begin each week's art meditations with an image from Notre Dame's campus and then moved into classical works, all illustrating the scene from the upcoming Sunday Gospel and message. To opt-in to this Lenten experience, email the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.

Youth Planning Meeting – Today – 11:15 am

Following the Combined service and Small Group hour, there will be an important planning meeting for all youth, youth leaders, and parents of youth in the Student Suite. During our Rethinking Youth Ministry Workshop this past summer, the suggestion was made to invite parents to be a more integral part of the planning process for the semester. I thought this was a fantastic idea. I am asking youth, parents, and leaders to come on Sunday March 1 with ideas of activities, topics of studies, mission opportunities, outreach events, etc. as well as important family/personal calendar dates for us to consider. I will provide as many relevant dates and possible plans so we can create something shared and exciting for the life of our ministry. I hope you will plan to join us. Light lunch will be provided. We should be done by 1:00 pm. We should be done by 1:00 pm.

First Baptist Book Club – March 26

First Baptist Book Club is a gathering for readers every other month to discuss books centered around faith formation and spirituality. To kick things off, in connection with our Lenten theme, *Journey through Lent with Art*, the first book will be *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen. By connecting with Rembrandt's painting with the same name, Nouwen shares his story in a captivating way and captures the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation. To register, email Brittany, Pastor of Spiritual Formation, at bnull@fbc-columbia.org. A new book will be selected at the end of each meeting.



For Children During Worship:

Birth-Kindergarteners can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 Childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, which is located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 years old through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups are located on the second floor:

- Discussion Group (Parlor) is discussing the book *The Color of Compromise* by Jamar Tisby, Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.
- Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.
- Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

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Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director, Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist

Marques J. Ruff, Interim Music Director-Traditional Worship

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