

Learning to
LAMENT

Our Worship of God

March 11, 2018

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

The Fourth Sunday of the Season of Lent

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Lament
Chancel Bells

Thompson

Call to Worship (responsive)

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
your steadfast love finds us.

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,
your steadfast presence gives us hope.

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,
you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

Thanks be to God!

†Processional Hymn 451

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

In All Our Grief and Fear We Turn to You

arr. Keesecker

*In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
O God, you know all that we think or do,
you know the pain we put each other through.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, grant us peace.
Help us to put aside the angry word, the clenching fist,
the wish and will to hurt.
Teach us the way in which love best is served.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, grant us peace.
You did not even spare your only Son
(O sacred head now wounded)
He lived our grief and bore all evil done,
(with grief and shame weighed down)
but through his cross, redemption has been won.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, grant us peace.
God, when we suffer all that we can bear,
then let us know that you in truth are near
and will not leave us lost in all our fear.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, grant us peace.*

Lenten Theme Interpretation

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Brittany McDonald Null

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

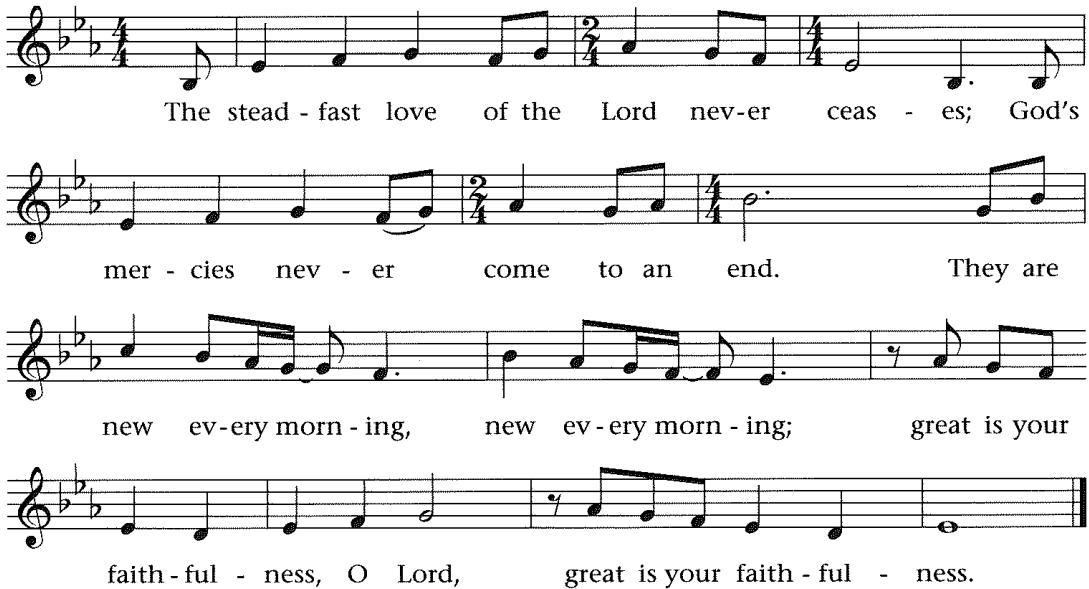
Nate Jones

Scripture Reading

Eli Marchbanks

Lamentations 3:19-26, 55-58

Refrain:



The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

(Refrain)

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

(Refrain)

I called on your name, O Lord,
from the depths of the pit;
you heard my plea, “Do not close your ear
to my cry for help, but give me relief!”
You came near when I called on you;
you said, “Do not fear!”
You have taken up my cause, O Lord,
you have redeemed my life.

(Refrain)

May the Peace of Christ dwell where the Word of God is spoken.

†Hymn 60

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Message

Glimmer of Hope

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 678

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Impromptu

Childers

†Benediction

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 11

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music

Parlor

5 pm Critical Conversations

Second Baptist Church

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Youth Suite

Monday, March 12

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

5:30-7:30 pm All Team Meeting

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 13

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, March 14

6-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth

Youth Suite

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 18

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

5 pm Practicing Lament over Comfort Food

Fellowship Hall

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Youth Suite

Announcements

All Leader Meeting – Sign Up Today

Tomorrow, March 12, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall everyone who serves on one of First Baptist's teams (Congregational Care, Teaching Team, Worship Team, Mission Team, Telling Team and Administrative Team) is invited to a Leadership Dinner. We will eat together, orient you to your work, talk about the expectations of our leaders, worship and sing. Child care is available.

Please sign up today on the clipboard so food can be ordered.

Practicing Lament over Comfort Food

On Sunday, March 18 at 5:00 pm, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to share a potluck meal. We are asking you to bring a "comfort food" to share. It could be a food associated with the security of childhood like Mom's chicken soup or an indulgence food like ice cream. Child care is available.

Palm Sunday – March 25

Palm Sunday is the Christian feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is a joyous and special day at First Baptist, with palm processions in both services. You are also invited to attend the Downtown Palm Sunday Service in conjunction with the other downtown churches. This special service takes place in the middle of the street on Broadway! We will meet on the front lawn at 10:20 and walk downtown together. If parents want their children to attend the event downtown, they will need to pick up their children and bring them.

Awakening (9:15 am) and Traditional (11:15 am) worship will meet as usual on Palm Sunday; children are invited to take part in a Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both worship services. Children will gather at the back of the church and be given palms, and when worship begins they parade down the aisle! Parents, please arrive a few minutes prior to worship so your children can join the fun.

Note: College and Young Adult Bible Study will not meet Palm Sunday.

Holy Week Schedule

Friday, March 30, Good Friday: worship service at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, March 31: Easter Egg hunt 10 am – noon. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 for games and treats. Bring your own basket!

Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday: We will share pastries and beverages between our worship services at 9:15 am and 11:15 am.

Note: College and Young Adult Bible Study will not meet Easter Sunday.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering

First Baptist will support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world during the month of March by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions.

Talking to Your Kids about Sexual Harassment and Assault

Licensed Clinical Social Worker and ordained minister LeAnn Gardner returns to First Baptist via Skype to present *Talking to Your Kids about Sexual Harassment & Assault* on Saturday, April 7. You may remember LeAnn from her SAFE Seminar in 2016. Last fall, after the “Me Too” movement exploded and women began using the hashtag on social media to demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, we decided to invite LeAnn back to help us think about how we talk to our kids about boundaries, consent, and safety throughout childhood. At First Baptist, we want to partner with parents to be the primary educators of their children in matter of faith and other important topics like sexuality.

Dinner is served at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The seminar is from 6-7:15 pm. Cost of the event is \$10/person or \$20/couple, which includes dinner for the whole family and child care for infants up to grade 5. After dinner, the nursery will open for infants. Yvette Chambers, Director of Children’s Ministry, is planning a fun evening for the children. To register, email Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org.

ForColumbia 2018

Save the date! On Saturday, April 28, we will again partner with the city-wide, multi-church day of service opportunities. We are working with event coordinators to organize and plan our work sites. Detail will be provided soon.

Spring Break Schedule

Spring break this year falls between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Our youth will not meet on Wednesday, March 28. College and Young Adult Bible Study will not meet on Palm Sunday, March 25 or on Easter Sunday, April 1. Normal schedules resume the following week. The church office remains open during the break.

Worship Notes

The Call to Worship was written by Erik Alsgaard, and posted on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

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Thank you for worshipping 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.



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

***The flowers are given by Susie & Dave Bennett
in honor of granddaughter Zoey Bennett's birthday.***

For Children During Worship:

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

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

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

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

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

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † *Ed Rollins*, Associate Pastor

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Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry

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

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