



First Baptist Church GREENWOOD

March 17, 2024



“I will meditate on Your precepts and fix
my eyes on your ways.” -Psalm 119:15

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are a warm fellowship of Christian believers.

We trust you will be blessed by your visit today. Here you can find wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and Christian growth.

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The Worship of God
March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent
FBC Baptist Women in Ministry Sunday
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: When we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord," we acknowledge that the kingdom of God has begun within us, that God's kingdom has begun to be on earth as it is in heaven. Yet, God's kingdom has not fully arrived on earth. We are still learning how to be kingdom people and how to bring others into the kingdom.

Prelude

Robert Wilson

Chiming of the Trinity

Lighting of the Gospel Candles

Cooper Ann White

Call to Worship

"Return to the Lord"
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Chancel Choir

Return to the Lord, for He is your God;
He is gracious and merciful unto you. Return.

*Processional Hymn 246 "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

Invocation and Welcome

Anna Burch

Scripture Thoughts for Children (Ages 3K - 5th Grade)

Anna Burch

*(Following Scripture Thoughts, children ages 3K through K5 will meet a
Children's Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children's Church)*

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Kelly McWhorter

(Pew Bible, OT, page 694)

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

*Offertory Hymn 191

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

Offertory Prayer

Kathleen Snead

Offertory Meditation “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Jean O. Wood Handbells

Music by Lowell Mason, arranged by Ronald Kauffmann

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*Doxology

OLD 100TH

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

Song of Remembrance

“Gentle Rose of Beauty”

Keith Jameson

*The white rose on the Communion table is in memory of
Charles “Bub” Bell and Teresa Brewington.*

Gentle Rose of Beauty

The “Rose” Song

Keith Jameson

Sweetly ♩ = 70

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature change to two flats. The tempo is marked 'Sweetly' with a quarter note equal to 70 beats per minute. The dynamics start with 'Piano' and include 'rit.' (ritardando) and 'a tempo' markings. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score consists of four lines of music, with measure numbers 4, 7, and 10 indicated at the start of their respective lines. The final measure of the fourth line ends with a double bar line.

Gen - tle rose of beau - ty,
Gen - tle soul of beau - ty,

Gen - tle rose of sub - tle per - fumed air. bloom of God's cre - a - tion,
Gen - tle soul of faith and dig - ni - ty. Soul of God's cre - a - tion,

pet - als kissed by dew, re - mind - ing all God cares for me and you, Gen - tle rose of
safe - ly in Your hand, Let them rest in Thy e - ter - nal land. Gen - tle soul of

hea - ven, here to give us joy and won - der, beau - ty, grace, and love.
hea - ven, Thank God for your life well - lived, your faith, and joy, and love.

Prayers of the People

David Jennings

When the leader says: Lord, in Your mercy
The congregation responds: Hear our 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 119:9-16
(Pew Bible, OT, page 529)

Elizabeth Nance-Coker

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Depth of Mercy”

Chancel Choir

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Depth of mercy! Depth of mercy! Depth of mercy!
Can there be Mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear, Me, the chief of sinners, spare?

Depth of mercy! Depth of mercy! I have long withstood His grace,
Long provoked Him to His face;
Would not hearken to His calls, Grieved Him by a thousand falls.

Depth of mercy! Depth of mercy! There for me the Savior stands,
Holding forth His wounded hands;
God is love! I know, I fell, Jesus weeps and loves me still,
Loves me still, loves me still. Amen.

Sermon

“Equipping for the Now and the Not Yet”

Elizabeth Nance-Coker

*Hymn of Commitment 472

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

LEMME

During the Hymn of Commitment, you are invited to respond as God leads you. Perhaps you would like to make a public profession of faith, seek to be baptized, become a member of this church family, or want to make some other commitment to God. We welcome you to come forward to share your response with the Pastor.

*Benediction

Elizabeth Nance-Coker

Choral Response 521

“Go with Us, Lord” Chancel Choir and Congregation

Words by Mary Jackson Cathey, Music by Thomas Tallis (1567); Tune: TALLIS' CANON

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Everyone sings the tune together all the way through, then in canon:

1. Congregation (Pulpit side and Balcony), 2. Congregation (Lectern side)

3. Chancel Choir

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives many be our gift to you.

Postlude

Robert Wilson

**Those who are able, please stand*

Sanctuary Flowers

During Lent, the permanent greenery arrangement on the Communion table is the only sanctuary flowers. May the simplicity of this arrangement remind us that Lent is a time of self-reflection, prayer, and focus on following Jesus' example of sacrifice and self-giving.

Welcome, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Nance-Coker

First Baptist Church welcomes Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Nance-Coker to our pulpit this morning. Dr. Nance-Coker has been the Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina since June 2022. Prior to becoming CBFSC Coordinator, Dr. Nance-Coker was the pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church in Camden, SC. She has also served in music and discipleship ministry in a variety of locations and denominational traditions. After traveling as a military family for twenty-two years, Dr. Nance-Coker and her husband, Dennis, call Columbia, SC home. They are the parents of three grown children and two teenagers.

After Worship, Come to Fellowship Hall for a Covered-dish Lunch and an Introduction to First Baptist Church's Stations of the Cross

Immediately following worship today, the Spiritual Formation, Worship, and Congregational Life Committees invite everyone to a covered-dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. During lunch, Keith Jameson will introduce the artists and poets who have contributed to the Stations of the Cross and explain the process of praying the stations.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 17

- 8:45 am Property Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship—Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Nance-Coker preaching
- Noon Covered-dish lunch introducing Stations of the Cross artists and poets and explaining how to visit the various stations
- 2:00 pm Outreach and Membership Committee
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir
- 6:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

Sunday, March 17-Friday March 29, excluding Saturday, March 23

- 1:00 pm-5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Monday March 18—**Noon, Deadline for March 20 Family Night Meal**

Tuesday, March 19

- 10:30 am *Sounds of Grace*

Wednesday, March 20

- 12:00 pm Lenten Pilgrimage lunch first seating (Main Street UMC)
- 12:30 pm Lenten Pilgrimage Service Main Street United Methodist Church
- 1:00 pm Lenten Pilgrimage lunch second seating (Main Street UMC)
- 4:30 pm Stewardship Committee
- 5:00 pm Family Night Meal
 - Adult menu:** pork loin with rosemary sauce, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, salad, Watergate salad, strawberry shortcake, cookies
 - Children's menu:** chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, apple sauce
 - (Menu is subject to change depending on food availability.)**
- 5:30 pm Children's Music Activities and Choirs
- 6:30 pm CIAs and Infant and Toddler Childcare, Holy Ground (youth), Building Blocks (adults), Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 1:30 pm Chokhmah Men's Group
- 3:30 pm Children's Easter Egg Hunt at the Weavers' home (450 Pembroke Rd).
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

CHURCH NEWS

Help FBC and Global Missions

The Laucis-Parham Circle is selling car magnets and decals with the church logo. All proceeds will go to Global Missions. Magnets \$15.00, Decal \$10.00, Both \$20.00. Members will be selling the items today in the Narthex before and after worship and on Wednesday, March 20, outside the Fellowship Hall during supper. Please make checks payable to the Laucis-Parham Circle.

Praying the Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross provide an opportunity to follow the path Jesus took without the need for travel. The Stations of the Cross highlight fourteen key events in Jesus' journey to the cross. Various artists and poets from First Baptist Church and the community have submitted pieces for the fourteen Stations of the Cross that will be positioned throughout the church and grounds. (A brochure with directions will be provided.) The stations will be available March 17–March 29 from 1:00 pm–5:00 pm, with the exception of Saturday, March 23. **Everyone is invited to a covered dish lunch after worship today.** During lunch the artists and poets will be introduced, and the journey through the stations will be explained.

Opportunities to Honor or Remember for Easter

On Easter Sunday, First Baptist will publish a list of donors and those honored or remembered through a special offering during Lent. Honor donations and memorial donations may be designated for the Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions or for the Ministry Plan. *Unfortunately, the florist moved the date for lily orders, so the deadline to order lilies has passed.* **Donation in honor or in memory of someone must be given by next Sunday, March 24, to have the name listed in the March 31 bulletin.** Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church. A form is in the church office for donors to indicate where the donation is to go and who is being honored or remembered. Since cards will be available in the church office for donors to send to recipients, no acknowledgements of these gifts will be sent by the church office.

March/April Building Blocks: “All About Missions”

During March and April, the Missions Committee is leading an overview in the Fellowship Hall of some of the First Baptist's local missions partners. Each Wednesday a representative from a local missions partner will be on hand to give a brief presentation followed by a time for discussion, questions and answers, and, during some sessions, a hands-on activity such as writing letters to veterans and overseas military personnel; preparing Easter cards for Meals on Wheels; making bowls for the Greenwood Soup Kitchen *Empty Bowls* and more. This is a wonderful time to get involved with our missions partners and learn how First Baptist can continue to grow in our mission to serve Christ.

Community Lenten Pilgrimage

Two services remain in this year's Community Lenten Pilgrimage. The service this week, March 20, is at Main Street United Methodist Church. The service next week, March 27, is at First Presbyterian Church. The services are at 12:30 pm, with lunch served at 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm for \$2.00 per plate. Offerings received during the Lenten Pilgrimages services are given to Greater Greenwood United Ministry.

Volunteer Help

A volunteer is needed for Children's Church (3K-5K) on the first Sunday in April, June, August, October, and December. Please contact Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com) to volunteer.

"Flowering" the Cross

The church family is asked to bring flowers from home to "flower" the cross on Easter. A cross with greenery will be placed in the narthex prior to service.

Chokhmah Men's Group

First Baptist is pleased to announce a new men's group called *Chokhmah Men's Group*. The initial meeting of the group is at 1:30 pm next Sunday, March 24. Chokhmah means *wisdom* in Hebrew and is pronounced hock-ma. The Chokhmah Men's Group will provide fellowship, Bible study, and service opportunities to any man interested in joining. Topics will include parenting, financial planning, stress relief, and much more. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend. Contact Jason Reed by email (reedjt14@gmail.com) or by phone (864- 941-7141) for more information and a list of calendar of events.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt is next Sunday, March 24, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm at the Weaver's home (450 Pembroke Rd). Bring your Easter baskets! Please use Google Docs to sign up for food.

Calling All Children

Next Sunday, **Palm Sunday (March 24)**, all children are invited to carry palm fronds to the altar during the processional. On **Easter Sunday (March 31)**, children will receive "Alleluia Bells" to ring on the chorus of the great Easter Hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." (Every time the word "Alleluia" is sung the children will ring their bells.) On both of these Sundays, someone will be in the Narthex at 10:45 am to distribute palms or bells.

Children's Family Activities on Wednesday Nights during District 50 Break

During District 50's intercession week and Spring Break, March 27 and April 3, Wednesday Nights will look different.

On March 27, there will be no Wednesday Night activities. Instead, the church will have a Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Childcare is available.

The second intercession week, April 3, will be a playground and picnic night from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Families are welcome to eat upstairs or get a meal to go and eat it as a picnic or bring your own. There will be no childcare for this night.

Children's Family Night Activity Rescheduled

The Children's Family Activity Night has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 14. It will still be 5:00 pm-7:00 pm with pizza supper, cookie decorating, bracelets and necklaces, and a homebound craft. RSVPs are due Thursday, April 11.

Ministry Plan Update (as of March 10):

2024 Year-to-Date Required:	\$190,078.70
2024 Year-to-Date Received:	\$150,256.71
2024 Deficit:	\$ 39,821.99



March is Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Advocacy

The list below, copied and adapted from the Baptist Women in Ministry website, suggests ways to advocate for women in ministry. First Baptist Greenwood can be proud that it is already taking many of these actions. Still, more can be done.

- Lead various church groups through studies related to women in ministry such as the updated version of *A Baptist Reflection on the Bible and Women in Ministry and Leadership* by Meredith Stone or *Equally Called*, a 4-session video and curriculum resource produced by BWIM and CBF
- Use BWIM social media graphics to create awareness in your network and community
- Advocate for ordination, pay equity, paid paternity leave, and professional development opportunities for women in ministry, and for women to be elected to community and denominational boards and committees
- Evaluate ministerial titles for women in your church, the art in your church, and the songs and liturgies used in your corporate worship. Make needed adjustments so titles, visuals, and worship materials reflect equality and have inclusive language for people and expansive language for God
- Give a scholarship to a woman preparing for ministry
- Schedule sexual misconduct, harassment, and assault training for leaders in your congregation
- Donate to support a woman missionary whose work benefits women
- Find a tangible way to encourage the women who serve as chaplains
- Engage biblical support for women in ministry and women's equality in Bible studies, sermons, and youth/children's lessons
- Implement spiritual formation resources that are empowering to women and girls
- Start a book club about the challenges that women face in the church
- Host an experienced woman in ministry to visit with younger women about discerning a call to ministry
- Evaluate and restructure lay leadership in your congregation to intentionally include women in all levels of leadership (deacon body, church council, committees, etc.)
- Utilize liturgical resources that highlight women in the liturgical texts .
- If you are a male minister or leader, find one opportunity that you have been given which you might be able to share with a woman instead of accepting it yourself
- Partner in the ways Baptist Women in Ministry advocates for women in ministry by giving an individual or congregational donation or by becoming a Salome Community monthly donor
- Attend a screening near you of BWIM's documentary *Midwives of a Movement*.

From <https://bwim.info/bwim-month-of-advocacy/> March 11, 2024

Praying the



March 17-29
Except : Saturday, March 23

1:00 -5:00 pm

**A brochure will be provided to guide
your journey and your prayer experience.
The Stations of the Cross will begin at the
entrance under the covered drive.**



ILLUMINARE

ELAINE HAGENBERG

**Good Friday Service
March 29th at 7:00 pm**

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

**Featuring choirs from
First Presbyterian, First Baptist, Main Street UMC,
St. Mark UMC, Our Lady of Lourdes,
and Rock Presbyterian**

Accompanied by chamber orchestra

Event is free and open to the public



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- ☐ I am a friend or family of
a member at FBC
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