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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the First Sunday in Lent — “in” and not “of” because every Sunday as the Lord’s Day is a little Easter. Lent is a season of penitence and reflection as we follow Jesus on the way to the cross. Thus, we wear purple stoles, create space for confession, and read traditional texts that invite reflection. The sermon explores the familiar Lent 1 reading from Genesis 2 and 3 which is paired with the story of Jesus’ temptations. Traditional interpretations contrast the first man and woman’s failure in regard to temptation with Jesus’ success, but might there be other dimensions to this ancient story? Might there be another way to read the story that speaks to the complexities of contemporary life? As we ponder these questions, our spirits are lifted by glorious sacred music led by people of all ages, and we are invited to join in with songs of praise.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Michael Hood

The Trinity Chimes

*Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.”*

The Prelude

“Solemn Melody”  
Henry Walford Davies

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

LEADER: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

PEOPLE: **The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

LEADER: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

PEOPLE: **Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

LEADER: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?.

PEOPLE: **We worship the Lord our God alone.**

The Invocation

1. O wor-ship the King, all glo-rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
 3. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the  
 4. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we

sing his power and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the  
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
 air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -  
 trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies how ten - der, how

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 thun - der clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend.

WORDS: Robert Grant, 1833; para. of Psalm 104  
 MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, Vol. II, 1815; attr. Johann M. Haydn, 18th C.

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### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

#### The Call to Confession

from Psalm 32

LEADER: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

PEOPLE: **Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

LEADER: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

PEOPLE: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

LEADER: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity.

PEOPLE: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

#### The Silent Confession

#### The Assurance of Pardon

## The Act of Praise

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the words "for - giv - en" and "Thanks be to God".

Words and Music: Hal H. Hopson, 1995

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Anne Bullard

<sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Fe y Esperanza (Faith and Hope)"

Youth Choir

Melinda Ramseth Hoiland

Rhonda Lowe, piano

Fe y Esperanza, we live by faith and hope. We have faith in God who loves us and in Jesus, God's Son. And we hope that the world will someday live as one. God has given us many blessings and gifts to share with our brothers and our sisters in the world everywhere.

Words: based upon Psalm 66

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— <sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

“Lead Me, Lord”  
Samuel S. Wesley

Sanctuary Choir  
Trio: Lily Dean  
Alice Strickland  
Catherine Yelverton

Lead me, Lord; lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Words: Psalms 4:9; 5:8

The Morning Prayer

Christopher Chapman

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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

1. O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3. For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his  
 4. For us to e - vil power be-trayed, scourged, mocked, in

thought and fan - ta - sy: that God, the Son of  
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and  
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver-threw.  
 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 cross and death, for us gave up his dy - ing breath.

5. For us he rose from death again;  
 for us he went on high to reign;  
 for us he sent his Spirit here  
 to guide, to comfort, and to cheer.

6. All glory to our Lord and God  
 for love so deep, so high, so broad—  
 the Trinity whom we adore  
 forever and forevermore.

WORDS: Anonymous Latin hymn, 15th C.; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1854, alt.  
 MUSIC: Trier manuscript, 15th C.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

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## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself during the singing of the Hymn of Discipleship. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to reflect upon their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.*

\*The Hymn of Discipleship

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

MERLE’S TUNE



1. Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make, the  
2. Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way, whose  
3. Di - vine E - ter - nal Lov - er, you meet us on the road. We



path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take. The  
hope burns through the ter - rors, whose love sus - tains the day. We  
wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow. But



trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round, then  
yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound. To -  
wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round. Our



leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991

Music: Hal H. Hopson, 1983



## DEPARTING TO SERVE

\*The Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you;  
and give you peace. The Lord make his face  
to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord be gracious unto you. Amen.

Words: Numbers 6:24-26  
Music: Peter Lutkin, 1900

\*The Chimes

*Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you go, remember, "you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people."*

\*The Postlude

"Epilogue"  
Norman Gilbert

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Anne Bullard. A 37-year member of First Baptist, Anne serves as a co-teacher for The Journey class and as the vice chair of the diaconate. She is a Homebound Ministry visitor, a *First Foundations* magazine contributor, and a member of the Sanctuary Choir. Anne and her husband Matt have two adult children, Catherine and Madison.

Today's acolytes are CeCe and Jackson Bisette.

The banner is sponsored today by Dr. Charles and Jamie Petty in gratitude for all FBC Mission Teams with a donation to the Day Mission Fund. The flowers in the Gathering Room are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the lives and ministry of Lou Lolley and Randall Lolley by their former congregations: First Baptist of Greensboro and First Baptist on Fifth in Winston-Salem.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, March 1; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm, in-person and via Zoom (link may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*). On March 1 and 8, we will explore the spiritual practice of “*visio divina*,” (sacred seeing) by using images from the art and architecture of First Baptist’s historic sanctuary as guides for reflection and prayer.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice](http://www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice)), by email ([dmast@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu for March 1 is: smothered chicken with red potatoes and mixed veggies; non-meat option: mock smothered chicken; kids: chicken nuggets.

Please keep the 17 people going on the middle school retreat to Camp Caraway in your prayers. They leave Friday, March 3, and return Sunday, March 5.

Next Sunday, we welcome Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, as our preacher.

If you are interested in being a part of a new Sunday School class for young couples, please come to a “Sunday School Kickoff” on Saturday, March 4, 5–7pm in the parlor and also to our first class discussion on Sunday, March 5, at 9:45am, in room 224. For additional information, please contact Lou Anne and John Liverman ([louanne.live@gmail.com](mailto:louanne.live@gmail.com)) or Tonya and Lin Carter ([tonyacarter5@gmail.com](mailto:tonyacarter5@gmail.com)).

The CBF Annual Gathering will be held Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24, at Ardmore Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. This year’s event will be in-person as well as live-streamed. For more details and a link to register, see *The Rose Window Weekly*.

Register now for the churchwide retreat in Black Mountain on April 14–16. Pricing and more details can be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*; email Leah Reed ([lreed@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lreed@fbcraleigh.org)) with the total number of adults and children in your party, along with your sleeping preferences (number per room). The deadline to register has been extended to March 6.

In the case of inclement weather, cancellation information about scheduled activities will be noted on a recorded greeting on the office voice mail (919-832-4485) and posted on our home page and on social media (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram). Information will also be supplied to WRAL-TV (1st Baptist, Salisbury St) and WTVD-TV (First Baptist Church–Salisbury St.).

The Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. So far, we have received \$6,834 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Diaper changing stations are located in the men’s and women’s bathrooms on each floor of the Lewis building, and a nursing room is located in our preschool suite on the first floor.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship bags are located in the narthex and in the Gathering Room; preschoolers (birth – kindergarten) are also welcome to join the supervised play in the preschool suite on first floor.

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**Calendar Highlights**  
**February 26–March 5**

Sunday, February 26

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)  
JBC worship (226)
- 12:00 RA car race (fellowship hall)
- 3:00 Thirty-Niners outing (Theatre in the Park)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

Monday, February 27

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 6:30 High school Bible study (Wade home)  
Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, February 28

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)

Wednesday, March 1

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, March 2

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)

Friday, March 3–Sunday, March 5

Middle School retreat to Camp Caraway

Saturday, March 4

- 7:00 New Sunday School class kick-off (parlor)

Sunday, March 5

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Paul Baxley preaching (sanctuary & YouTube)  
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