

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the First Sunday in Lent, a season of penitence and reflection as we follow Jesus on the way to the cross. In this season, we make time for confession and assurance, wear purple stoles, and consider stories that provide insight into not just who Jesus is but what it means to follow him. We begin with the story of Jesus' temptations, considering the primary focus on his character and identity, and then pondering the ways we are tempted to be someone other than who God calls us to be. The worship music and liturgy reflect all these themes, creating space for worship and devotion amidst all the challenges we face.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Lynn Lingafelt

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

Amanda LaBrecque, oboe

"Gabriel's Oboe (from *The Mission*)"
Ennio Morricone

The Introit

"Come One, Come All, Come Follow" Gradeschool Choir
Philip R. Dietterich Rhonda Lowe, dir.

Come one, come all, come follow the call of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all.
He'll teach you to walk, he'll teach you to talk, to share in his love every day.
He'll teach you to work, he'll teach you to play, to share in his love every day.

Words: Philip R. Dietterich 1991

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

PEOPLE: The journey begins in the wilderness.

LEADER: The call we follow is the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

PEOPLE: Like Jesus, we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

LEADER: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**PEOPLE: For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Lord God,
you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give us life.
You know our nakedness,
and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.
Have mercy on us, we pray:
cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life,
and re-create us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Act of Praise

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.

Words: Hal H. Hopson, 1995

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Adam Harker

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but 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.”

¹Now 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?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but 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.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So 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. ⁷Then 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.**

¹²As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But 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 gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore 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. ¹⁹For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through 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

“Show Me Thy Ways”

Sanctuary Choir

Walter Pelz

Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths;
Lead me in thy truth and teach me,
for thou at the God of my salvation,
and on thee do I wait all the day.

Words: Psalm 25:4-5

The Morning Prayer

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.**

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then 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.**

*The Hymn of Devotion

“Guide My Feet”

GUIDE MY FEET



1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand while I run this race,
3. Stand by me
4. I'm your child



Guide my feet
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Stand by me
I'm your child



Guide my feet
Hold my hand while I run this race, For I
Stand by me
I'm your child



don't want to run this race in vain.

Words and Music: African American Spiritual

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Considering Our Temptations”

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

“When We Are Tested”

SLANE

**When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.**

**When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.**

**When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

Words: Ruth Duck, 1996
Music: Slane, Irish traditional

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

*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

“Caccia”
Norman Dello Joio

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Adam Harker. A first-term deacon and a 14-year member, Adam and his wife Anza have two children, Ava and Nora. Adam and Anza have both recently accepted jobs at Washington and Lee University, and will be moving to Lexington, VA, close to Adam's family. It is with heavy hearts that they say goodbye to their FBC family. The love, support, and faith they have experienced here have shaped their lives and their children's lives in ways they will always cherish.

Our acolyte and Bible bearer for this Sunday are Evie and Tony Filomena.

Today's pulpit parament is sponsored by Dr. Charles and Jamie Petty in thankfulness for all White Flag volunteers. A donation has been made to the Day Mission Fund.

Sympathy to the family of Julian Hughes, who died January 4.

There are two openings — on April 26 and May 31 — for sponsorship of the pulpit parament or flowers. Please contact Myra Brickell with your interest.

For our February mission project, we are collecting boxes of individual servings of cocoa (not the canisters) and boxes of herbal teabags for the women who stay with us through the White Flag program. You may place them in the marked drawer of the cabinet in the Lewis Building lobby any time during the month of February.

Church conference: Wednesday, February 25; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and meeting at 6pm, in person and via Zoom (link and documents may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*).

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu on February 25 is: meatballs with rice and steamed asparagus; veg option: tofu.

Tomorrow is the last day you may register for our churchwide retreat to the Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain on March 20–22. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for details and registration information.

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

In the event of an emergency, first aid kits can be found at the greeting desk in the Lewis Lobby and in the workroom in the church office. The church has two defibrillators (AED): one between the elevator and the church offices on the second floor and one on the main floor behind the sanctuary on the Edenton Street side.

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.

To access the church WiFi, please use our guest network: *FBC-MG*; password: "biography." You will need to sign in upon each use.

 To facilitate your giving to FBC, use this QR code to link to the website for our main electronic giving and the page that lists all our e-giving options and instructions.

Visiting? We'd love to get to know you. Scan the QR code to the right to share your contact information.



Calendar Highlights • February 22–March 1

Sunday, February 22

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room/Zoom)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- Adult Ministries Council meeting (fellowship hall)
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
- JBC worship (227)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (302/Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)

Monday, February 23

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, February 24

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)

Wednesday, February 25

- 5:00 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:00 Church conference (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's Missions (preschool and children's suites)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, February 26

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners lunch outing (Amedeo's, 3905 Western Blvd)

Friday, February 27–Sunday, March 1

Youth Choir trip (Charlotte)

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room/Zoom)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)
- JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Handbell rehearsal (302)

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A place of grace, a place of challenge, a place for you.