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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Third Sunday in Lent, a season of penitence and reflection, as we follow Jesus on the way to the cross. It is also the 214th anniversary of our church, an opportunity we have each year to consider the distinctive beliefs and practices that have shaped this church over the centuries. These two themes work together well today as we reflect on the familiar story about Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at a well. This meeting tells us a great deal about Jesus' ministry and thus offers insights into how we best follow him, and everything we discover is found in the history of how FBC Raleigh has approached ministry. We continue to offer prayers of confession, seeking honesty and growth in our shared journey. We share sacred music that allows us to honor God and press further in examining our hearts. We conclude with a responsive reading of our church covenant which was last revised in 1873 but still speaks to the heart of who we are and who we might become.

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

"Reflection on KINGSFOLD"
Maureen Howell

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The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: O come, let us worship and bow down;

PEOPLE: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

LEADER: The hour is coming and is now here.

PEOPLE: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*The Hymn of Praise, 634 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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*The Invocation

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note 'Take,' followed by a quarter note 'O', then a quarter note 'take me as I am;', and finally a quarter note 'sum - mon out what I shall'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note 'be;', followed by a quarter note 'set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4.

Words and Music: John L. Bell, 1995

The Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.
Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord,
and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Act of Praise

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of quarter notes: B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a half note F#3, and then a series of quarter notes: E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2.

cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's grace,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff continues with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of quarter notes: B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The bass staff continues with a half note G3, followed by a half note F#3, and then a series of quarter notes: E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2.

grace that is great - er than all our sin!

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff continues with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of quarter notes: B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The bass staff continues with a half note G3, followed by a half note F#3, and then a series of quarter notes: E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Words: Julia H. Johnston, 1910;
Music: D. B. Towner, 1910

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Exodus 17:1-7

Mike Dare

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

The Anthem

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Sanctuary Choir

Thomas Keesecker

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert, 1633

The Gospel

John 4:5–42

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I



un - to me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry
 hold, I free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter;
 am this dark world's light; Look un - to me, your



one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I
 thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live." I
 morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, So
 came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
 looked to Je - sus, and I found In



wea - ry, worn, and sad; I found in him a
 that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
 him my star, my sun; And in that light of



rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
 soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
 life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Allowing the Ministry of Jesus To Shape Ours”

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, 722

KING'S WESTON

“When the Church of Jesus”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction (responsive)

Church Covenant

In recognition of our church's 214th anniversary.

Adopted December 21, 1823

Revised February 27, 1873

LEADER: "As we trust we have been brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the influence of His Spirit to give ourselves up to Him,

PEOPLE: **So we do now solemnly covenant with each other, that, God enabling us, we will walk together in brotherly love;**

LEADER: That we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, rebuke, and admonish one another, as the case shall require;

PEOPLE: **That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together nor omit the great duty of prayer, both for ourselves and for others;**

LEADER: That we will participate in each other's joys, and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy, to bear each other's burdens and sorrows;

PEOPLE: **That we will earnestly endeavor to bring up such as may be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord;**

LEADER: That we will seek divine aid to enable us to walk circumspectly and watchfully in the world, denying ungodliness and every worldly lust;

PEOPLE: **That we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us;**

LEADER: That we will endeavor, by example and effort, to win souls to Christ;

PEOPLE: **And, through life, amidst evil report and good report, seek to live to the glory of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light."**

LEADER: "And may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory, forever and ever. Amen."

*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

“Trumpet Tune
Brenda Portman

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Mike Dare. A 38-year member of FBC, Mike and his wife Meg have four children: Mitch, Montana, Jeremy, and Claudia.

Asher and Chase Helms are our acolyte and Bible bearer today.

The sanctuary flowers for worship today are in celebration of the wedding of Linda Clayton and Kerry Eggleston at First Baptist Church yesterday, March 7.

The Rev. Dr. Darian Bouie, pastor of FBC Wilmington Street, will speak at this week's Thirty-Niners' meeting, and will be bringing a few parishioners with him.

For the March Mission Project, we are supporting the work of The Poe Center, which partners with schools and organizations to provide health education to both children and adults. We are collecting various first aid items, a list of which may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*. You may place your donations in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis lobby throughout the month.

The CBF Annual Gathering will be held Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. For more details and a link to register, see *The Rose Window Weekly*.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, March 4; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm, in person and via Zoom (link may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*). Dennis Ellis leads us in our Lenten Study of *Wendell Berry and the Sabbath Poetry of Lent*. Berry's Sabbath poems were written as a spiritual practice of slowing down and paying attention to the presence of God in creation and daily life.

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 March 11 is: taco bar (beef and turkey) with rice, corn, and black beans.

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.

Calendar Highlights • March 8–15

Sunday, March 8 *Daylight Saving Time resumes*

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room/Zoom)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
 JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 RA car race and hot dog lunch (302)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301/302)
- 6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)

Monday, March 9

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 1:00 Funeral for Betty Purser (sanctuary)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

- 5:00 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:00 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Evening Bells rehearsal (302)
 Children's Missions (preschool and children's suites)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, March 12

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

Saturday, March 14

- 12:00 Unity class chili cookoff (301)

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 GA tea (302)
- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room/Zoom)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
 JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
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A place of grace, a place of challenge, a place for you.