

The Worship of God

The Eighth Sunday in Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Preparation for Worship

Barbara Jacobs

Welcome

Greg Pope

Welcome to all who are gathered for worship today at FBC Fitzgerald. We seek to be an inclusive fellowship offering a place to grow, to serve, and to experience the unconditional love of God. If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card found on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Please introduce yourself to the pastor on your way out and let us know if you have any questions about our church.

The Life of the Church

Please read the announcements found in the worship bulletin and participate wherever you are able.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 99 and Matthew 17.7

The Holy One is our sovereign.

Let us praise God's great and awesome name.

Mighty ruler, lover of justice,
you desire fairness among us.

You have blessed us with revelations of your glory.

Give us the gift of faith,

that we may hear your voice for ourselves,

that we may see Jesus Christ revealed to us,

that we may stand together without fear.

Let us worship the God who guides us.

Songs of praise we will lift to our God forever.

Hymn for Worship 51

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Prayers of the People

Greg Pope

A Moment with Our Children

The Welcome of Children

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Congregation

CHILDREN

*Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight—
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

The Children's Lesson

(After a Moment with the Children, preschool through kindergarten age children will exit to the preschool building for Extended Session.)

Greg Pope

Song of Blessing for our Children

God Be with You Here

Congregation

Kyle D. Matthews

*God be with you here! God be with you there! (repeat)
God's love will always hold you tight, even when you're out of sight!*

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24.12-18

Reader: The Gift of Holy Scripture

All: Thanks be to God

Ryan Pope

Hymn 25

Immortal, Invisible

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The Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Greg Pope

Message in Music

He's Been Faithful
Soloist: Amanda Roberts

Sanctuary Choir

Cymbala

Instrumental Special Music

Susan Spivey

Sermon

The Very First Time

Kristen Pope Mathis

Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

*We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.*

We are called to be the church:

*to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to follow Jesus, crucified and risen, our Savior and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.*

Congregation

Invitation to Discipleship and Community

If you are feeling led to publicly profess your faith in Christ as Savior and Lord or to join your life with this community of faith, you are invited to come forward during the hymn of response and share that decision with the pastor. If you have any questions about membership, you are welcome to speak with the pastor at any time. For all worshipers, may this be a time of rededication of our lives to the kingdom of God and the way of Jesus.

Hymn of Response 382

Be Thou My Vision

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The Invitation to Give of Ourselves and Our Gifts

As you leave the sanctuary you are invited to place your offering in the offering plates located in the narthex. Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks. If you are in need of personal offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

Benediction

Greg Pope

Postlude

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Barbara Jacobs

**Our Service of Worship has Ended.
Our Worship Through Service is Beginning.**

About our Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher today is Kristen Pope Mathis, the oldest daughter of Greg and Cindy Pope. For the past five years she has been the Minister of Faith Development at First Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia. She was ordained by Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Atlanta. She is a graduate of Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky where she received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She received her Masters of Divinity at McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta. She recently married Ben Mathis of Rome in October 2022. They are the proud parents of an Australian Shepherd named Zoey.

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of W.D. (Bill) Brown by Ollie Brown, Debra Weil, Deena Smith, Shannon Deen, and John David McLeod and families.

Rosebud

Patsy Cook and Judy Dale would like to share joyful news with our church family. The rosebud in the sanctuary today is placed in honor of their new great grandson, Alexander Wesley Cook, born on February 8, 2023, in Birmingham, Alabama. Proud parents are Rob and Sequaya Cook and grandparents Ashley Cook and Dee Ann Cook. He was welcomed home by his big sister Evie.

Worship Schedule

Wednesday February 22
Ash Wednesday Service
6:00 pm in Sanctuary
Scripture: Isaiah 58.1-12. Psalm 51.1-17.
2 Corinthians 5.20-6:10.
Matthew 6.1-18

The entrance into the season of Lent.

Sunday February 26 - The First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7. Psalm 32.
Romans 5:12-19. Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon: *The Wilderness, The Canyon, The Tie*

Children's Ministry Children's Events

Sunday School (10:00am)
Children's Choir (5:30pm Wednesdays)
(Children's Choir Room above the Breezeway)
Mission Friends, GAs & RAs (6:00pm Wednesdays)
PASSPORTkids Summer Camp (3rd-6th Grade)
Camp dates are July 16-19
Camp deposit of \$150 was due on February 15.
Please make arrangements to pay this as soon as possible.
Scholarships will be available if needed.
Please contact Carly if you have any questions.

Youth Ministry Events

Sunday School (10:00am Youth Room)
Wednesday Night Live (6:00pm Youth Room)
Sign-up NOW for
Youth Summer Mission Camp
and to participate in Youth Sunday worship.
Youth Sunday is on March 12 and Youth Camp dates are June 11-14
Youth Camp deposit is \$50 and due by March 12

Music Ministry

COME JOIN THE CHOIR!

If you would like to join the Adult Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra,
and/or Handbells, please contact Blane for more information.

February 26 (2:00pm) Youth Puppet rehearsal followed by Youth Handbells

March 5 (2:00pm) Youth Puppet rehearsal followed by Youth Handbells

Women on Mission Bible Study

February 21, 2023
10:00am (Library)

55+Club/Young at Heart Luncheon

March 6, 2023
12:00pm (Burch Hall)
Speaker: Melissa Dark
President and CEO
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Chamber of Commerce

CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 24.12-18. Psalm 99*

3:45 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 17.1-9. 2 Peter 1.16-21. Psalm 99*

B&G Lawn Care Contract Bid Closes.....please turn in all bids at the church office

10:00 AM.....Women on Mission Bible Study (Library)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 *The season of Lent Begins*

Daily Scripture: *Joel 2.1-2, 12-17a. 2 Corinthians 5.20-6:10. Psalm 51.1-17. Matthew 6.1-18*

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir*

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs*

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)*

6:00 PM.....Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 2.15-17; 3:1-7. Psalm 32*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Daily Scripture: *Romans 5.12-19. Psalm 32*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 4.1-11. Psalm 32*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*

10:40 AM.....Children's Choir meet in Sanctuary for quick rehearsal before worship*

11:00 AM.....Worship Service*

2:00 PM.....Youth Puppets followed by Youth Handbells at 2:30 PM

4:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 2.15-17; 3:1-7. Psalm 32*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Daily Scripture: *Romans 5.12-19. Psalm 32*

3:45 PM.....Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 4.1-11. Psalm 32*

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir*

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs*

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)*

6:00 PM.....Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)*

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