

The Worship of God

First Sunday in Lent

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Preparation for Worship

Barbara Jacobs

Welcome

Blane Jacobs

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

Hymn for Worship 283

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

Call to Confession

Psalm 32

Greg Pope

Prayers of the People

A Moment with Our Children

The Welcome of Children

At the Cross

Congregation

HUDSON

*At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away—It was there by faith
I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.*

The Children's Choir

*Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
(After the Children sing, preschool through kindergarten age children
will exit to the preschool building for Extended Session.)*

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

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

Reader: The Gift of Holy Scripture

All: Thanks be to God

Greg Pope

Hymn 293

Rise Up, O Church of God

ST. THOMAS

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Emma McLeod

Message in Music

Amazing Grace

Sanctuary Choir
arr. Turner

Instrumental Special Music

Susan Spivey

Sermon

The Wilderness, The Canyon, The Tie

Greg Pope

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
worshippers, may this be a time of rededication of our lives to the
kingdom of God and the way of Jesus.*

Hymn of Response 286

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

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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Susan Spivey

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

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Felix and Emma Lee Liles by Lee and Francine Liles, Freeman and Laura Liles and family, and Tyler and Leslie Clemons and Family.

Worship Schedule

Wednesday March 1
6:00 Burch Hall
Bible Study Through Paul's Letter to the Philippians
Philippians 1.22-26

Sunday March 5 - The Second Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a. Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17. John 3:1-17
Sermon: *The Struggle to Believe:
Nicodemus Shares His Story*

Sunday March 12 - The Third Sunday in Lent
Youth Sunday
Blane Jacobs' 30th Anniversary

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.

TODAY, FEBRUARY 26 (2:00pm)

Youth Puppet rehearsal followed by Youth Handbells

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

LOOKING AHEAD INTO MARCH

March Ushers: Gene Mason, Bryan Griffin, Mike Sherret, Brent Brown, Paul Dawson, David Herlovich, Ken Thames, Michael Baxter, Edward Hill, Jr.

Mon Mar 6 55+ Club Luncheon (12pm Burch Hall)

Sun Mar 12 Youth Sunday (11am Sanctuary)

Sun Mar 12 Deacons' Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)

Wed Mar 15 "Love Box" (Last day for orders and to turn in money)

Tue Mar 21 Women On Mission Bible Study (10am Library)

Sat Mar 25 "Love Box" Packing & Distribution Day (7am Gym)

CHURCH CALENDAR

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.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)*

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 12.1-4a. Psalm 121*

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Daily Scripture: *Romans 4.1-5, 13-17. Psalm 121*

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Daily Scripture: *John 3.1-17. Psalm 121*

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

2:00 PM.....Youth Puppet rehearsal followed by Youth Handbells

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 12.1-4a. Psalm 121*

12:00 PM.....55+Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (Burch Hall)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Daily Scripture: *Romans 4.1-5, 13-17. Psalm 121*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Daily Scripture: *John 3.1-17. Psalm 121*

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

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

6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)*

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 17.1-7. Psalm 95*

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Daily Scripture: *Romans 5.1-11. Psalm 95*

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Daily Scripture: *John 4.5-42. Psalm 95*

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 (Daylight Savings Time Begins)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

1:30 PM.....Deacons' Meeting (Mann Hall)

2:00 PM.....Youth Puppet rehearsal followed by Youth Handbells

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

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The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

11 O'clock in the Morning



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