

The Worship of God

Second Sunday in Lent

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Preparation for Worship

Barbara Jacobs

Welcome

Carly Harper

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

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills. Where will our help come from?
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
The Lord who keeps us will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.
Let us worship our faithful God.

Hymn for Worship 66

To God Be the Glory

Crosby/Doane

Prayers of the People

Blane Jacobs

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 Lesson

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

Carly Harper

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!*

Hymn 409

I Know Whom I Have Believed

EL NATHAN

The Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Scott Spivey

Message in Music

You Are My Song

Sanctuary Choir
Williams/Martin

Instrumental Special Music

Susan Spivey

Sermon

Nicodemus Shares His Story

Greg Pope

Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Congregation

*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.*

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 410

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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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.**

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Brad Bryant, Charlie Beall, David McCranie, Johnny Whidden, Alan "Snake" Dixon, Dr. Bill Hammond, Ted Cowan, Gary "Bull" Giddens, Ronnie Phillips, Ron Hannon, Arthur Hill, Jerry "Flop" Fletcher, and Bill Liles who were members of The Sportsman's Sunday School Class.

Worship Schedule

Wednesday March 8

6:00 Burch Hall

Bible Study led by Charlie Solomon

Sunday March 12 - The Third Sunday in Lent

Youth Sunday

The Celebration of Blane Jacobs' 30th Anniversary

Wednesday March 15

6:00 Burch Hall

Bible Study led by Charlie Solomon

Sunday March 19 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16.1-13. Psalm 23

Ephesians 5.8-14. John 9.1-41

Sermon: *To See or Not to See*

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 next Sunday, 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, MARCH 5 (2:00pm)

Youth Puppet rehearsal followed by Youth Handbells

55+Club/Young at Heart

Luncheon

Monday, March 6, 2023

12:00pm (Burch Hall)

Speaker: Melissa Dark

President and CEO

Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Chamber of Commerce

Don't be late next Sunday morning...



be sure to set your clocks forward before going to bed on Saturday night!

CHURCH CALENDAR

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)

5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, MARCH 13

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

3:45 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Daily Scripture: *1 Samuel 16.1-13. Psalm 23*

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 (St. Patrick's Day)

Daily Scripture: *Ephesians 5.8-14. Psalm 23*

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Daily Scripture: *John 9.1-41. Psalm 23*

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

12:00....."From a Prayer Chapel to a Prayer Garden" Spaghetti Lunch and Cake Auction – following worship service, Meal Cost \$10 per plate

5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

Ministers
Pastor
Minister of Music & Youth
Director of Children's Activities
Organist
Pianist
Custodian

All Members
Rev. Greg Pope
Rev. Blane Jacobs
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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

11 O'clock in the Morning



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