

The Worship of God

The First Sunday of Lent

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

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 it is passed later in the service.** Please introduce yourself to the pastor on your way out and let us know if you have any questions about our church.

To Our Guests

Thank you for joining us in worship today! We invite you to scan this QR Code so that we may get in touch with you, or to sign up for our newsletter.



The Life of the Church

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

Prelude

Hymn for Worship 515

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

McDANIEL

Prayers of the People

Greg Pope

A Moment with Our Children

Congregational Fellowship and Welcoming of Children At the Cross

SAFETY

*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

Carly Harper

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

Special Music

Amanda Roberts

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Rick Bostleman

Offertory Hymn 471

The Way of the Cross Leads Home

Pounds/Gabriel

Offertory Prayer

Give Online

Your tithes, offerings, and gifts are more important than ever. We make giving online quick and easy. Use the QR code to make your donation.



Offertory

Behold the Lamb

Sanctuary Choir
Rambo

Special Music

Susan Spivey

Sermon

I Thirst

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

Hymn of Response 398

Fill My Cup, Lord

Blanchard

Benediction

Greg Pope

Postlude

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Barbara Jacobs

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

Sanctuary 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.

Worship Schedule

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| February 25 | The Second Sunday in Lent
<i>My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?</i>
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16. Psalm 22:23-31.
Romans 4:14-25. Mark 8:31-38 |
| March 3 | The Third Sunday in Lent
<i>Behold Your New Family</i>
Exodus 20:1-17. Psalm 19.
1 Corinthians 1:18-25. John 2:13-22 |
| March 10 | The Fourth Sunday in Lent
<i>Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise</i>
Numbers 21:4-9. Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22.
Ephesians 2:1-10. John 3:14-21 |

Wednesday Vespers

11:00am and 6:00pm Burch Hall

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| February 21 | Winter Break
(No Wednesday Events) |
| February 28 | Psalm 51 (I) |
| March 6 | Psalm 51 (II) |

**Church Conference
and Lunch**
Today, February 18, 2024
Following service in Burch Hall

**Children's Ministry
Children's Events**
Sunday School (10:00am)
Children's Choir meet at 5:30pm in the
Children's Choir Room (Upstairs Breezeway)
Mission Friends meet at 6pm (Pre-school Building)
GAs & RAs meet at 6pm (Upstairs Breezeway)

Youth Ministry Events
Summer Youth Mission Camp Sign Up is Now Open.
Deadline to sign up and pay the \$50 non-refundable deposit is March 31st.
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE THIS WEEK.
Sunday School at 10am.

Music Ministry
The next choir rehearsal will meet at 9:15am in the
Sanctuary on February 25th. If you can't make rehearsal,
join us at 10:45am in the Choir Room to warm up.

Ladies Bible Study Group
Meeting every Sunday afternoon at their new time,
5:00pm in Mann Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to come.

Women on Mission Bible Study
Tuesday, February 20
10:00am Library

**55+ Club/Young at Heart
Covered Dish Luncheon**
Monday, March 4, 2024
12:00pm (Burch Hall)
Hosts: Susan Griffin, Gail Giddens,
Jim & Brenda Womack, and Jane Ellen Phillips

CHURCH CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:00 AM.....Staff Meeting
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Youth Sunday*
12:00 PM.....Lunch & Quarterly Church Conference following Worship
5:00 PM.....Note: time change.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Daily Scripture: *Genesis 9:8-17. Psalm 25.1-10*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Daily Scripture: *1 Peter 3:18-22. Psalm 25.1-10*
10:00 AM.....Women On Mission Bible Study (Library)
10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Daily Scripture: *Mark 1:9-15. Psalm 25.1-10*
WINTER BREAK – No Wednesday Events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Daily Scripture: *Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16. Psalm 22.23-31*
10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Daily Scripture: *Romans 4.14-25. Psalm 22.23-31*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Daily Scripture: *Mark 8.31-38. Psalm 22.23-31*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Youth Sunday*
5:00 PM.....Note: time change.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Daily Scripture: *Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16. Psalm 22.23-31*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Daily Scripture: *Romans 4.14-25. Psalm 22.23-31*
10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Daily Scripture: *Mark 8.31-38. Psalm 22.23-31*
11:00 AM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)
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)*

Ministers	All Members
Pastor	Rev. Greg Pope
Minister of Music & Youth	Rev. Blane Jacobs
Administrative Assistant	Ms. Dana Luckie
Director of Children's Activities	Ms. Carly Harper
Church Administrator	Mr. Byron Smith
Organist	Ms. Barbara Jacobs
Pianist	Ms. Susan Spivey
Nursery Staff	Ms. Dana Luckie, Ms. Candy Herod, and Miss Megan McLeod
Custodian	Mr. Jeffrey Morgan

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**The First Sunday
Of Lent**
February 18, 2024
11 O'clock in the Morning



First Baptist Church
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community seeking to extend the open
hand of God's grace to meet physical
and spiritual needs through worship,
education, ministry, fellowship,
and spiritual nurturing.*