

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

March 8, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Third  
Sunday  
in Lent



## PRELUDE

Prelude on St. Denio

R. Lau

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## LENTEN KYRIE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

BEACH SPRING

WORDS: Marva J. Dawn (1948- )  
MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942- )  
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1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still-ness of God's peace;  
2 In the pas-tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our soul.  
3 Come, then, chil-dren, with your bur - dens— life's con - fu - sions, fears and pain.

from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.  
 From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole.  
 Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's reign.

Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied pace;  
 At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly fed.  
 Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he a - lone will sat - is - fy.

come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.  
 With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.  
 All our long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

**\*INVOCATION AND 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.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Adapted from Re:worship)*

O Lord,  
we confess we often miss your miracles,  
assuming everything is the work of our hands.  
We follow our own course rather than trusting in you.  
We put our own understanding above your wisdom.  
We miss opportunities to extend forgiveness.  
We fail to be reconciled to our neighbour.

Forgive us Lord. Quench our thirst with your grace.  
Remold us into vessels of tenderness and compassion.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

## RESPONSIVE KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy (sing 3x)

J.M. Talbot

*Unison*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

WORDS and MUSIC: John Michael Talbot (20th c.)

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ANTHEM

A Place of Quiet Rest

J. Thomas

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER *(based on Psalm 95)*

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**Many: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

**Many: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

One: The Lord is King over all creation.

**Many: The sea and the dry land are his.**

One: Let us hear the voice of our God, our Shepherd.

**Many: For we are the flock under his care.**

**All: Let us worship our God with our whole hearts.**

**Let us praise his holy name forever!**

### PSALM and CHORAL RESPONSE

Psalm 95:1-7

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

### \*HYMN OF WATER

Come to the Water

K. Rookes

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The water, it dances, it burbles and flows,  
and sings alleluia, new life it bestows.  
It sweeps ever onward, spreading hope 'cross the land,  
inviting our dreaming, granting visions so grand.

This river, it eddies, it catches us all  
in long graceful turnings; love's generous swirl.  
This water springs deeply, our thirst, it is quenched;  
our living is freshened, our souls they are cleansed.

The Spirit is given, she hovers and cries,  
delights in the laughter and aches with the sighs.  
Surrender to the water, and hear Jesus' call  
to be a disciple, and a servant to all.

Some are wrinkled from birth; others, wrinkled with age.  
Hey, come to the water; whatever your page!  
Drink freely, my sister, my brother, my friend;  
drink deep from the fountain of grace without end.

This water is justice, this water is peace;  
it saturates living, its strivings won't cease.  
Let none withhold water, the Spirit commands;  
be joined with God's people and fulfil love's demands.

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

### FIRST READING

Romans 5:1-11

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).

Music: Melody English trad.; coll. Lucy Broadwood (1858-1929);

adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). Harm. © Oxford University Press.

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say". It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a single staff. Below the staff, there are three lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a different vocal part or instrumental line. The lyrics are: "1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, 'Come un - to me and rest; 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, 'Be - hold, I free - ly give 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, 'I am this dark world's light;". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy head up - on my breast.”  
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirs - ty one, stoop down and drink and live.”  
 look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.”

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus and I found in him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place; and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - elling days are done.

**SECOND READING**

John 4:5-26

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

(Silence for personal reflection)

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

BEACH SPRING

arr. E. Carlson

**\*New Doxology**

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.  
 All creation, shout and sing!  
 Praise three Persons, yet one Love:  
 Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

**\*Prayer of Gratitude**

**\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

Hope of the World

VICAR

WORDS: Georgia Harkness (1891-1974), alt.  
 MUSIC: V. Earle Copes (1921- )  
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1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion:  
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us  
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,

speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;  
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:  
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:  
 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt:  
 who by this sign did con - quer grief and pain:

save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
 walk now be - side us, lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;  
 we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;

who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.  
 lure us a - way from you to end - less night.  
 take now our lives and use them as you will.  
 you are our Lord, and you for - ev - er reign!

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Be the Love of Christ

arr. R. Thornhill

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world – begins again this week*

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude on St. Denio

J. Payne

**\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:  
Writing Prayers and Leading Worship - Dr. Anne Bellamy;  
Writing Prayers of the People - Liz Grinevitch;  
Scripture Reading - Barbara Falk, Greg Schoepp;  
Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan;  
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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**FBC Ministry Team:**

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister  
Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families (away)  
Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music  
Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

*As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another. — FBC Council*