

The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2010
Eleven O'clock

The Words of Welcome Dr. John Finley
†The Prelude - "Adagio Vesperale" Arthur Page
Richard Lewis, organist

The Chiming of the Hour
The Responsive Call to Worship Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Minister: *O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
whose steadfast love endures forever.*

Congregation: **Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.**

Minister: *Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story,
those whom God redeemed from trouble.*

Congregation: **Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

The Invocation
The 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

†*The Hymn No. 263 - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO
*The Affirmation of Faith

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

*The Gloria Patri No. 579

†The Organ Interlude
Children through fifth grade are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the children's time.
The Children's Time Dr. John Finley
The Organ Voluntary
Children kindergarten age and younger may go with their leaders to the extended session.
The First Lesson - Joshua 5:9-12 Tricia Craig, lay reader
The Anthem - "Turn Thy Face from My Sins" Thomas Attwood

*Turn thy face from my sins,
And put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence,
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
(The text is Psalm 51:9-11.)*

The Call to Prayer
The Silent Prayers
The Prayers of the People
†*The Hymn No. 310 - "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" ST. AGNES
*The Offertory Sentence
The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
The Organ Solo - "Communion" William Faulkes
Please record your presence today in the pew register while the offering is being received.
*The Presentation and Doxology No. 592 OLD HUNDRETH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*The Offertory Prayer
The Organ Voluntary
The Second Lesson - II Corinthians 5:16-21
The Gospel Lesson - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
The Response to the Lessons
Minister: *This is the written Word of the Lord.*
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**
The Sermon - "The Prodigal God" Dr. John Finley
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship
*The Hymn No. 85 - "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

The Concerns of the Church
The Choral Benediction - "Journey Prayers" John L. Bell

*God's gospel of life shall keep you;
God's gospel shall shelter you from harm, malice and evil, and from all distress.
Christ shall himself shepherd you, enfolding you on every side;
Wherever you may travel he'll be with you.*
(The text is translated by Alexander Carmichael.)

*The Organ Postlude Hymns from Today's Worship
George and Marion Worthy, greeters

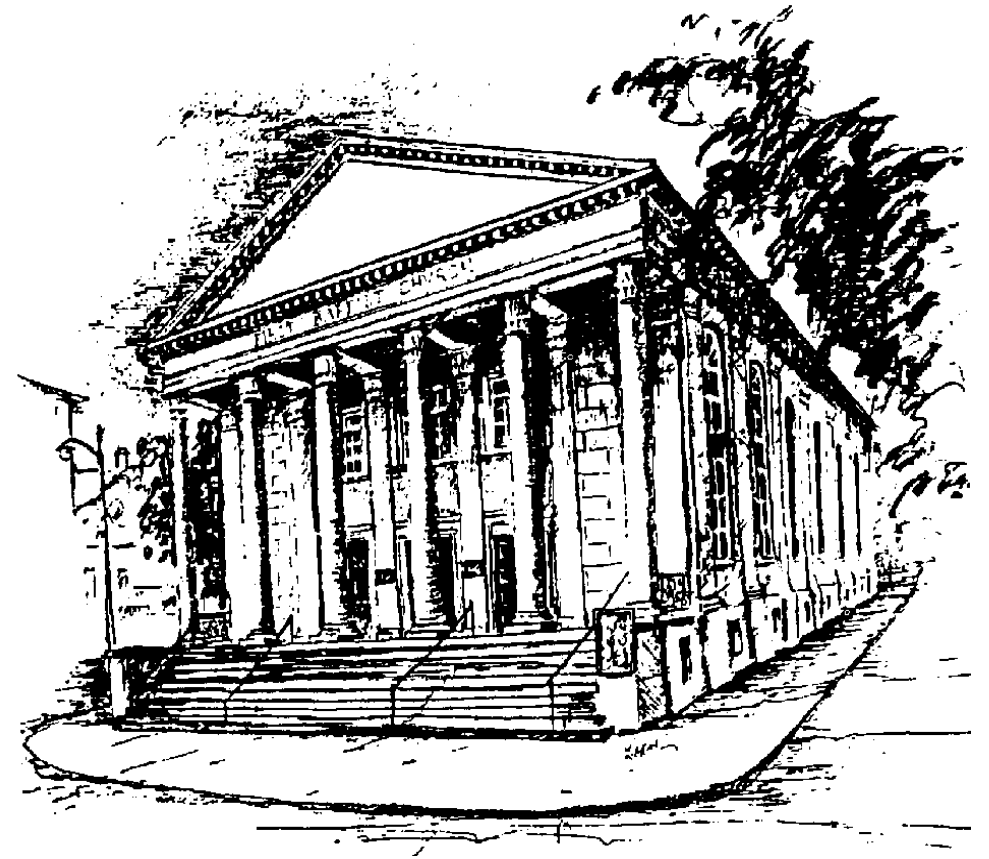
*The congregation stands with the choir.
†The ushers will seat those waiting.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Anstine
and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harrison
by their children

TO OUR GUESTS

The congregation of First Baptist Church extends a warm welcome to you today. We hope that you will find the worship experience meaningful, and we ask that you record your visit by filling out the pew register while the offering is being received. If you would like to know more about First Baptist Church, we would be happy to mail you our weekly church paper, *The Calendar*. A brochure about the congregation is available in the narthex, and information about the church may also be found by visiting our web site, www.fbc-sav.org.

John M. Finley, Senior Minister
James C. Richardson, Associate Minister for Worship and Fine Arts
Lauren E. Colwell, Associate Minister for Spiritual Formation and Families
Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Assistant Minister for Missions and Senior Adults



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A Prayer before Worship

God of steadfast love, you give us so many reasons to rejoice – the best reason of all is having been brought so close to you in Jesus. Through him you enable us to be new people – part of your new creation. And you have entrusted us with the task of continuing to give shape to this new creation by commissioning us as ambassadors of Christ. By aligning our hearts with yours, we can speak the words to others which you have spoken to us in Christ: “You are loved. You are forgiven. You are saved.” We praise you and adore you, O God, as we offer this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.