Welcome to First Baptist Church

To Our Guests
Thank you for gifting us with your presence in worship. We are very glad you came! We want you to feel comfortable, so here is some information about our church and worship which you may find helpful. For more information about our church, activities, or programs, please speak with a minister or pick up the latest newsletter in the narthex.

Today’s Worship
When to Stand: Every church has particular times when the congregation stands. To assist you in anticipating these times, we have marked them with an asterisk in the Order of Worship. Those who are able may stand.

Offering: We never ask our guests to contribute to our church. If, however, giving is an important part of your worship experience, we will gladly receive your offering.

Recordings: The audio from today’s service has been recorded and will be available on fbc-sav.org. Video is available on facebook.com/FirstBaptistSavannah. If you would like a copy of today’s service, please contact our office during the week. The services are replayed through WRUU, 107.5 FM, on a two-week delay.

About Us
First Baptist Church is a welcoming congregation located in historic downtown Savannah, Georgia. We believe Jesus treated everyone with a spirit of love and equality. Therefore, we accept every individual without regard to age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. We affirm all persons as created in the image of God.

First Baptist Church is a diverse congregation representing many different views on a variety of subjects, including denominational support for missions beyond the local church. FBC supports local ministries in addition to denominational ministries. Some of our members direct their denominational mission support to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, while others choose the Alliance of Baptists or the Baptist World Alliance. All are united in the belief that God calls us to reach out to the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and minister to persons in need.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 8 - Second Sunday in Lent
Spring Time Change
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Young Adult Lunch

Monday, March 9
11:00 a.m. Lenten Book Study
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
5:45 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday, March 11
5:00 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. Prayer Concerns
6:00 p.m. Children’s Activities
Midweek Topics
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 15 - Third Sunday in Lent
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Third Sunday Lunch

Monday, March 16
11:00 a.m. Lenten Book Study

Tuesday, March 17
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, March 18
5:00 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. Prayer Concerns
6:00 p.m. Children’s Activities
Midweek Topics
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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Order of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

11:00 a.m.

223 Bull Street, Chippewa Square

Welcome to worship at First Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia. We are an inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus, who turned no one away. Neither do we. At First Baptist Church, individuals can find family, families can find community, the injured can find healing, and all can seek truth and justice. We labor together in love for each other, our community, our world, and our God. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.
Sometimes I think it’s God’s pain, not God’s peace, that passes counterpart in God who, as we see, in Christ suffers with and our bodies, no grief that bows us low fails to find its heart, too. No pain our spirits endure, no weakness that impairs what God withholds in the way of protection, God more than “What’s the point of being Christian if you don’t also know Reparation

We affirm a faith in Jesus Christ that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change, to bear responsibility, to take risks, and live reflectively. We will stand with those on the edge, choose life, and be used by the Spirit for God’s new community of hope.

*Gloria Patri No. 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

†Children’s Time
Children of all ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Psalter Lesson Psalm 121 (adapted) Jenni Halpin, lay reader

One: I lift up my eyes to the hils--from where will my help come?
Many: Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
One: God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber.
Many: Our God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
One: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
Many: The sun will not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.
One: The LORD will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.
Many: The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Solo O Rest In the Lord Felix Mendelssohn
Emily Richardson-Dion, mezzo-soprano
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, And he shall give thee thy heart’s desires.
Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him, And fret not thyself because of evil doers. (The text is from Psalm 37)

*Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17
Silent Meditation

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Katie Callaway

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.

Offertory Sentence

**Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory God So Loved the World arr. Carolyn Hamlin
Dr. Justin L. Addington, organist
Diane Gardner, pianist

Presentation and Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye Heavenly Host;

*Offertory Prayer

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

**Hymn 85** What Wondrous Love Is This WONDERLOVE

Events in the Life of the Church

Pastoral Benediction

Choral Response Christ, We Do All Adore Thee Theodore Dubois
Christ, we do all adore thee and we do praise thee forever. For on the cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed. (The text is from the ‘Adoramus te’ antiphon for Good Friday)

Postlude Grand Clouet Theodore Dubois

Taking an Offering
As a part of our congregational Lenten journey, everyone is invited to pick up a spiritual practice at the rear of the Sanctuary as you depart.

*All who are able are invited to stand with the choir.
†The ushers will seat those waiting.

The congregation is invited to greet the ministers in the narthex or be seated for the postlude.