

MARCH 23, 2025

10:30 AM



The Prelude: *Children of the Heavenly Father* Arr. Diane Bish

The Choral Call to Worship: *God So Loved the World* John Stainer
God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, That whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, But that the world thro' Him might be saved.

The Processional Hymn 594: *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

Welcome and Invocation: Chris Giddens

Parent-Child Dedication: Pastor
Bennett William Graves ~ Tyler and Sarah Graves, parents

***The Unison Reading:** *Psalm 139:13-17*
¹³ *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*
¹⁴ *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*
¹⁵ *My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*
¹⁶ *Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*
¹⁷ *How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!*

***The Hymn of Response:** *Fairest Lord Jesus* ST. ELIZABETH
Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Preschool Praise Time {Age 3 through K5}
Preschool Praise is designed for children in PK3-Kindergarten. Children may meet the preschool leader at the front of the sanctuary on the left side by the double-doors following The Hymn of Response. Following the worship service please pick up your child in the Learning Center.

Offertory Prayer: Kenneth Wiland

The Offertory: *Come Thou Fount* Arr. Diane Bish

***The Presentation of Gifts:** *The Doxology* OLD 100TH
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 4:32* Pastor

The Anthem: *Order My Steps (In Your Word)* Jack Schrader
Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me, every day. Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word. Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will, while You are working, help me be still, Tho' Satan is busy, God is real! Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word! I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, and I'll do your blessed will. The world is ever changing, but You are still the same. If You order my steps, I'll praise your name, praise your name. Order my steps in Your Word, order my tongue in your Word; guide my feet in our Word, wash my heart in your Word. Show me how to walk in your Word, show me how to talk in your Word, When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring in your Word, in your Word! Please order my steps in Your Word.

The Message: "When You Know God's Grace, You Show God's Grace" Pastor

The Invitation to Christian Commitment

***Invitation Hymn** *In Christ Alone* Townend/Getty
In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied – For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand: Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the essential ministries of First Baptist Church is the prayer ministry. Your request is given to our ministry staff and members who are a part of our prayer ministry. If you have a need that is confidential, and you are not sure you wish to turn in a written request, please feel free to contact the church office to speak to a minister.

Name: _____

Please pray for: _____

I give permission to publish this request on the weekly prayer list.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

5:00 - 5:45 pm
\$5 per person / \$12 family cap
Please RSVP/cancel by Noon on Mondays: elizabeth@fbcharleston.org
843-722-3896, ext. 5

Menus include salad, bread, drink and dessert

March 26: Lemon Pepper Chicken, rice pilaf, corn

Name: _____

Adults: _____ # Children _____

Permanent list? Yes No

Welcome

First Baptist Church welcomes you today! We are honored you chose to be with us and our prayer is that you will experience God through worship. If you are a guest, please take one of the welcome booklets available through the ushers. Our ministry staff would love to have a chance to meet you, so please fill out the information below, tear at the perforated edge and place it in the offering plate.

{Please print}

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am a guest of: _____

Member of a church: yes no

If yes, where: _____

Please check all that apply:

- First Time Guest
- New in Community
- Interested in Church Membership
- Have _____ Children of School Age or Under
- Would like more info about the Church
- Would like Minister to call
- Have a Prayer Request (over)

Please circle your age or grade:

Age: 0-3 4-5

Grade: 1 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12

College/Grad School

Age: 20-29 30-39 40-49

50-59 60-69 70-up

Church Office: 843-722-3896

Web Site: www.fbcharleston.org



*The Benediction

Pastor

The Choral Benediction: *God Be in My Head*

Benjamin Harlan

The Chimes of the Trinity

As we leave, let us remember that we do not leave the church; we leave as the Church to go into the world and make disciples in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Postlude: *How Firm a Foundation*

Arr. Diane Bish

WORSHIP NOTES

*The congregation will please stand during this time.

Worship through music is led by the Sanctuary Choir, composed of members of the congregation who offer their services through the ministry of music Organist: Beverly Bradley. Playing the piano is Gaile Giles. Music text and scripture text are printed as given from authors or translations used for copyright purposes. First Baptist Church CCLI # 2024428; For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ccli.com. The front cover of the bulletin is the original architectural drawing of the sanctuary by Robert Mills.

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DEACON OF THE WEEK: MARCH 23 - 29

Kenneth Wiland

Life Verse: Romans 12:2 - *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing, and perfect will.*

Favorite Hymn: *God So Loved The World*

Favorite Contemporary Song: *Simple Gifts*

Favorite Missionary Story: The Reverend Ken Nelson who had a profound impact on my spiritual and personal life as well as many, many others.

Please contact the church office if you would like to reach out to our Deacon Ministry Team.



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