

THE
First Baptist Church
OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON D.C.



MARCH 31, 2019

WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Eleven o'clock

March 31, 2019

Preparation for Worship

*Another morning and I wake with thirst
for the goodness I do not have. I walk
out to the pond and all the way God has
given us such beautiful lessons. Oh Lord,
I was never a quick scholar but sulked
and hunched over my books past the hour
and the bell; grant me, in your mercy,
a little more time. Love for the earth
and love for you are having such a long
conversation in my heart. Who knows what
will finally happen or where I will be sent,
yet already I have given a great many things
away, expecting to be told to pack nothing,
except the prayers which, with this thirst,
I am slowly learning.*

~ "Thirst" by Mary Oliver

Prelude

O God, Thou Faithful God (Opus 122)

Johannes Brahms

Lawrence P. Schreiber, Organist

Introit

O Lord, We Pray These Forty Days Will

Draw Us Near in Prayer and Praise

Chancel Choir

***Processional Hymn 455**

(stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6)

All Creatures of Our God and King

***Call to Worship and Welcome**

Alyssa Aldape

One: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven and
whose sin is covered.

**All: They are happy, for the Lord declares them "not guilty"
and there is no deception in their hearts.**

**Let us worship and rejoice in the One who is our
hiding place and our refuge in times of trouble.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of Christ be always with you!

All: And also with you.

***Hymn 379**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

First Reading: *Nehemiah 9:5b, 9-15*

Beth Newell

(Common English Bible, Pew Bible: Old Testament, p. 438)

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

Bill Newell

(CEB; Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 181)

Faith Story

Leslie Alford

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Charlie Fuller

Prayer of Confession

One: Almighty God, your son died and was raised up in power.
Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise
to new life in him. We confess to you:

**All: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;
though you should rule us, we control ourselves;
though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.**

One: We think your truth too high, your will too hard; your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

**All: Now heal our confused minds with your word;
Heal our divided wills with your law;
Heal our troubled consciences with your love;
Heal our anxious hearts with your presence;
All for the sake of your Son,
Who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The assurance of God's grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ, who raises us to new life. Hear the good news:

**All: Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs
Karl Heinrich Graun

***The Gospel Reading:** *John 19:28-29*

Pastor Alyssa
(CEB; Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 114)

Gloria Patri

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.

Message

Love's Last Words: "Thirsty"
Pastor Charlie

*We keep a moment of silence in which
Holy Spirit may continue to speak.*

*Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on My breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry, and 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 - eling days are done.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*Guests, if you've completed a guest card,
please place it in the offering plate today.*

Offertory

*Herzliebster Jesu
Johannes Brahms*

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Benediction**

Pastor Charlie

***Recessional Hymn 210**
(stanzas 1, 3, 5)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

***The Sending**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

***Postlude**

*My Jesus Leadeth Me
Johannes Brahms*

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Contributing to Worship Today

- The flowers are given by the Tapestry Sunday School class to honor Tim Pennington-Russell and all of FBC's cancer sufferers and their families.
- The deacon "on call" this week is Allen Norfleet (252-230-1801).
- Volunteering in the Children's Ministry this week are Taylor Pennington-Russell, Charlotte Straight, Matthew Turner, and Kate Campbell. If you'd like to volunteer, call or text Pastor Kelly at 202-341-0617.

LOVE'S
LAST
WORDS

2019 LENTEN SERMON SERIES
SUNDAY MORNINGS @ TIAM

Next Week in Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Message: Love's Last Words: "Why?"

Sermon Text: Mark 15:25-34

Supplemental Texts: Psalm 22:1-5, 14-23;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Isaiah 43:16-21

Apr 7

THIS *Wednesday, April 3 @ 7pm*



LENTEN
VESPERS

Faith Story: Rob Marus | *Musician:* Zena Aldridge

This Week at First Baptist Church

For the week beginning Sunday, March 31, 2019

Welcome! We're glad you're here to worship with us the God of resurrection and new beginnings. If you are new to First Baptist, we'd love to know that you were here. Please fill out a welcome card (located in front of you in the pew), and put it in the offering plate, or give your card to one of our greeters or pastors. After worship today, you're invited to connect with new friends over coffee in the church parlor.

Today

- Bible Study and Small Groups (9:30 and 9:45 am)
- Chancel Choir rehearsal (10:00 am, Room 312 – Choir Suite)
- Worship at 11 am
- Coffee and conversation in the church parlor
- Worship in Spanish at 2 pm with Rev. Saúl García (Dawson Room, 1st floor of the Ed. Bldg.)

Tuesday

- Education for Ministry (EfM) (6:30 pm, Conference Room)

Wednesday

- Fellowship Dinner: please RSVP to ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org. Cost \$8, Menu: pork loin with apple stuffing (6 pm, Fellowship Hall)
- Lenten Vespers (7 pm, Sanctuary)
- Bible study and prayer in Spanish (7 pm, Dawson Room)
- After-Vespers Dinner at nearby restaurant

Saturday

- Basketball (12-2pm, basement gym; all welcome)
- Children & families to the National Zoo/Younger children's sleepover

Weekly Support Groups at FBCDC

These groups meet weekly at First Baptist: AA, SLAA and NA. For days and times, see our website under "Connect."

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PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 14 @ 11am

Take part in the annual Palm Sunday Parade! After worship on April 14, join FBC as we walk through the local neighborhood singing God's praises and blessing our neighbors. Wear your walking shoes.



MAUNDY THURSDAY @ NSBC

Thursday, April 18 @ 7-9pm

FBC will enjoy a fellowship meal together with Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, followed by a worship service with communion, foot-washing, the music of the FBC Chancel Choir, and a meditation by Pastor Julie. NSBC is located at 4606 16th St NW (at Crittenden Street). Parking available onsite and in the neighborhood.



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 19 @ 7pm

Remember and reflect on Christ's crucifixion in this "Service of Shadows" led by our Chancel Choir, other musicians, and readers from the congregation.



EASTER WORSHIP

Sunday, April 21 @ 11am

We celebrate the resurrection of Christ and offer hospitality to the many who worship with us! Communion will be celebrated. The Easter celebration continues after worship in the side courtyard (weather permitting) for light hors d'oeuvres provided by FBC.



Announcements

Worship Materials for Children & Preschoolers...

...are available to pick up in the narthex every Sunday before worship.

Order Easter Lilies by April 8

See the insert in today's worship guide.

Next Week is First Sunday Potluck

Join us after worship for a meal around tables in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share, if you can. If your last name begins with **A-J**: meat/protein; **K-R**: salad/veggies; **S-Z**: dessert/fruit.

Children & Families to the National Zoo This Saturday, April 6

All children and families are invited to meet at the church at 2pm and carpool to the zoo. Admission is free; bring snack money. Please RSVP to Pastor Kelly this week.

Sleepover for Younger Children This Weekend, April 6-7

Children ages 8 and under are invited to a pizza & pajama party. Kids who participate in the family zoo trip can return to the church after the outing; others can arrive at church by 6pm. Children not spending the night may be picked up at 9pm. Contact Pastor Kelly for more information.

Wednesday Noontime Lenten Service with NSBC – April 10

Pastor Julie preaching at noon. Lunch following at 1pm.

Join the FBC staff at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church for worship and a fellowship meal on Wednesday, April 10. Please **RSVP** to Zena Aldridge **by this Friday, April 5**. NSBC is located at 4606 16th St NW (at Crittenden Street). Parking available onsite and in the neighborhood.

Host Students for Alliance of Baptists Gathering in April

Host homes are needed for seminarians and other students who are coming to DC for the annual gathering of the Alliance of Baptists, Thurs. night, April 25 until Sun. afternoon, April 28th. If you can offer your home,

please notify Zena in the church office. Calvary Baptist Church near Gallery Place/Chinatown is hosting the event. See schedule and registration at allianceofbaptists.org.

Support the National Center for Children and Families

Support the NCCF through dinner and a musical: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Sunday, May 5 @ 5pm, Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia, MD (\$61/person) and/or donate so that at-risk youth may attend. For tickets or donations, call Bonnie Jorgensen (301-649-4804).

Contribute Flowers for Worship

Provide flowers for worship in honor, memory or celebration of a person or occasion. Contact Shirley McBeath or sign the Flower Calendar outside Zena Aldridge's office (2nd floor, Ed. Bldg.). Cost is \$70. You may take the flowers home after worship or allow the Deacons to share them.

Garage Parking on Sunday

On Sundays you may access our garage through the breezeway, mid-way on O Street. Once inside the garage you may access our building through doors on the first two levels. Just press the button and our security-concierge will buzz you in. Valet service provided by Unipark.

Copies of the full weekly prayer concerns list are available in the narthex and in the staff office welcome area on the 2nd floor

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