

MARCH 8, 2026

10:30 AM



The Prelude: *Song Without Words* Felix Mendelssohn

The Choral Call to Worship: *Surely the Lord Is in This Place* Colvin
Surely the Lord, the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the House of God. And this is the Gate of Heav'n. Surely the Lord, the Lord is in this place.

***The Processional Hymn 202:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

The Invocation and Welcome: Chris Giddens

***The Unison Reading:** *Ephesians 2:1-5 (CSB)*

- ¹ *You were dead in your trespasses and sins*
- ² *in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient.*
- ³ *We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.*
- ⁴ *But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us,*
- ⁵ *made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!*

***The Hymn of Response:** *The Love of God Is Greater Far* F. Lehman
The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled And pardoned from his sin.

— Chorus —
O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made; Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.
— Chorus —

Preschool Praise Time {Age 3 through K5}

Preschool Praise is designed for children in PK2-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.

The Offertory Prayer: Linda Lentz

The Offertory: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Arr. Mark Hayes

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

The Scripture Reading: *Colossians 3:12* Pastor

The Anthem: *The Love of God* Allen James
If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His only Son, shall He not also freely give us all things? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, the love of God which is in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Based on Romans 8: 31, 32, 35, 37 – 39)

The Message: *"Dress for the Occasion"* Pastor

The Invitation to Christian Commitment

***Invitation Hymn 531:** *Redeemed* ADA

***The Benediction:** Pastor

The Choral Benediction: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* LEMMEL
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.

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: *Voluntary on the Old Hundredth* Henry Purcell



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 11: Roasted chicken, Stuffing, Rice and gravy, Green beans

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



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. Pianist: 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: ccli.com. The front cover of the bulletin is the original architectural drawing of the sanctuary by Robert Mills.

Livestream Broadcast: We livestream today's worship service for those who cannot be present. The online recordings from time-to-time show at-large views of the congregation. Camera angles do not single out anyone in the congregation nor identify anyone in particular except those leading in worship.

MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor: Marshall Blalock

Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Administration: Evans Newell

Minister of Worship and Music: David Templeton

Minister to Students: Justin Donnahoo

Minister to Children: Chris Giddens



DEACON OF THE WEEK: MARCH 8 - 14

Linda Lentz

Life Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 – *For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Favorite Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Favorite Contemporary Song: *Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord*

Favorite Missionary Story: Merrel Calloway's many missionary stories were so inspirational from the First Baptist Church pulpit. He and his wife were missionaries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. I especially remember him emphasizing the importance of teaching scripture as memory verses and Christian songs to the people in that region but also to our children at First Baptist.





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