



**FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
Sunday, March 8, 2020 • 10:30 AM**

As you enter for worship, all are encouraged to greet one another and enjoy fellowship with those around you. As the prelude begins, let us shift into a brief time of quiet reflection as God uses the stillness of the moment to quiet our souls for what will continue to emerge during our community's worship of the living, loving God.

**PRELUDE: *Sonata 4, II. Adagio*** ..... **F. Mendelssohn**  
Jacob Hill, Organ

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP** ..... **Emily Hull McGee**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121** (Pew Bible, OT, p.443) ..... **Phil Batten**  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN 48: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** ..... **FAITHFULNESS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** ..... **Amy McClure**  
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a** (Pew Bible, OT, p.7) ..... **Nikki Byers**  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17** (Pew Bible, NT, p.71) ..... **Jean Batten**  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE: *Everlasting Life*** ..... **D. Rasbach**  
Sanctuary Choir

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him hath life, everlasting life. God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him, but that the world through Jesus might be saved.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Time after time, God calls us to move beyond the place we first began.  
God calls us to make new choices. God calls us to be reborn.

People: **God of Love, we confess that sometimes:**  
**We do not believe and can not trust.**  
**We do not know whether to lead or to follow.**  
**We do the wrong thing because it seems more rewarding.**  
**We choose instant gratification instead of self control.**  
**We do not listen before speaking or speak up when others need to listen.**  
  
**God of Grace, we confess that what it means to be born of the spirit is just as hard for us to understand as it was for Nicodemus. Sometimes the right choice is not clear, even though we are doing our best to see it.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: God of Hope, we hold onto your sustaining love and guiding grace, knowing that the promise of your presence is with us every step of every day. In your relentless call to new life, we know we are forgiven; not just once, but always.

People: **Thanks be to God for the constant, relentless call to new life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

**\*HYMN 619: Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine ..... ASSURANCE**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE ..... Brent Greene**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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. Amen.

**SERMON: "This Is My Body: Birth" ..... Emily Hull McGee**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 286: O God in Whom All Life Begins ..... NOEL**

*All are invited to respond to God now in quiet or public ways. Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow in the way of Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front of the sanctuary and share your commitment with one of our ministers.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... John Hanes**

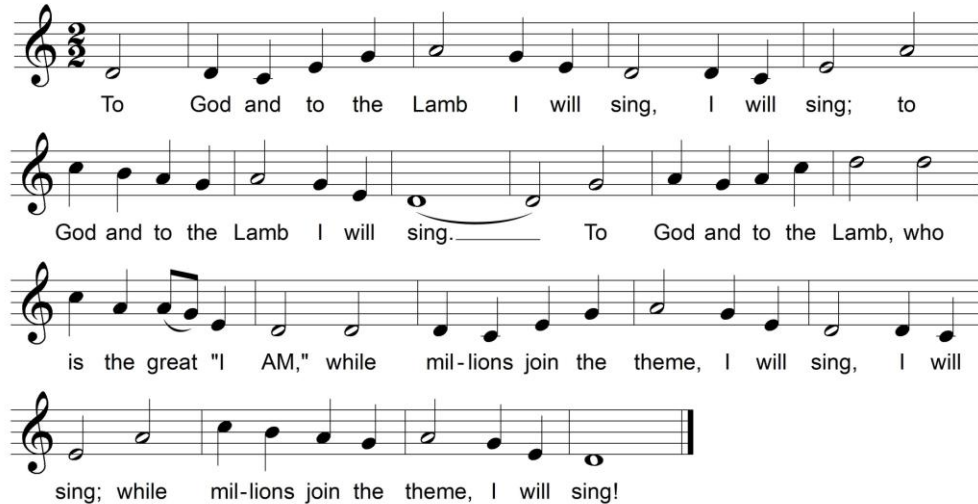
**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**CHORAL OFFERTORY: Psalm 121** ..... **D. Govenor**

Sanctuary Choir

I lift my eyes unto the hills from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper, The Lord is your shade on your right hand, the sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth, forevermore. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY** ..... **WONDROUS LOVE**



To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who  
is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!

**\*BENEDICTION** ..... **Emily Hull McGee**

**POSTLUDE: Messe pour les convents, I.Introit** ..... **F. Couperin**

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Acolytes for this service are Micah Knight and Lydia Smith.

Our thanks to Joanne Henley and our First on Fifth youth for writing the thoughtful, beautiful Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance used in our worship this morning!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 9:15 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
1:30 pm Youth Moji with Mac (*Offsite*)  
6:30 pm Sunday Night Small Group Study  
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 5:00 pm WSCEA Task Force (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)  
5:45 pm House & Grounds Committee Meeting  
(*Conference Room*)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons  
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)  
7:00 pm Tuesday Night Small Group Study (*Offsite*)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 12:00 pm Common Table (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)  
6:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir (*Sanctuary*)  
6:00 pm Youth Discipleship (*Youth Room*)  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 11:00 am Partnership for Prosperity (*Conference Room*)  
11:30 am Senior Adult Spring Luncheon (*Offsite*)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:15 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
11:45 am Samaritan Ministries Interest Meeting  
(*Conference Room*)  
3:00 pm Al Staggs' Bonhoeffer performance  
(*Kelly Auditorium*)  
3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (*Offsite*)

### SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week: John Hanes, Joseph Jones  
Nursery Babies-Ones: Preferred Childcare  
Nursery Twos-Pre-K: Tina Magee

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### OUR VISION

We are a community in the heart of the city called by Jesus to practice bold love of God and neighbor and boundless compassion for all people.

### CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

Please place donations in designated donation bins in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway outside of Kelly Auditorium.  
Samaritan Ministries: Soup, canned goods  
Crisis Control: Instant grits



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