

## CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

### CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #1, TODAY - Immediately Following Worship

We are excited to welcome Dr. Bill Wilson with the Center for Healthy Churches to preach in this morning's worship service and then to lead us in our first Congregational Conversation. It is "all hands on deck" when we hold these Congregational Conversations, so make every effort to take your place at the table. These events are pivotal for the success of our transitional journey and every voice is needed. We hope to have the fellowship hall filled to capacity. As they used to say in the day: "Be there or be square!"

### RESOUNDING FAITH

Sunday, March 30th  
9:30 AM

Join us for a joyful celebration where we worship through the power of music! You won't want to miss this uplifting experience!

### CHURCH-WIDE EASTER FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 19 — 11:00 AM — IN THE PAVILION  
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT  
BBQ AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Join us for a time of church-wide fellowship! Kids will delight in a special story time and an exciting Easter Egg Hunt, while everyone enjoys a delicious lunch. Come share in the fun, laughter, and anticipation as we gather to celebrate the hope of Easter together! Let us know you are coming by scanning the QR code or by calling the church office 224-1622 by April 10.



### MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

**EASTER MISSIONS OFFERING**  
Through the Month of March  
ANNIE ARMSTRONG and  
CBF MISSIONS OFFERINGS  
Given to date \$550.00

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

This Tuesday, March 25 — 10:00 AM

Meet in the Bridal Suite

### COMING SOON!

## HOLY WEEK!



### PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 13 - 9:30 AM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

April 17 - 7:00 PM  
(child care will be provided)

### CHURCH-WIDE EASTER FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, April 19 - 11:00 AM

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 20  
7:00 AM - Sunrise Service  
followed by Easter Breakfast  
9:30 AM - Easter Sunday Worship

## MEMBERS IN ACTION

### NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Offertory Prayer: Kathy Adams

Visitor Outreach: Dennis Fowler

Children's Worship: Children remain in the service.

Security: Terry Atkins and Dale Ellenburg

## OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

### Tuesday, March 25

10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study (Bridal Suite)

### Wednesday, March 26

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)

5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions (Rock Room)  
Youth Group (Gym)

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

### Thursday, March 27

The Beacon Published

### Sunday, March 30

9:30 AM Resounding Faith Music Service

10:30 AM Sunday School



**FIRST BAPTIST**  
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# Welcome

## March 23, 2025



We are delighted to have you with us this morning. For 200 years, this congregation has come together in worship, responding to God's presence among us. Worship is central to who we are as a church—it unites us, defines us, and allows us to experience the joy of God's love together.

If this is your first time here, we extend a special welcome to you! We invite you to complete the visitor card located on the back of the pew. This card is a great way to join our mailing list, share prayer requests, or connect with our church staff.

If you are exploring your faith, our Staff is here to answer any questions you may have about Christianity, our church, or how to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

We're so glad you're here! May you encounter God's love and grace this morning."

### Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:  
Glenn Torbert

Visitor Outreach:  
Patricia Torbert

Children's Worship:  
January Menees and Matt Wilson

Security:  
Bill Wilson and Adam Gathers

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager

Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager

Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence

Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director

Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist

Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

# The Worship of God

## Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome Susan Reed, Co-Chairperson of Transition Team

Prelude **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty** arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr.  
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Hymn No. 382 **God, the Father of Your People** HOLY MANNA

Call to Worship Susan Reed

Leader: In this moment of our church's life,  
we reflect on the journey that has brought us here.

**People: Through seasons of growth and seasons of challenge,  
we have sought to remain steadfast in faith.**

Leader: In times of change and transition,  
we trust in His constant presence and guidance.

**People: We are a people of faith, united by His love,  
growing together as a community of believers.**

Leader: God has called us to seek His vision,  
trusting that His purpose is greater than we can see.

**People: We walk forward with hope,  
knowing that God has more in store for us.**

**ALL: In this season, we walk by faith, not by sight,  
believing in the vision and possibilities He has for our church.**

Invocation Susan Reed

Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

**Open the Eyes of My Heart** - Baloché  
**Better Is One Day** - Redman

Offertory Prayer Glenn Torbert

Offertory Music **O Love of God Most Full** arr. Don Phillips

Praising God For His Gifts To Us OLD 100th

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

### Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

### Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at [andersonfbc.org/give](http://andersonfbc.org/give), through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](text:fbcanderson) and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

Anthem

**Only God**  
Sanctuary Choir

Mary McDonald

Only God can move a mountain;  
Only God can calm the sea.  
Only God can heal a wounded spirit;  
Only God, only God!

Only God can hear my heart's cry;  
Only God, my sin atone.  
Only God can give us calm assurance,  
Only God, only God!

God Almighty, most Holy wise God;  
You are the power and the glory,  
O God, our God!

Only God can be our refuge;  
Only God can be our strength,  
Only God will stand as our defender,  
Only God, only God!

Only God is the power;  
Only God in majesty!  
Only God will reign as King forever,  
Only God, only God!

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Morning Prayer

*Prayer concludes by saying in unison:*

Jim Wooten

**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 have trespassed 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.**

Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 5:6-7  
(Pew Bible Page 1144)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **"The Gift of Uncertainty"** Bill Wilson

\*Hymn No. 390 **We Are Called to Be God's People** AUSTRIAN HYMN

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude **He Goes Before You** Chester Nordman  
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

### Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. Our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

### The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer's baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.