

First Baptist Church

SECOND
Sunday
IN **LENT**



Making Connections that Make a Difference

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 24, 2018

11:00 AM

Opportunities for Service

Rev. Shannon Hall

Prelude

O God Beyond All Praising

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“O God beyond all praising, we worship You today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.”

*Call to Worship

Word of God, Speak

Choir and Congregation

Word of God, speak; would You pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty?
To be still and know that You're in this place;
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.
Word of God, speak.

Greeting the Worshippers and Invocation

Rev. Travis Russell

*Hymn of Praise 15

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

(Children come forward during the last stanza for Children's Message)

Children's Message

Rev. Chris Howe

Lenten Reading

God's Revelation:

The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Elijah got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Our Response:

Lord God, who cleansed the earth through forty days of floods,

And gave Your guiding law through forty days of worship,

Who revived Elijah through forty days of pilgrimage,

And sent Your Son to fight our foe through forty days of fasting;

Grant us grace to enter the flood, the fire, the desert,

The penitence and the journey, the emptiness and the fasting,

That leads us to Gethsemane, and the dark scene of Golgotha,

And leave us at the empty tomb, to see Your risen Son.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Pastoral Prayer
Lenten Song

I Saw the Cross of Jesus
Choir and Congregation

Rev. Travis Russell
WHITFIELD

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin;
I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;
I brought my soul to Jesus, He cleansed it in His blood;
And in the cross of Jesus, I found my peace with God.

*Offertory Hymn 590 *God, Our Author and Creator* NALL AVENUE

*Offertory Prayer Linda Naylor

Offertory *Sweet By and By* Pethel

In memory of Rev. Billy Graham

“The moment we take our last breath on earth, we take our first in heaven.”

Anthem *Just For You*
Chancel Choir

Take my life, let it be for You, Lord.
Lead me, Lord, let me know the way.
Guide me through my days, I will give You praise,
Always, just for You.

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Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30 page 1055 in pew bible

Sermon *Measuring the Difference* Rev. Travis Russell

*Hymn of Commitment 611 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY

*Benediction Rev. Travis Russell

*Choral Response *We Are One in the Bond of Love*
Choir and Congregation

We are one in the bond of love,
We are one in the bond of love,
We have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God,
We are one in the bond of love.

Postlude *Praise God* Livingston

*Please stand as you are able

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Church Calendar – February 25, 2018 through March 4, 2018

Sunday, February 25, 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30 am Sunday School, Open Assembly, Dixie Mann Room
11:00 am Worship Service
3:00 – 4:45 pm Mt. Zion Rehearsal at First Baptist Church, Burlington
5:00 pm Celebration Choir
6:00 pm Spark

Wednesday, February 28

6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, March 3

11:30 am Starfish Ministry (Team 1)

Sunday, March 4, 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:30 am Sunday School, Open Assembly, Dixie Mann Room
11:00 am Worship Service
3:00 – 4:45 pm Mt. Zion Rehearsal at First Baptist Church, Graham
5:00 pm Celebration Choir
6:00 pm Spark

Week of February 25

Deacon of the Week

Gale Miller

Nursery Volunteers

Joyce Martin and Mary Faucette

Month of February

Greeters

Debbie Farrell & Gwen Sharpe

Usher Captains

Jim Euliss & Butch Farrell

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Rev. Shannon Hall, Associate Pastor of Music & Family Ministries

Ann Holt, Organist

Diann Clapp, Administrative Assistant