

First Baptist Church

THIRD
Sunday
IN **LENT**



Making Connections that Make a Difference

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 4, 2018

11:00 AM

Opportunities for Service

Rev. Shannon Hall

Prelude

All Nature Sings

Fedak

*Call to Worship

Spirit of the Living God, discover us today. Come through the tangled pathways, grown with weed and thicket, that have kept us from You. We cannot reach you; reach to us, that some soul who came here barren of Your grace may go out singing, O God, You are my God. Amen.

Greeting the Worshippers and Invocation

Rev. Travis Russell

*Hymn of Praise 2

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

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

Children's Message

Ann Holt

Lenten Reading

Luke 18:9-14 (NLT)

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else:

“Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector.

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don’t cheat, I don’t sin, and I don’t commit adultery.

I’m certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying,

‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’

I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God.

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Travis Russell

Lenten Song

I Saw the Cross of Jesus
Choir and Congregation

WHITFIELD

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am—
A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;
No righteousness nor merit, no beauty can I plead;
Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

*Offertory Hymn 392	<i>Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father</i>	MADILL
*Offertory Prayer		Earl Foster
Offertory	<i>God Leads Us Along</i>	arr. Fettke
Anthem	<i>Let It Be Said of Us</i> Chancel Choir	arr. Allen

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the power of the risen Lord.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song;

By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.

'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

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Scripture Reading Matthew 16:21-23 page 1044 in pew bible

Sermon *Protecting the Egg* Rev. Travis Russell

*Hymn of Commitment 568 CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak

*Benediction Rev. Travis Russell

*Choral Response *Step By Step*
Choir and Congregation

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

Postlude *Flourish on "Lobe Den Herren"* Wagner

*Please stand as you are able

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Church Calendar – March 4, 2018 through March 11, 2018

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 Grove Park Baptist Church
5:00 pm Celebration Choir
6:00 pm Spark

Monday, March 5

6:30 pm AIM

Tuesday, March 6

Ministry Center reserved 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
10:00 am Friends On Missions, Dixie Mann Room
6:00 pm Properties Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 7

6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study/Prayer Service
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, March 10

11:30 am Starfish Ministry (Team 2)
SPRING FORWARD!

Sunday, March 11, 4th Sunday of Lent

9:30 am Sunday School, Open Assembly, Dixie Mann Room
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Missions/Outreach Team meeting
5:00 pm Celebration Choir
6:00 pm Spark

Week of March 4

Deacon of the Week

Jerome Naylor

Nursery Volunteers

Lionell Johnson and Robin Self

Month of March

Greeters

Mike and Donna Harden

Usher Captains

Brewer Roberts and Vernon Taylor

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

Ann Holt, Organist

Diann Clapp, Administrative Assistant