

# First Baptist Church of Graham



GOOD  
FRIDAY

**April 3, 2026**

**Prelude**

*Were You There?*  
Catherine Parker, piano

BOOK

**Welcome and Invocation**

Pastor Chris

**\*Responsive Reading**

1 Peter 1:18-19, Isaiah 53:4-5

You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

**He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows.**

He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,

**And by His wounds we are healed.**

**\*Hymn 280**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*      NEAR THE CROSS  
Verses 1, 2, & 3

Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

***In the cross, in the cross Be my glory ever,  
Till my ransomed soul shall find Rest beyond the river.***

Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star Shed His beams around me.

***(Chorus)***

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me.

***(Chorus)***

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 22:47-71

Ronda Howe

**Lenten Reading**

Matthew 17:22-23, 1 Peter 2:24

Behold this One, the Savior of the world, as He continues to walk the way of the cross. The power of darkness has taken hold, and the hour of Christ's passion is at hand.

**Jesus said, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him."**

The sadness we feel as our Lord is surrounded by those who will take His life is mingled with the hope that in His death, Jesus gives us eternal life.

**He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds we have been healed.**

**\*Lenten Song 295**

*Near to the Heart of God*  
Verse 1 & 3

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There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God,  
A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God.

***O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before Thee Near to the heart of God.***

There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God,  
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.

***(Chorus)***

*Change My Heart, O God*

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

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**Scripture Reading**

Luke 23:1-16

Debbie Farrell

**\*Hymn 292**

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

All verses

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O Light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,

That in Thy sunshine's glow its day May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me thro' pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the  
rainbow thro' the rain, And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from Thee;  
I lay in dust, life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 23:18-26, 32-46

Judy Henderson

**\*Hymn 144**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

All verses

When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing so divine, Demands my soul, my life my all.

**Benediction**

Pastor Chris

**Choral Response**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

NEAR THE CROSS

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
'Til I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river.  
*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,*  
*'Til my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

**Postlude**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
Catherine Parker, piano

WONDROUS LOVE

**\*Please stand as you are able**

**Following the service, everyone is invited  
to a light luncheon in the Ministry Center.**