

Today's Worship

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. The Season of Lent prepares us for the celebration of Easter. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, which means "spring," the time of the lengthening of days. At first, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism on Easter Eve. They were taught the Gospel message and the Lord's Prayer. They prayed, fasted, and did penance. Eventually, Lent became a time of reflection and self-examination for all Christians. The color for Lent is purple, a royal color that also signifies penitence and preparation.

BIRTHDAYS – MARCH

- 07 Bob Fulmer, Frances Gardner
08 Connie Kinney
09 Kaleb Broome, Rick Carr
10 Charles Barranco, Jerry Beck, Pat Kaufman, Mary McLean, Joe Papalski, Karen Rogers, Keri Wilhelm, Olin Wood
11 Janice Johnson, Susan Kneece, Asa Matthews, Jean Meadows, Shawn Thigpen, Curtis Treadway
12 Katie Besley, Joseph Fishburne, Gloria Goldman, Pat Scheetz, Dora Shellhouse, Carol Wood
13 Carlton Anderson, Cindy Besson, Claire Croft

MINISTERS The members of First Baptist Church and

Fred W. Andrea III, Ph.D.
Pastor

Mary Carol Anderson
Associate Minister in Student Ministries

Vicky R. McCullough
Director of Children's Ministries
Kindergarten Director

Danny L. Garnett
Clinical Director,
Community Counseling Center

Leonard V. Redd
Building Superintendent

Jack F. Hasty
Pastoral Care Assistant

Joyce M. English
Church Organist

Scott D. Scheetz
Today's Pianist

Worship Notes:

James E. Bennett, Jr.
Associate Minister in Music

Amy R. Stertz
Associate Minister in Christian Education

W. Joel Campbell
Jason A. Ranké
Our Seminarians

Karen H. Bach
Annette H. Gibson
Patti B. Miller
Secretarial Support Staff

Teri C. Laurence
Music Ministry Assistant

Connie M. Kinney
Parents' Day Out Director

Jane K. Talbert
Church Hostess

CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2010 The Lord's Day
*Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command
through worshiping, nurturing, ministering,
and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.*



WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

Preparation for Worship

Out of reverence to God and respect for others, please silence cellular telephones, beepers, and other audible devices during worship.

The Prelude *Savior, When in Dust to You* arr. Manz

Chiming of the Hour

ON WHICH THE PRINCE OF GLORY DIED

The Call to Worship Psalm 63:1-8 Dr. Andrea (8:45)
Mrs. Stertz (11:00)

The Invocation and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

†*Hymn of Praise 56 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

MY RICHEST GAIN I COUNT AS LOSS

Presentation of Katelyn Elizabeth Serber (11:00)

Direction from the Scriptures

Covenant of Dedication

Blessing the Child *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Them* BRADBURY

**Savior, like a shepherd lead them, much they need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed them, for their use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

Prayer of Dedication

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AND POUR CONTEMPT ON ALL MY PRIDE

Expression of Fellowship (11:00) Mrs. Beth Barranco

Passing the Friendship Register
Please take the registration pad from the right end of the pew; sign it and pass it to your left. At the conclusion of worship, warmly greet those who have shared the pew with you.

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55:1-9
Pew Bible Page 665 (OT) Deacon Charles Barranco (11:00)

The Call to Prayer Dr. Andrea
The Silent Prayer of Confession
The Assurance of Pardon and Prayer of Intercession

WERE THE WHOLE REALM OF NATURE MINE

†*The Offertory Hymn 628 *A Servant of the Least* DIADEMATA

The Offertory Prayer
Pray for the Golden Harvest Food Bank which distributes food through 500 agencies and programs for seniors, a mobile pantry, and a soup a kitchen.

Receiving the Tithes and Offerings
The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The Offertory (8:45) *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* arr. Manz

The Offertory (11:00) *Thee Will I Love* Courtney
Marcy Reid, soprano

*The Doxology OLD 100TH
**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.**

THAT WERE A PRESENT FAR TOO SMALL

The Epistle Lesson I Corinthians 10:13
Pew Bible Page 176 (NT) Mr. Bennett (8:45)
Miss Bethany Smith (11:00)

The Children’s Message (11:00) Mrs. McCullough
Young worshipers are invited to come to the front as the instrumental music begins.

LOVE SO AMAZING, SO DIVINE

The Solo (8:45) *Thee Will I Love* Courtney
Marcy Reid, soprano

The Anthem *I’m Newborn Again* arr. Hustad
Sanctuary Choir

I’ve found free grace and dyin’ love, I’m newborn again. Been a long time a talkin’ ’bout my trials here below. Free grace, sinner, I’m newborn again. So glad I’m newborn again. My Savior died for you and me, I’m newborn again. I know my Lord has set me free, I’m newborn again.

The Gospel Lesson Luke 13:1-9
Pew Bible Page 77 (NT)

The Message *Leopard Spots and Human Hearts*

DEMANDS MY SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL

*Hymn of Commitment 330 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* NEW BRITAIN
Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship. Our pastor will greet and receive you.

Acknowledgment of New Members

Opportunities for Christian Growth and Service

*The Ministry of Peace and the Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Response PATRICIA

O how he loves you and me. O how he loves you and me.

He gave his life; what more could he give:

O how he loves you. O how he loves me. O how he loves you and me.

The Postlude *Fanfare* arr. Martin

*Those who are able, please stand.
†Arriving worshipers may be seated.

Large print orders of worship are available at each Sanctuary entrance.

Recycle bins have been placed at Sanctuary exit doors. Please discard any portion of the printed order of worship that you do not wish to take home with you.

The flowers on the baptistry rail are given by Calvin and Pam Richardson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Long and Lloyd Richardson.

To Our Guests:

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today and hope that you leave with a sense of having experienced the presence of God in the community of believers. If you are searching for a permanent place of worship and fellowship, we invite you to consider First Baptist Church as your church home.

The 11:00 a.m. worship service is rebroadcast on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband Cable, Channel 95. Audio and video (DVD and VHS) recordings of the morning worship service are available, upon request, from the church office. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an FM wireless hearing assistance system. Ask one of the ushers for a receiver.

Children’s Worship Packets

In the hall to the left of the front of the Sanctuary are Children’s Worship Packets for children to use during our worship services.

WELCOME!

Welcome to worship at Aiken’s First Baptist Church. We hope you will use this time to experience God’s grace through praise, confession, forgiveness, challenge, and renewal as we lend hearts, hands and voices to the good task of Christian worship. We want to know you better. Won’t you please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate?

Date: _____

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Residence: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Age Group: 13-19 20-29 30-39
 40-49 50-59 60+

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Status: Single Married Divorced
 Separated Widowed

Please check all that apply:

- First time visitor
- New to the area
- Occasional visitor
- Interested in knowing more about being a Christian
- Interested in knowing more about this church
- Interested in joining this church