

# HOLY WEEK

## PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 2 - 9:30 AM

## MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

April 6 - 7:00 PM

(child care will be provided)

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

### 7:00 AM - Sunrise Service

followed by Easter Breakfast

### 9:30 AM - Easter Sunday Worship

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Saturday, April 1 — 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us as we experience the road to Calvary and the path to the empty tomb in this hands-on event. As they travel through the events of Holy Week, families will touch, taste, smell, see, hear, and experience Bible events in real and memorable ways.

The event will begin and end in the Pavilion (in case of weather: gym). Register your family at [andersonfbc.org/community](http://andersonfbc.org/community) by Monday, March 27.

A number of volunteers are needed to help with this event! If you are interested, please reach out to Cara Morgan for more information.

\*\*Donations of old bed sheets, any size or color, are needed as part of the decorations for the Easter Event. If you have old bed sheets you could donate please bring them by the church office.\*\*

#### MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

#### ANNIE ARMSTRONG AND CBF MISSIONS OFFERINGS

Through the Month of March

Given to date: \$635

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Next Tuesday, March 28, 2023,  
10:00 AM, Room 212

Our Mission Focus for March is The Calvary Home for Children. For more information contact Judith Wright or Emmie Hazle.

#### CONDOLENCES

Family and friends on the passing of  
Joe Payne on March 17, 2023

#### MEMBERS IN ACTION

#### NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Offertory Prayer: Glenn Torbert

Visitor Outreach: Carlie Taylor

Children's Worship: Natalie Rutledge

Nursery: Sharon Smith

Security: Chad Walker and Jeff Neal

#### OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

#### Monday, March 27

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday, March 28

10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study

#### Wednesday, March 29

5:15 PM Fellowship Hall Doors Open

5:30 PM Handbell Choir/above the Chapel

5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions

Youth Group

6:05 PM Bible Study/Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 30

Beacon Published

#### Friday, March 31

6:00 PM Youth DNOW

#### Saturday, April 1

Youth DNOW Continues

1:00 PM Easter Event

#### Palm Sunday, April 2

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

#### COMING SOON!



#### ANDERSON SOIREE

First Baptist will be bringing our famous "LEGO Mission Racers" to the Anderson Soiree on April 29, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Benson Room at the Bleckley Inn. Set-up will be on Friday, April 28. Servants are needed for set-up, clean-up, and to run the stations. If you would like to be a part of this fun outreach event, please contact Timothy Clardy at 864-276-6238 or [timothyclardy@charter.net](mailto:timothyclardy@charter.net)



**FIRST BAPTIST**  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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As children of God, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we believe that we have been called to serve alongside Jesus in the beautiful work of bringing heaven to earth.

# Welcome

March 26, 2023



"A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the 'bright sadness' of Lent, we see - far, far away - the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom." -Alexander Schmemmann

"The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection." (From *The Worship Sourcebook*)

#### Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Sonny Reed

Visitor Outreach: Susan Reed

#### Acolytes:

Harper Gilmer and Sara Beth Clardy

Trinity Chimes: Zoe Davidson

#### Children's Worship:

Children will remain in the service

Nursery: Debbie Cooley

#### Security:

Jerry Minyard and Steve Thrasher

Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Minister to Youth  
Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager  
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director  
Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist  
Miss Kendra Hamilton, Musician in Residence  
Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor  
Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Cara Morgan, Minister to Children  
Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager  
Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director  
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist  
Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music  
Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

# The Worship of God

## First Baptist Celebrates Baptist Women in Ministry

Throughout the month of March, First Baptist is participating in the month of advocacy and preaching, sponsored by Baptist Women in Ministry. BWIM encourages Baptist congregations to take time to celebrate the preaching voices of women. While this congregation has long acknowledged the capacities of both men and women to serve God, we remember this morning that there are many congregations where this is still not the case. We happily stand in solidarity with Baptist women clergy through BWIM and the month of advocacy. For more on BWIM: [www.bwim.info](http://www.bwim.info)

## Pastoral Prayer

Led by one of our ministers, this prayer is offered for our church and on behalf of our church. Have a prayer request? Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the Prayer Request form on the card in the pew in front of you or contact the church office at 864-224-1622 or [sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org](mailto:sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org)

## 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.

“Our deepest calling is to grow into our own authentic self-hood, whether or not it conforms to some image of who we ought to be. As we do so, we will not only find the joy that every human being seeks – we will also find our path of authentic service in the world.” -Parker Palmer

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Chris Liles

Mission Partner Focus: First Light Chelsey Hucker and Rev. Theresa Platt

Prelude *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* arr. Albert Zabel  
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Invocation Rev. Theresa Platt

\*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

*Here I Am to Worship* - Hughes  
*The Heart of Worship* - Redman

Pastoral Prayer Josh Hunt

*Prayer concludes by saying in unison:*

**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.**

\*Hymn No. 208 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

Offertory Prayer Sonny Reed

Offertory Music *Meditation* Flor Peeters

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**

Anthem *This Is My Father's World* arr. Elaine Hagenberg  
Sanctuary Choir

This is my Father's world and to my listening ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair,  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, the battle is not done,  
Jesus who died will be satisfied and heaven and earth be one.

(Children will remain in the service today.)

Scripture **Exodus 3:11-15; 4:1-15**  
(Pew Bible page 56)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon **"Overthinkers Anonymous"** Cara Morgan

\*Hymn No. 61 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

Benediction Cara Morgan

Postlude: *Go Out with Praise* Gilbert Martin  
Ramona Hallman, Organist

## 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.