

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #1, March 23, immediately following worship.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Bill Wilson with the Center for Healthy Churches to preach in our March 23 morning worship service and then to lead us in our first Congregational Conversation. It is "all hands on deck" when we hold these Congregational Conversations, so make every effort to take your place at the table. These events are pivotal for the success of our transitional journey and every voice is needed. We hope to have the fellowship hall filled to capacity. As they used to say in the day:
"Be there or be square!"

RESOUNDING FAITH

Sunday, March 30th
9:30 AM

Join us for this
5th Sunday Music Service

DEACONS MINISTRY

DEACON ELECTIONS

Our church has elected 11 dedicated individuals to serve as our newest class of deacons:
Tom Allen, Jack Anderson, Skip Brown, Charlie Campbell, Timothy Clardy, Elizabeth Marvin, Mathias Richardson, Thomas Roach, Ann Self, Greg Shore, and Marie Turner

We are grateful for their willingness to serve and invite you to keep them in your prayers as they step into their deacon ministry.

DEACONS MEETING

March 16 - 11:30 AM
in the Fellowship Hall

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Offertory Prayer: Larry Mitchell

Visitor Outreach: Susan Reed

Children's Worship: Timothy Clardy & Kristen Gilmer

Security: Alan Oxendine and Greg Shore

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

EASTER MISSIONS OFFERING

Through the Month of March
ANNIE ARMSTRONG and
CBF MISSIONS OFFERINGS

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THIRD THURSDAY Senior Adult Ministry

Thursday, March 20
at noon in the Fellowship Hall

DON SAXON WILL SPEAK ON MILITARY SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Cost: \$10.00; Menu: Baked Ham, Yeast Roll,
Pinto Beans, Cheesy Potatoes, Banana Pudding

Please make a reservation by
3:00 PM on Thursday, March 13.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, March 25 — 10:00 AM
Meet in the Bridal Suite

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Jason, Elizabeth Monroe,
and Zachariah Johnson

Joined March 2, 2025



OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, March 12

- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions (Rock Room)
Youth Group (Gym)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

Sunday, March 16

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner



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Welcome

March 9, 2025



We are delighted to have you with us this morning. For 200 years, this congregation has come together in worship, responding to God's presence among us. Worship is central to who we are as a church—it unites us, defines us, and allows us to experience the joy of God's love together.

If this is your first time here, we extend a special welcome to you! We invite you to complete the visitor card located on the back of the pew. This card is a great way to join our mailing list, share prayer requests, or connect with our church staff.

If you are exploring your faith, our Staff is here to answer any questions you may have about Christianity, our church, or how to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

We're so glad you're here! May you encounter God's love and grace this morning."

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:
Becky Campbell

Visitor Outreach:
John Bone

Children's Worship:
Tracey Ramsey and Liz Marvin

Security:
Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist
 Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
 Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager
 Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager
 Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence
 Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
 Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
 Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
 Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager
 Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

The Worship of God

First Sunday of Lent

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

Welcome		Charlie Campbell
Prelude	Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	arr. Diane Bish
Chiming of the Trinity		
*Hymn No. 19	We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer	KREMSER
Call to Worship		Charlie Campbell

Leader: Jesus taught His disciples that the path to greatness is found in humility.

People: We come, seeking to learn from Him, that we may serve with humble hearts.

Leader: Though the world may seek power, Jesus calls us to serve the least among us.

People: We will follow Jesus, who welcomed the little children and showed us the way of love.

Leader: In this season of Lent, we remember the calling to lay down our pride and serve with compassion.

People: We open our hearts to His example, seeking to love as He loves.

Leader: Let us worship the One who calls us to a life of service, humility, and grace.

People: With joy and gratitude, we offer our lives to the One who leads us to greatness through love.

ALL: Together, we will walk in His footsteps, seeking His will in all that we do.

Based on Mark 9:30-37

Invocation		Charlie Campbell
Songs of Praise and Worship		Praise Team

Let the Praises Ring - Brewster

The Solid Rock - arr. Chapman

Offertory Prayer		Becky Campbell
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Offertory Music	Jesus, the Very thought of Thee	arr. Anna Laura Page
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Praising God For His Gifts To Us		OLD 100th
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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

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, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](https://text.fbcanderson.org) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Anthem

Let All the People Praise!
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
Sing praise to the Spirit, our God, Three in One.
Let all the people praise the name of the Lord.

All voices and instruments praising together,
People are many, the Body is one.
In singing and dancing, in writing and painting;
One in the Spirit, the old and the young.

The Lord has been faithful to all generations,
Walking beside us through smoke and through flame.
In sunshine and shadow, protecting, providing;
In all times and seasons, ever the same!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

All praise to the Father, all praise to the Son,
To the Spirit, our God, Three in One.
Let all the people praise the name of the Lord.

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Morning Prayer

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

Ann Self

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.

Scripture

Mark 9:30-37
(Pew Bible Page 1001)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Egomaniacs Anonymous"

Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 279

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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Benediction

Jim Wooten

Postlude

He Who Would Valiant Be
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. Our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

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.