

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #1,
Next Sunday, 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

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

EASTER MISSIONS OFFERING
Through the Month of March
ANNIE ARMSTRONG and
CBF MISSIONS OFFERINGS
Given to date \$130.00

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday, March 25 — 10:00 AM
Meet in the Bridal Suite

COMING SOON!

HOLY WEEK! 

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
Sunday, April 13 - 9:30 AM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
COMMUNION**
April 17 - 7:00 PM
(child care will be provided)

**CHURCH-WIDE
EASTER FELLOWSHIP**
Saturday, April 19 - 11:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY
April 20
7:00 AM - Sunrise Service
followed by Easter Breakfast
9:30 AM - Easter Sunday Worship

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 23
Offertory Prayer: Glenn Torbert
Visitor Outreach: Patricia Torbert
Children's Worship: January Menees and Matt Wilson
Security: Bill Wilson and Adam Gathers

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, March 17 — St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 19

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)

Thursday, March 20

The Beacon Published

12:00 PM Third Thursday (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 23

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School (Children)
10:30 AM Congregational Conversation #1 (Adults)
5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner



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Welcome

March 16, 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:
Larry Mitchell

Visitor Outreach:
Susan Reed

Children's Worship:
Timothy Clardy and Kristen Gilmer

Security:
Alan Oxendine and Greg Shore

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

Second 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 Thomas Roach, Co-Chair of the Transition Team

Prelude ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*** arr. Robert Hobby
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Call to Worship Thomas Roach

Leader: Moses had Sinai, where he met with God in the burning bush.

People: Jacob had Bethel, where he dreamed of angels and God's promise.

Leader: Jesus had Gethsemane, where He prayed in deep surrender.

People: Each of these places held the power of transformation and divine encounter.

Leader: And here, in this church, we too meet with God.

People: This space becomes sacred to us, where we experience His presence.

Leader: It is in this place that we find strength, peace, and guidance.

People: Just as those before us found sacred moments, so do we.

ALL: This church is our sacred space, where we are drawn closer to God and to one another.

Invocation Thomas Roach

Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Your Grace Is Enough - Maher
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) - Tomlin

Offertory Prayer Larry Mitchell

Offertory Music ***I Am Thine, O Lord*** arr. Lani Smith

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

Beautiful Savior!
Sanctuary Choir

Lloyd Larson

Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'll love Thee, truly I'll serve Thee.
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming flowers of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright are the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the holy angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, forevermore,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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

Morning Prayer

Jim Wooten

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.

Scripture

Psalm 84
(Pew Bible Page 584)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Power of a Place"

Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 295

Near to the Heart of God

MCAFEE

Benediction

Jim Wooten

Postlude

Postlude in C
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chester Nordman

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.

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](text:fbcanderson) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.