

First Baptist Church of Marion



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Dr. David Smith

GATHERING

Prelude

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
Acolytes: Bill & Sharon Warren

arr. Hughes

Call to Worship

Psalm 46

Rev. Jennifer Jennings

One: God, when all of life seems to be collapsing around us, You hold the center firm. When storms swirl in the outer world, You remind us of the inner realities that still our anxious hearts.

All: There is no reason to get worked up over disruptions in the world around us. Nothing will be able to move us from our true center in You.

One: You walk with us. Your Spirit gives us strength. Your heart is the home of our deepest joy, and dwelling within Your love, we will never be shaken.

All: You walk with us. Your Spirit gives us strength. Your heart is the home of our deepest joy.

One: When we awaken to an uncertain world, the very dawn reminds us that You never stop coming to us.

All: You speak into our hearts: "Quiet yourself. Be still. Listen. Experience Me as God of all."

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jennings

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 trespass 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. 297

Here I Am to Worship

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

PROCLAIMING

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:9-14
(Pew Bible page 853)

Sherron Crawford

One: This is the Word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Rev. Jennings

*Hymn No. 349

To God Be the Glory

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Prayer of Confession

Dr. Smith

One: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You have opened your heart to us, and in our pride we have spurned your care. You have given us all things, and we have squandered your gifts.

All: **We have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and we are not living as a reflection of your image.**

One: Have mercy on us, God. We are ashamed and sorry for all of the ways we have not lived as you have created.

All: **Cleanse us, make us new, and teach us to find rest in your love, never straying from the sound of your voice.**

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Smith

Jesus reminded me of the longing I had for him before, and I realized that nothing stood in my way except sin, which is the thing that stands in everyone's way. ... But in this showing Jesus gave me all that I need. "Sin is inevitable," he said, "yet all will be well and all will be well and every kind of thing shall be well."

Anthem

As the Deer
Sanctuary Choir

Wilson

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Jennings

Morning Prayer

Rev. Jennings

Sermon

Who Will Be Exalted?

Dr. Smith

RESPONDING

*Hymn No. 64

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Greeting Time

Prayer of Dedication

Carolyn Young

Offertory *Just As I Am* arr. Young

*Doxology Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SENDING

Benediction Dr. Smith

Postlude *Take the Name of Jesus With You* arr. Innes

* *Congregation please stand as you are able.*

This year's Lenten liturgy comes from Jerry Webber's *Sometimes an Unknown Path: 40 Psalm-Prayers in Contemplative Voice*, and Mirabai Starr's *The Showings of Julian of Norwich: Uncovering the Face of the Feminine in Revelations of Divine Love*.

Welcome to Our Guests!

We are grateful that you are present today! You are invited to fill out an information card indicating your presence in worship and interest in First Baptist Church. **Guest Information Cards** are available from an usher. Once completed, feel free to hand your card to an usher, one of our pastors, or drop it in an offering plate. Also, for those with hearing loss, **hearing assistance devices** are available for use during the service. Our ushers will assist you with these or any other needs you have.

God's Invitation to You!

The singing of *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* is a time of invitation in our worship service when you may come forward to share publicly your faith decision. Or you may speak to one of our pastors, who will be available at the exit after worship. You may also contact a member of the church staff by telephone or email at any time.

Partner with God and First Baptist Church of Marion!

Join FBC in ministry by giving to our General Budget and Missions Offering. Offering plates are passed during worship for contributions. Also, electronic giving is available through the adjacent QR code. And, you may text FBCMARION to 73256 to give using your mobile device. (This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text and data rates may apply.)



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