

# First Church at Worship

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship with God, for hope when we are dying.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Meditation on Beautiful Savior  
Carillon Choir

Cathy Mocklebust

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 159

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are weary and heavy-laden—

**For God promises the gift of rest and renewal.**

Come all who are weighed down by sin, and regrets, and fears—

**For God promises the gift of hope and new possibilities.**

**Let us worship God in this hour, that we may follow Christ in all our hours.**

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

### \* RESPONSE No. 482

Lord, Have Mercy

Kriewald Kyrie

Repeated phrases are sung first by the leader and then by all.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*All may exchange signs of peace.

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

No. 39

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present Maddox Cooper Dannelly for baptism,  
son of Travis and Kim Dannelly.

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

The pastor addresses the congregation.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Maddox with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.*

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

*In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.*

**Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and one who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.*

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

*Maddox Cooper Dannelly, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*The Holy Spirit works within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## HYMN No. 2051 (TFWS)

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Waterlife

*Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.*

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

~ We Listen for God's Word ~

## THE FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

OT Pg. 139

*This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

Arlington

*Give thanks to God for he is good,  
His mercy ever stands;  
Proclaim that God has saved his own  
From their oppressors hands.*

*From every land the Lord has called  
His own, gathered them out  
From eastern lands, and from the west,  
The north, and from the south.*

*He stilled the storm to whispering,  
Its waves fell quietly;  
Then they were glad; he brought them to  
The port where they would be.*

*Let them give thanks for God's great love,  
The wonders he displays;  
Let congregations, councils, all  
Exalt him, give him praise.*

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10 NT Pg. 192

*This is the word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Spiritual  
Frankie Hardwick, tenor

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 3:14-21 NT Pg. 94

*This is the word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Team Spirit* Rev. Kyle  
Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.  
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle  
*Are You Committed Enough?*

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Blessed Jesus at Thy Word* Johann Walther

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
*Sing Joyful Praise*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING No. 2196 (TFWS) *Martyrdom*  
*We Walk by Faith*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Walthers  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of  
George "PaPa" Jenkins  
given with lots of love by his family.

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#### NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, and Psalter are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

\* The Baptismal Hymn and the Hymn of Sending may be found in the new supplemental hymnal *The Faith We Sing* (TFWS).

#### Serving This Sunday, March 15

**Altar Guild:** Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes, Wilmarie Boatwright

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Lila Myers, Jade Edwards, Erin Todd

**Children's Church:** Charles and Ann Myers

**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Martin, Delan Stevens

(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner

**Trustee Duty:** Johnny Vaught

**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks

**Ushers:** Mark Brooks (Chairman), Brad Todd (Co-Chairman)

Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Chad Hardwick, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner,

Bill Taylor, Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

#### This Week at FUMC

##### Sunday, March 15

9:30 a.m. Carillon Rehearsal / Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM

10:00 a.m. Swiss Melody Bells Ensemble Rehearsal / Rm. 119

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

4:45 p.m. King's Singers Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

##### Monday, March 16

3:30 p.m. Children's Pottery / FLC

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

##### Tuesday, March 17

2:00 p.m. Organ Reserved / Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) / FLC

##### Wednesday, March 18

12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon / FLC

2:30 p.m. Children are picked up from school

3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities

3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

5:30 p.m. Church Family Meal & Chili Cook-off / Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Discussion / Room 216

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

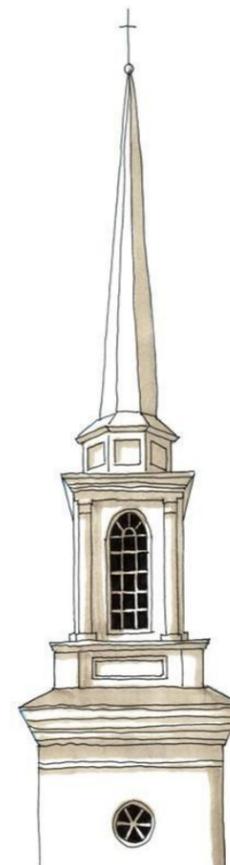
##### Thursday, March 19

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / Room 207

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

##### Saturday, March 21

10:00 a.m. Jill Nelson / FLC Gathering Room



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Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2015  
11:00 a.m.

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#### Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.