

**Morning Worship
2nd Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020**

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Wood

The congregation is asked to make use of the prelude as a time of preparation, meditation and prayer.

Greeting

Dr. Steve Fitzgerald

May the God who made heaven and earth, the One who is your keeper, be with you in your coming in to worship today. The presence, promise and power of God be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Missions

Dan Tillman

Choral Introit *Let Us Build A House*

Haugen

*Call to Worship

Jean Page Watson

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him.

*Hymn 634 *To God Be The Glory*

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. (time for silent confession).

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

Osterland

*Praise of God

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

We Receive God's Word

Message to the Children

Dr. Steve Fitzgerald

Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.

Anthem *Jesus, Only Jesus!*

Ovokaitys

Who humbled Himself to follow God's plan?

Who left heaven's throne to come as a man?

Who walked on the earth as the Shepherd and Lamb?

Jesus, only Jesus!

Who taught us to love and how to forgive?

Who showed us the Word and how we should live?

And Who, by example, gave all He could give?

Jesus, only Jesus!

Jesus, only Jesus, beloved Son of God!

He gave His life to save us,

For He's the Lamb, the Lamb of God.

The holy Lamb of God.

Who hung on the cross though spotless within?

Who carried our grief and bore all our sin?

Who died with the shame of the world upon Him?

Jesus, only Jesus!

Jesus, only Jesus, beloved Son of God!

He gave His life to save us,

For He's the Lamb, the Lamb of God,

The holy Lamb of God.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; John 3:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Eye Lift"

Dr. Steve Fitzgerald

*Hymn 829 *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

Prayers of Intercession and the Lords Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

We Go Out To Serve

*Charge

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this day, and forevermore. Amen

*Choral Response *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* Yamaguchi

*Postlude *I've Got Peace Like A River* Spiritual

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today in honor of Dr. Steve and Debbie Fitzgerald by Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Smith.

If you are visiting with us today, **please accept our gift of a coffee mug and a Newcomers' Packet.** They are located in the Narthex.

The **sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Sue Cutchin and her family upon the death of her mother, Rebie Harrison.

Prayer List as of March 8, 2020

Dee Pierce	Anne Bryan
Jack Baker	Larry Gaddy
Robby Ashworth	Carole Kennedy
Fred Craft	Bennie Moore
Janie Taylor	

Nursery/Pray N' Play

March 8	Kelli Beck
March 15	Sadie Smith
March 22	Becky Childers
March 29	Jean Page Watson

Fill the Red Wagon

March Featured Item: **Pop-Tarts**

Additional canned food donations are encouraged!

The Church This Week (3/8/2020)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Installation Service
	5:30 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Circle No. 1
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch-FBC
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	4:00 p.m.	Circle No. 2
	5:30 p.m.	Pot-LUCK supper
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

The Mission Team will be collecting a **Love Offering** during Worship Service this morning.

Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Steve Fitzgerald this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. A **Reception** will be held in the Fellowship Building immediately after the service.

There will be a **St. Patrick's Day covered dish pot-LUCK** supper this Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share and join us for supper and a game of BINGO afterwards.

Mission Trip Inside Yard Sale will be on Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 7:00 to 10:00 am. Place items on the right side of stage behind white wooden blinds. If you need help delivering your yard sale items to the Church, please call David Morgan at (843) 337-9231, or David Nagel at (843) 921-3607.

Lenten Lunch/Devotionals will continue on Wednesdays at First Baptist Church Family Life Center at noon. See schedule of speakers below:

DATE: March 11
MEAL: First United Methodist
SPEAKER: Kim Eanes

DATE: March 18
MEAL: Emmanuel Temple
SPEAKER: Jerry Hardison

DATE: March 25
MEAL: St. David's Church
SPEAKER: Mary Ellen Doran

DATE: April 1
MEAL: First Presbyterian
SPEAKER: Steve Fitzgerald

DATE: April 8
MEAL: First Baptist
SPEAKER/MUSIC: First Baptist Student Ministry

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
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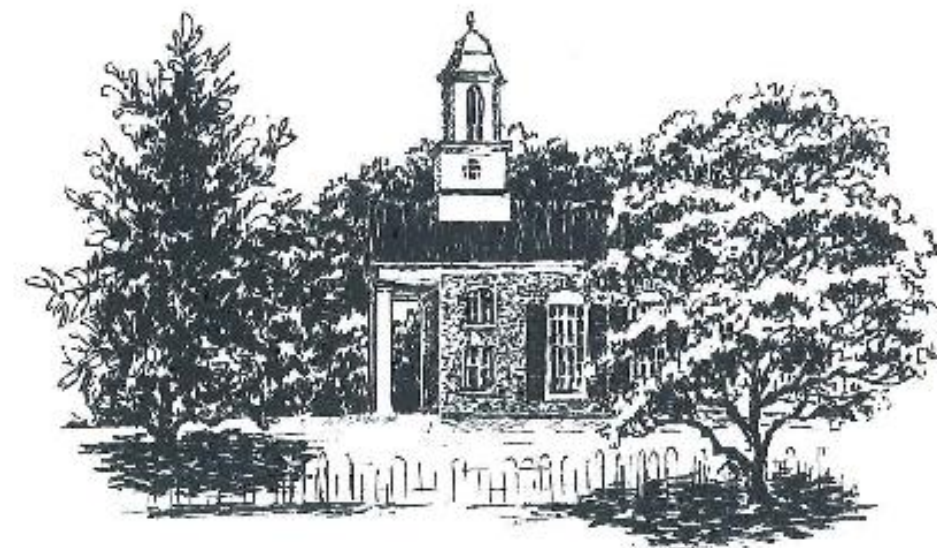
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Our Vision

**Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love**



Our Mission

**By the Grace of God, we are rooted in Christ through love.
We grow in the Spirit by worshipping, by studying,
and by cultivating relationships with Christ and others.
As stewards of God's gifts and affirming our faith
in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
we share God's Mission of reaching out
with Christ's Love.**

Dr. Steve Fitzgerald
Pastor

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