



First, an instrument of torture,
Then, an instrument of love.
First, a place of defeat,
Then, a place of victory.
First, a symbol of shame,
Then, a symbol of glory.

There is a horrific type of
beauty
in the cross.

Our Worship of God

February 28, 2016

9:15 am

The Third Sunday of the Lenten Season

— The Beauty of the Cross —

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship (responsive)

O God, You are our God, the One in whom we trust.
We've gathered together today to worship You—
to open our hearts and minds to Your presence.

We long to meet You here, and to hear Your voice.

We come with confidence,
because we've met You here before;

we've been awed and inspired by Your glory and Your power.

We come with gratitude,
because we've known Your steadfast love—

a love which is better than life itself.

And so we praise You—

*lifting our voices, lifting our hands
in joy and expectation.*

Come among us in Your power.

**Pour out Your spirit on our thirsty souls,
that we may be filled with Your goodness and love. Amen.**

Opening Our Hearts for Worship

Lead Me To The Cross

Movement to the Cross

As you are able, you are invited to come forward, stand by the cross, and read Psalm 63 printed on the next page. Please meditate on its meaning and offer your prayers of praise to God.

*O God, you are my God,
I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary
land where there is no
water.*

*So I have looked upon you
in the sanctuary,
beholding your power
and glory.*

*Because your steadfast love
is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long
as I live;*

*I will lift up my hands and
call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a
rich feast,
and my mouth praises you
with joyful lips
when I think of you on my
bed,
and meditate on you in
the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your
wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds
me.*

*But those who seek to
destroy my life
shall go down into the
depths of the earth;
they shall be given over to
the power of the sword,
they shall be prey for
jackals.
But the king shall rejoice in
God;
all who swear by him
shall exult,
for the mouths of liars
will be stopped.*

Song of Acknowledgment

Sweetly Broken

Invitation To Pass The Peace Of Christ

Hearing God's Word

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Brian Steere

Song of Giving

Multiplied

Offertory

Worlds Apart

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Dr. Milton Horne

Sermon

Dr. Milton Horne
Ecclesiastes' Theodicy: Tragedy and Travail in the Encounters with God

Song of Response

You Are I Am

Benediction

Going To Serve

Worship Notes

- **Cover Image:** *Artist - Margaret Sullivan.* As Part of our Lenten theme, The Beauty of the Cross, many First Baptist members and friends have colored a cross. Different samples of this work will be in our bulletins each week, while other artistic renditions may be found at various locations in our building.
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- **Guest Pastor: Dr. Milton Horne**

Milton Horne is a professor of religion at William Jewell, where he has taught since 1986. He holds the DPhil in Theology (1990) from Oxford University, specializing in Hebrew Scriptures (Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes); and the MDiv (1983) from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He completed his undergraduate BA in English (1979) at University of Missouri, Columbia, during which time he and his wife Karen lived in Harrisburg, Missouri, while he pastored the Harrisburg Baptist Church. Dr. Horne is a musician (pianist) and a Registered Piano Technician (Piano Technicians Guild). He and his wife, Karen, have raised two sons, Robert and Jared, and now have two grandchildren, August and Alice.

Dr. Horne's series of sermons here at First Baptist will explore the way that the thinking of Ecclesiastes prepares believers to appreciate the tragi-comedic (a literary genre that blends aspects of both tragic and comic forms) aspects of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The affirmation of the cross as both beautiful and horrific invites disciples to interpret the cross as more than mere contradiction and paradox, but as tragi-comedy. Lives of discipleship must themselves move beyond paradox in the ways that comedy grows from and interweaves around great tragi-comedic plots of our lives.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 28

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble

Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service

(in Swahili)

Parlor

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

Monday, February 29

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study

Parlor

Wednesday, March 2

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sanctuary

Thursday, March 3

1:00 pm Circle Meeting

Conference Room

Friday, March 4

10:30 am Eat, Pray, Sew

Conference Room

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Announcements

Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn has begun! Room at the Inn is a winter shelter designed to provide a warm place to sleep for those in need from 7:00 pm- 7:00 am through March 4. You can click on the Rotator on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) to sign up for volunteer slots. Sign up today to help!

Circle Meeting

This group of women meet on the first Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. to talk about ways to promote mission work, hear from guest speakers and walk through life together. On March 3, we will join together in the conference room to roll bandages. We will also hear from Director of Children's Ministry, Yvette Chambers.

Movie Night — March 12, 5:30 pm

First Baptist presents a Movie Night for all ages! Gather in the Fellowship Hall for pizza prior to the movie.

Popcorn will be provided during the movie. Adults will be watching and discussing "The Emperor's Club," a feel good movie about a dedicated teacher (Kevin Kline) who has spent his entire adult life inspiring his students and then comes to appreciate that his students taught him just as he taught them. The movie is rated PG-13 for some language and sexuality. We hope you'll stay for a brief discussion following the movie.

Childcare will be available for infants and preschoolers.

Noah and Abby Hartsfield will be hanging out with the children on the 3rd Floor as they watch a movie of their own.

Announcements

Holy Week

In one month we will be traveling from Lent into Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. In our Lenten journey, we welcome Milton Horne to our pulpit on Feb. 29 and March 6 - Ed Rollins will preach on March 13 - and former interim pastor Mike Graves will be here on Palm Sunday (March 20) and Easter Sunday (March 27).

On Good Friday, **March 25**, we will gather for worship in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. This most meaningful service reminds us of the suffering and pain that Christ endured during the crucifixion. We will gather around the cross, as we have during Lent, for a time of communion, prayer and reflection.

On Saturday, **March 26**, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children from toddlers to 3rd grade. There will also be face painting, bubbles, games, story-time, and more!

On Sunday, **March 27**, Easter services begin with the Sunrise service led by our youth on the front Broadway steps at 8:15 am. Following this we will share in our annual Easter brunch, followed by our worship services at 9:15 and 11:15 am. We look forward to a wonderful day of celebration. Please invite a friend to come with you, as we worship the risen Lord.

Child Development Center

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for summer and the 2016-2017 school year. Our summer program will be June 6-June 30 and July 6-August 5. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. Our hours are 7:15 am-5:30 pm Monday-Fridays. For more information contact Ms. Debby at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org

We are collecting store receipts for a fundraiser with Shoparoo. Last year schools nationwide earned over \$800,000. Receipts from any store will help us earn instant cash donations and entries into sweepstakes of up to \$15,000. We have placed a basket in the hall by the nursery to collect receipts. We will be happy to scan your receipts!



First Baptist Church

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9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience,
First Baptist Church offers Traditional worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary.

Songs used:

Lead Me To The Cross (4785828); Sweetly Broken (4514635); Multiplied (7029227);
Worlds Apart (1849025); You Are I Am (6293930)

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Extended Session: children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the Fellowship Hall fireplace area.

**First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches USA,
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.**

To view the live webcast of our 11:15 am Traditional worship service, go to www.ustream.tv.
Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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