



*Learning to*  
**LAMENT**

# *Our Worship of God*

*March 4, 2018*

*9:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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## *The Third Sunday of Lent*

Prayer, we think means presenting ourselves before God so that God will be pleased with us. We put on our Sunday best in our prayers . . .

Prayers of Lament fail to observe the niceties of due process. They are jarring, even violent in their assault of decency and order. They are the language of the nobody, the outsider, and the foreigner. . . . Blind Bartimaeus will not lower his voice, speak civilly, and wait his turn.

~Scott E. Ellington

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

### **Call to Worship (unison)**

**If you will bend near, I will climb upon the wings of your spirit  
and soar from the pit of despair.**

**I will write your word of love across my face so that everyone can see  
that I worship you, the God of forgiveness and understanding.**

**Bend near, O God, for I believe in the spirit of your law.**

**O blessed God, there is no end to your mercy.**

**You smile upon your hurting children and turn stone hearts warm  
with your love.**

**Blessed be your name through all the earth.**

**Blessed be the spirit of your compassionate word.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen*

**Scripture Reading**

Lamentations 2:1-5a, 20-21

How the Lord in his anger has humiliated daughter Zion! He has thrown down from heaven to earth the splendor of Israel; he has not remembered his footstool on the day of his anger. The Lord has destroyed without mercy all the dwellings of Jacob; in his wrath he has broken down the strongholds of daughter Judah; he has brought down to the ground in dishonor the kingdom and its rulers. He has cut down in fierce anger all the might of Israel; he has withdrawn his right hand from them in the face of the enemy; he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob, consuming all around. He has bent his bow like an enemy, with his right hand set like a foe; he has killed all in whom we took pride in the tent of daughter Zion; he has poured out his fury like fire. The Lord has become like an enemy.

“Look, O Lord, and consider! To whom have you done this? Should women eat their offspring, the children they have borne? Should priest and prophet be killed in the sanctuary of the Lord? The young and the old are lying on the ground in the streets; my young women and my young men have fallen by the sword; on the day of your anger you have killed them, slaughtering without mercy. You invited my enemies from all around as if for a day of festival; and on the day of the anger of the Lord no one escaped or survived; those whom I bore and reared my enemy has destroyed.”

**May the Peace of Christ dwell where the Word of God is spoken.**

**Learning to Lament:** As a child, what were your family’s rules about expressing anger? What is your comfort level with expressing anger before God?

*Contemplate these examples of complaint/anger expressed before God:*

Psalm 22 “Why are you so far from saving me from the words of my groaning? Oh my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer me and by night, I find no rest.”

Lament Psalm Ten by Ann Weems “O God, I can’t stand it! I pace like a caged animal; I cry to the point of exhaustion; my head aches unceasingly; my heart feels as though it will fall from my chest.”

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering**

**Message**

Lament: The Art of Anti-praise

Carol McEntyre

**Preparation for Communion**

Lament Psalm Thirty-Nine  
(Ann Weems)

Bryce Null, Lillian Hoell, and Noah Hartsfield, readers

**Observance of Holy Communion**

**Psalm Thirty-Nine Epilogue**

**†Communion Reflection**

Reckless Love

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**†Song of Response**

It Is Well

**Benediction**

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, March 4

**4-4:50 pm First Kids Music**

*Sanctuary*

**5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study**

*Youth Suite*

## Monday, March 5

**9-10:30 am Senior Yoga**

*Parlor*

**1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting**

*Conference Room*

## Tuesday, March 6

**11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters**

*E2*

**5-7:30 pm Residency Team Meeting**

*Library*

## Wednesday, March 7

**6-7:30 pm Financial Peace University**

*Conference Room*

**6-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth**

*Youth Suite*

**5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal**

*Sanctuary*

**6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal**

*Sanctuary*

**7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

*Sanctuary*

**7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal**

*Fellowship Hall*

## Sunday, March 11

**4-4:50 pm First Kids Music**

*Sanctuary*

**5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study**

*Youth Suite*

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# Announcements

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## Trip to Lakota Reservation – Interest Survey

First Baptist has been invited to return to the Lakota Reservation in Bridger again this summer. The Serving Team is looking to see if there is enough interest within our church family to make the trip viable. The group would depart from Columbia on July 6 and begin the trip home on July 12. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) by March 11.

## All Leader Meeting

Monday, March 12 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall everyone who serves on one of First Baptist's teams (Congregational Care, Teaching Team, Worship Team, Mission Team, Telling Team and Administrative Team) is invited to a Leadership Dinner. We will eat together, orient you to your work, talk about the expectations of our leaders, worship and sing. Child care is available. Please RSVP to our Administrative Assistant, Janet Deneke, at [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org), or 442-1149, and be sure to tell her it is for the leadership dinner!

## Practicing Lament over Comfort Food

On Sunday, March 18 at 5:00 pm, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to share a potluck meal. We are asking you to bring a "comfort food" to share. It could be a food associated with the security of childhood like Mom's chicken soup or an indulgence food like ice cream.

## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Christian feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is a joyous and special day at First Baptist, with palm processions in both services. You are also invited to attend the Downtown Palm Sunday Service in conjunction with the other downtown churches. This special service takes place in the middle of the street on Broadway! We will meet on the front lawn at 10:20 and walk downtown together. If parents want their children to attend the event downtown, they will need to pick up their children and bring them.

Awakening (9:15 am) and Traditional (11:15 am) worship will meet as usual on Palm Sunday; children are invited to take part in a Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both worship services. Children will gather at the back of the church and be given palms, and when worship begins they parade down the aisle! Parents, please arrive a few minutes prior to worship so your children can join the fun.

*Note: College and Young Adult Bible Study will not meet Palm Sunday.*

## Holy Week Schedule

**Friday, March 30**, Good Friday: worship service at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Saturday, March 31**: Easter Egg hunt 10 am – noon. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 for games and treats. Bring your own basket!

**Sunday, April 1**, Easter Sunday: We will share our annual brunch in between our worship services at 9:15 am and 11:15 am.

*Note: College and Young Adult Bible Study will not meet Easter Sunday.*

## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering

First Baptist will support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world during the month of March by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions.

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# Worship Notes

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The Call to Worship and the Communion reflection are from *Psalms of Lament* by Ann Weems.  
Weems, Ann. *Psalms of lament*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1999.

One Thing Remains by Brian Johnson | Christa Black Gifford | Jeremy Riddle (5508444)

Ever Be by Bobby Strand | Chris Greely | Gabriel Wilson | Kalley Heiligenthal (7030065)

It Is Well by Horatio Gates Spafford | Kristene DiMarco | Philip Paul Bliss (7021972)

Reckless Love by Cory Asbury | Caleb Culver | Ran Jackson (7089641)

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



## 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 in the Sanctuary.*

For Children During Worship:

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

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 which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

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

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor library.

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### Church Staff

*Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor*

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*Brittany McDonald Null, Pastoral Resident*

*Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry*

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