



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

March 6, 2016

11:15 am

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

The Fourth Sunday of the Lenten Season

– The Beauty of the Cross –

Greeting Ed Rollins

Prelude Held Still In Quick of Grace *Stamp*
Psalm Players

Call to Worship (responsive)

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;
*God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.*

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;
*let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;
let us worship God together.*

†Processional Hymn 502 Amazing Grace

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

†Passing of the Peace

*As God has given us peace through Christ,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

Scripture Reading

Trish Blair

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

Again, I saw vanity under the sun: the case of solitary individuals, without sons or brothers; yet there is no end to all their toil, and their eyes are never satisfied with riches. "For whom am I toiling," they ask, "and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *arr. Culloton*

†Gospel Acclamation

Refrain
All

I will a - rise and
go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the
arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

†Gospel Reading

Dr. Milton Horne

Luke 15:1-32

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Prayer: Prodigal Grace (responsive)

Holy and Gracious God
You, the one of prodigal grace
We give you thanks for the gift of life
and for the blessings of this life,
for family and friends and

love abundant.

Lead us through the trials
the suffering and sorrow
the challenges and struggles
the tired time, despair and bleak places,
back to you, and
love abundant.

Be with those who weep
or cannot sleep
who have no peace
who seek release
and comfort them with
love abundant.

Fill us with hope,
sustained in your mercy,
with patience and stamina
upheld by your Holy Spirit
in your prodigal grace.

*Transform us and all our broken ways
transform us that we can be
made whole*

*And in wholeness
may we be
the hands and heart of Christ. Amen.*

†Hymn 451

I Will Arise and Go To Jesus

†Offertory Sentence

Notes

Offertory O Sacred Head Now Wounded *Marcum*
 Psalm Players

Message At a Loss for Words: Dr. Milton Horne
 The Comic Transformation of the Cross

Preparation for Communion

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!

Gathering at the Table of Our Lord

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
The Break Broken, the Cup Shared

†Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

- **Cover Image:** 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.
- **Call to Worship:** Inspired by Luke 15:1-10. Posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website. <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>
- **Prayer:** Prodigal Grace: Inspired by Luke 15:11-32. Written by Terri, posted on RevGalBlogPals. <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>
- **Gospel Acclamation:** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy.* Text: Joseph Hart. Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-707314. Used by permission.
- **Preparation for Communion:** *This Is the Feast of Victory.* Text: John W. Arthur. Music: Richard Hillert. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-707314. Used by permission.
- **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, March 6

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service
(in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

Monday, March 7

Spire Deadline

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study

Parlor

Wednesday, March 9

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 10

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 12

5:30 pm Movie Night

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 13

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

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)

Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

Announcements

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.

Sign up sheets are available outside of the worship spaces; please sign up if you plan to attend so that we can estimate how much pizza to order. Sodas and water will be provided.

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!

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.



First Baptist Church

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11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

*The Sanctuary flowers are provided by:
the Sorrels, in honor of their birthdays.*

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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