

# The First Baptist Church at Worship

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2011

10:30 AM

*A guide to your meditation as you listen to the prelude, prepare your minds and hearts for worship, and sit amazed in the presence of the Lord:*

NOT, I'll not, carrion comfort, Despair, not feast on thee;  
Not untwist—slack they may be—these last strands of man  
In me ór, most weary, cry *I can no more*. I can;  
Can something, hope, wish day come, not choose not to be.  
But ah, but O thou terrible, why wouldst thou rude on me  
Thy wring-world right foot rock? lay a lionlimb against me? scan  
With darksome devouring eyes my bruised bones? and fan,  
O in turns of tempest, me heaped there; me frantic to avoid thee and flee?

Why? That my chaff might fly; my grain lie, sheer and clear.  
Nay in all that toil, that coil, since (seems) I kissed the rod,  
Hand rather, my heart lo! lapped strength, stole joy, would laugh, chéer.  
Cheer whom though? the hero whose heaven-handling flung me, fóot tród  
Me? or me that fought him? O which one? is it each one? That night, that year  
Of now done darkness I wretch lay wrestling with (my God!) my God.

~ Gerard Manley Hopkins

## The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

*"Aus der Tiefe" ("Forty days and forty nights")* ..... J. S. Bach

*"Mortals, bewail your grievous sins"* ..... J. S. Bach

## In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* - #169

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#168 *I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ*  
KINGSFOLD

*R. G. Huff is currently on the adjunct faculty at Dallas Baptist University. As a veteran of forty one years in church music ministry, he has given new words to a traditional hymn tune. In this hymn we are reminded of the Lenten meaning of taking the Cross of Jesus Christ.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

**Great and holy God, awe and reverence, fear and trembling do not come easily to us for we are not Old Testament Jews or Moses or mystics or sensitive enough. Forgive us for slouching into Your presence with little expectation and less awe than we would eagerly give a visiting dignitary. We need neither Jehovah nor a buddy- neither "the Great and Powerful Oz" nor**

**"the man upstairs." Help us to want what we need—You, God—and may the altar of our hearts tremble with delight at Your visitation, Amen.**

-Frederick Ohler

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#183 v.1 *In the Cross of Christ*  
RATHBUN, alt.

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time:  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

\*WELCOME & PASSING OF PEACE

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*(Please register your attendance by filling out a YELLOW CARD from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag this morning.)*

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand, and greet one another in the name of Christ.

*(Please be seated.)*

CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

## Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Gina Greenwood

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7:** The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*When Jesus Walked the Wilderness* ..... Lloyd Larsen

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jim Earnest

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

**People: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Matthew 4:1-11:** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#573 *It Is Well With My Soul*  
VILLE DU HAVRE

*The story of Horatio Spafford's great personal loss of his children as the inspiration for his writing of this hymn is well known. We are reminded that when we face our most trying experiences and cannot understand "why", we have the limitless love of God to help us.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#388 *Rain Down*  
RAIN DOWN

**Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love on Your people.  
Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love, God of life.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts & Debtors)*

THE SERMON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

**"Temptation's Game Plan"**

## The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY

Andy Brough, trombone

*Abide With Me* ..... arr. Ray Landis

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#665 v.1 *Because I Have Been Given Much*  
SEMINARY

**Because I have been given much, I, too, must give;  
because of Thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live,  
I shall divide my gifts from Thee with every person that I see  
who has the need of help from me.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Gina Greenwood

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #186 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
HAMBURG

*The venerable hymn writer Isaac Watts penned these words in 1707. Considered by some to be the finest hymn ever written, Watts asks us to consider the total meaning of following the Cross of Christ. Such amazing love demands our soul, our lives, and our all.*

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Dr. Rodney Kennedy

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #512 *We Go In Peace*  
EDWARDS

**We go in peace, we go in love, we go with grace and mercy  
from the Lord above to tell the world this very thing:  
that Jesus Christ is Lord and King,  
Jesus Christ is Lord and King!**

\*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

*Fugue in g minor* ..... J. S. Bach



*The flowers today are given in honor of  
Margaret and Charles Barker  
who celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding  
anniversary on March 11, 2011.*



*At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Chapel, located in the Beaver Wing. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a Service of Healing will be held in the Chapel. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.*



**Worship Notes**

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. The liturgical color for Lent is purple. The Genesis passage and the Gospel passage demonstrate that the game plan of temptation never changes. What is at stake is whether or not we possess the practices to overcome temptation. Adam – Every Man – and Eve – Every Woman - fail the test. They allow suspicion, mistrust, and bad choices to disrupt life and turn it upside down. Jesus– the New Adam and Eve– resists temptation and thus points in the direction that God always intends our lives to go.

**Prayer for the Armed Forces**

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**Welcome to All**

- ✓ **Before Worship:** Children arriving with parents or grandparents at the 9:00 Sunday School hour may go downstairs to Room 3 for activities. A reminder to parents and grandparents: please pick up your children no later than 10:15 to give everyone enough time to prepare for worship.
- ✓ **Visiting the church today?** Here's an invitation! Please join the congregation for Coffee Fellowship immediately after the service. We hope you'll stop by the Visitor's Table, say hello, and meet a few members of First Baptist Church.
- ✓ If you are visiting, **please register your attendance** on a yellow information card and fill in any needs or concerns you might have. Members are also asked to sign the information card. Prayer concerns or event registrations may be marked on these cards.
- ✓ **Childcare** for infants through two years of age is available during worship and church school and is located in the West hallway. For your peace of mind, our nursery is equipped with a call-system that allows nursery caregivers to page our ushers should there be a need to contact the parents of an infant or toddler.
- ✓ All children are invited to come forward for the **Children's Message**. Following the message the children will be led downstairs for **Sunday School**. Young children (preK–K) will go to Room #4 and children (grades 1-4) will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service. If you have questions or comments, please speak with Rev. Jason Alspaugh.

**Prayers of the People**

Ruth Balas	Carrie Louese Ganger	Dawn Shirley
Margaret Barker	Jane Halliday	Dawn Smelser
Charles Blake	Bill Harrell	Joanne Stephens
Mark Buonassiss	Grace Hobart	Marion Stoner
Janett Cavender	Ruth Howell	Erin Taylor
Estie Clark	Joyce Johnson	Peter Thomson
Andy Collier	Jennifer Loxley	Nickie Van Hoose
Lisa Collier	Patty Loxley	Anne Veghte
Jack Coggins	Claude Malone	Evelyn Weaver
Mary Coyer	Ethan Marcus	Don Williams
Marilyn Craig	Giovanna McQuillen	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Rector Davis	Marilyn Sue Miller	Jeffrey Kennedy
Florida Dixon	Robert Paloncy	Derrick McClain
Bruce Dyer	Phyllis Pfersich	Bryan Venys
Louella Fenner	Cliff Rhodes	Chris West
Darris Forgy	Don Rosenbeck	Andy Wilson

**Congregational Dinner Next Sunday**

The Board of Deacons is planning to host a church dinner next Sunday, March 20. The menu will include ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread/butter, salad, and dessert. The cost will be \$5/person or \$15/family. **Please RSVP!**

**First Baptist Church of Dayton**

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*Christ in the Wilderness*  
by Ivan Nicolaevich Kramskoy, 1873

**Our Mission Statement:**

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers  
in Jesus Christ through worship, education,  
fellowship, and outreach to others.*

- Dr. Rodney Wallace Kennedy, *Lead Pastor*
- Rev. Jason Alspaugh, *Associate Pastor Children & Youth*
- Rev. C. Roland Marcus, *Associate Pastor*
- Rev. James Earnest, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Rev. C. Donald Thrash, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Ray Landis, *Music Director*
- Gregory Land, *Organist*
- R. Alan Kimbrough, *Organist*
- Debbie Lindley, *Pianist*
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