# WHAT IS LENT?

For centuries, Lent has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. This name "Lent" comes from the Old English lencten (springtime, spring) and from West Germanic langitinaz (long-days or lengthening of the day.) The word "Alleluia" is not used in the words of the readings or hymns to mark this season of renewal as a special time. A custom during Lent is to give up things or take on others. Both can serve to mark the season as a time of preparation. The season is 40 days plus the six Sundays and concludes on Easter. Purple is the liturgical color of the season and is reflected on the cross in the baptistery and the stoles for the ministers and choir.

# **FAMILY WORSHIP**

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as "Family Worship" days and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children's Worship will return next Sunday.

## JOINING FIRST BAPTIST

We receive new members in several ways. Those who have never publicly acknowledged Christ as Lord join by public profession of faith. Baptism is scheduled for a later date. Members of other Baptist congregations may transfer their membership to our congregation. We handle the details of contacting your current church. Members of other Christian faith traditions are invited to join by "statement of faith." Because other traditions vary in belief and practice, those joining by statement of faith are invited to speak with a minister before joining.

David Brooks

Pastor

Keith A. Reaves Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

Tamara Tillman Smathers
Minister of Education/Administration

Kristen Mathis Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens Minister to Extended Family

Nick Georgian
Minister to Students and Missions

Joan Hill, Organist Beverly Harris, Pianist

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

#### WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our youth with a basket at the exits following worship. Gifts support World Vision and CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

# HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MISSIONS / SPIRITUAL INVESTOR

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Spiritual Investor for a high school senior. Four seniors will serve on a mission assignment to the Bahamas in June. There will be an information meeting today following worship in the Dining Room for anyone who is interested in becoming a Spiritual Investor. Please contact Nick Georgian with questions.

### TAIZÉ - A YOUTH-LED WORSHIP SERVICE

This afternoon at 5:00 p.m. - Chapel

This unique service offers a rare opportunity for time and space to center on the Lord. Come as you are, call to God and listen.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, March 26 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

This Children's Ministry event includes a talent show featuring ANYONE (child or adult) who has a talent they would love to share. If you have a service, experience, or gift that you could offer for the auction or if you would like to participate in the talent show, please contact Kristen Mathis.

# WEEK AT A GLANCE -

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Spiritual Investors Meeting - Dining Room3:30 p.m. Children's Committee - Conference Room

3:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal - Chapel

5:00 p.m. Taizé (A Youth-led Worship Service) - Chapel

#### MONDAY FEBRUARY 27

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Conference Room5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:00 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Conference Room

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs

6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

Student Life - Student Room

SAFE (Sexual Awareness & Family Empowerment) Seminar - Builders Room

6:30 p.m. Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

Student Discipleship - Student Room

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

12:15 a.m. Health Committee - Conference Room

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

### For information on these and other activities see www.fbcrome.org or The Spire.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Larry Atwell by Joanna Atwell and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Don Clements by the Clements Family.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 11:00 A.M.

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name...

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"... arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

#### THE COVENANT OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having entered into the fellowship of the Spirit through His Church,

we, the members of the Church, prayerfully make this covenant with one another and with our Heavenly Father.

We respect all faith traditions, but we shall cherish our heritage as Baptist Christians. We shall hold dear the principles of soul competency, the priesthood of all believers, the autonomy of the local Church, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice.

As a group of gathered believers, we understand ourselves to be a part of a family of faith.

Therefore, we shall love, forgive, admonish, encourage, serve, and pray for one another—always in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ.

Jesus Christ shall be our model for living.

We recognize that none of us shall ever attain his perfection; yet, we shall always strive to grow in likeness of Him. His heart shall be our guide for the way we minister, organize ourselves, conduct our business, and treat others. We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth; therefore, we are the hands of Christ.

Knowing this about ourselves, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than being leaders in Christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more. Our Master is our example. We know that we serve Christ himself when we minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

We believe that, on our own, we are not strong enough, wise enough, nor good enough to accomplish our mission as a Church. Therefore, we trust in God's strength, God's wisdom, and God's righteousness to empower us. Only through prayer do we accomplish our mission as a Church.

ORDINANCE OF BELIEVER'S BAPTISM West Hortman, candidate (Please respond with "Amen" following the baptism.)

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Father of all, You are our Creator, our Healer and Protector.

# *Hallowed* is Your name. *Holy* is Your name.

Here, in these moments of worship, help us experience Your name's power as Your holiness comes down to fill this place.

# HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

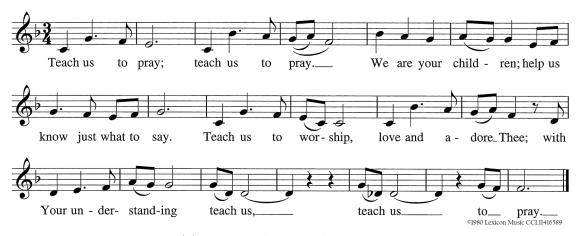
Stanza 1: Men • Stanza 2: Women • Stanzas 3 and 4: All

# A CALL TO CONFESSION

Our Father in Heaven, we gather here as Your children.

You created each of us, so we are surrounded by brothers and sisters. Now, we join as the human family to lift our prayers to you.

Come hear you children as we call out to You.



### A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS/READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:12-17

Nick Georgian, reader

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is

that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

#### GLORIA PATRI (HYMN704)

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.

### MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer)

Tamara Tillman Smathers

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

"You Alone Are God"...arr. Mary McDonald

You alone are Holy; You alone are God. You alone are worthy to receive our praise.
You alone are God; You alone are Lord. You alone are Holy Lord of all.
You alone are Righteous; You alone are Pure; You alone are worthy of our praise.
You alone are God; You alone are Lord; You alone are Holy Lord of all. You are God!
You alone are Honor, glorified forever; You're my strength and I will praise You!
You alone are worthy to receive glory, to receive all our worship and praises.
You are our God!

You are Lord of Heaven; You are Lord of earth. Lord of all creation, You are the Holy Word; You alone are Lord; You alone are God; You alone are Holy Lord of all. You are God!

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**SERMON** 

Rev. Brooks

"Our Father Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 49

"As the Deer"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Kristen Mathis

**CHORAL OFFERTORY** 

Youth Choir

"Our Father"...arr. David Haas
Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

### THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Mathis

**AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS** 

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**COMMISSIONING HYMN** 

"Teach Us to Pray"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"This Is My Song"...arr. Lyndall Leatherman

# WELCOME!

We are honored you are with us today!
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