

Today's Worship

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. The Season of Lent prepares us for the celebration of Easter. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, which means "spring," the time of the lengthening of days. At first, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism on Easter Eve. They were taught the Gospel message and the Lord's Prayer. They prayed, fasted, and did penance. Eventually, Lent became a time of reflection and self-examination for all Christians. The color for Lent is purple, a royal color that also signifies penitence and preparation.

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY

- 18 Tim Derrick, Pam Keener, Charlie Tibrea, Edward Valerio
- 19 Lindsey Barber, Sylvia Billue, Eddie Eddins, Mary Jon Goodwin
- 20 Carol Garrett, Jeff Hawkins, Bryson Jacovino, Anna Underwood, Len Yaun
- 21 Fred Andrea, Larry Clark, Patty Copley, Jim Crawford, Susan Keller, Veta Mapes-Sims, Kinley Underwood
- 22 Craig Ladd, Meredith McCoy
- 23 Ruth Kingery, Olivia Nation
- 24 Shere Ladd, Sebastian Galo

Today

- 5:00 Youth Bible Study
- 5:50 Youth Snack Supper
- 6:10 Youth Bible Study
(continued)

MINISTERS

The members of Aiken's First Baptist Church and

Fred W. Andrea III, Ph.D.
Pastor

Vicky R. McCullough
Director of Children's Ministries

Debbie M. Sessions
Coordinator of Discipleship Development

Kathy K. Samaha
Preschool Director

Elise D. Faulkner
Director of Food Services

Leonard V. Redd
Director of Facilities Operations

Danny L. Garnett
Clinical Director,
Community Counseling Center

Zachary J. Derr
Interim Music Director

Megan T. Doud
Associate Minister in Student Ministries

Sarah E. Laurence
Student Ministries Intern

Makenzye D. Barfield
Communications Manager

Nancy B. Wagner
Financial Secretary

Lillian G. Land
Music Ministry Assistant

Joyce M. English
Church Organist

To Our Guests:

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today and hope that you leave with a sense of having experienced the presence of God in this community of believers. If you are searching for a permanent place of worship and fellowship, we invite you to consider First Baptist Church as your church home.

The 11:00 a.m. worship service is rebroadcast on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband Cable, Channel 12. Audio (CD) and video (DVD) recordings of the morning worship service are available, upon request, from the church office. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an FM wireless hearing assistance system. Ask one of the ushers for a receiver.

Worship Notes:

CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018 The Lord's Day
*Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command
through worshiping, nurturing, ministering,
and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.*

COME AND FEAST FOR ALL ARE WELCOMED

Preparation for Worship

Out of reverence to God and respect for others, please silence cellular telephones, beepers, and other audible devices during worship.

The Meditation

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Page

Chiming of the Hour

AT GOD'S TABLE

An Affirmation of Our Faith

Dr. Andrea

We believe that through wilderness wanderings God has always drawn His people to Himself, revealed His true purpose, and led them forward to a land of promise and opportunity.

We believe that through fasting and prayer Jesus began to discover more fully his nature as God's unique Son, and embarked upon his ministry to all of God's children.

We believe that throughout the season of Lent, through discipline and reflection, we gain insight into the claims of Jesus Christ, and receive blessing from his promises to us.

Today we celebrate Christ as the Bread of Life, the very sustenance of our spirits and nourishment of our lives. Thanks be to God for His gift to us!

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The Invocation and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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.

†Hymn of Praise 457 *Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed* REGENT SQUARE

SPREAD WITH LOVE

The Expression of Fellowship and Passing the Peace Deacon Martha Snipes

Passing the Friendship Register

A Song of Fellowship *In This Place*¹ Medema

In this place among these people God is worshiped, God is praised. We have seen the signs and wonders; the lost are found here, the dead are raised. We are living the Gospel story; lives are changed and mountains moved. Won't you come and work among us? You are welcomed, you are loved.

The Old Testament Lesson Genesis 9:8-17
Pew Bible Page 6 (OT)

COME PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE AND GOODNESS

The Call to Prayer

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Prayer of Intercession and Pastoral Prayer

IN, AROUND, AND ABOVE

†Offertory Hymn 186 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

The Offertory Prayer
Pray for Student.Go, a CBF missions initiative, which provides young adult students with networking experiences in ministry with professionals around the world.

The Offertory *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

†*The Doxology OLD 100TH

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The Epistle Lesson Ephesians 4:22-24
Pew Bible Page 951 (NT) Miss Gretchen LeGrand

The Children's Message Mrs. McCullough
All children are invited to come to the front as the instrumental music begins. Four- and five-year olds will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Message.

AT GOD'S TABLE

The Gospel Lesson John 6:25-35
Pew Bible Page 867 (NT)

The Message The Bread of Life

The Invitation to the Table
This is the Table of Christ. All who seek to be in fellowship with him and with each other are invited and welcome. All of our Communion bread is gluten-free.

The Celebration of Communion

Sharing the Bread

The Anthem *Beautiful Savior* FETTKE

Sharing the Cup

SPREAD WITH LOVE

Commitment Hymn 494 *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord* LANGLEY
Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess your faith or identify with this fellowship. Our Pastor will greet and receive you.

Acknowledgment of New Members

*The Ministry of Peace and the Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Response² SIM

Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit, live simply, don't carry much more than you need: Go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness, stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.

The Postlude *Darwall's Fantasia* arr. Dixon

*Those who are able, please stand.

†Arriving worshipers may be seated.

Recycle bins have been placed at Sanctuary exit doors. Please discard any portion of the printed order of worship that you do not wish to take home with you.

Children's Worship Packets

In the hall to the left of the front of the Sanctuary are Children's Worship Packets for children to use during our worship services.

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WELCOME!

Welcome to worship at Aiken's First Baptist Church. We hope you will use this time to experience God's grace through praise, confession, forgiveness, challenge, and renewal as we lend hearts, hands and voices to the good task of Christian worship. We want to know you better. Won't you please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate?

Date: _____

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Residence: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Age Group: 13-19 20-29 30-39
 40-49 50-59 60+

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Status: Single Married Divorced
 Separated Widowed

Please check all that apply:

- First time visitor
- New to the area
- Occasional visitor
- Interested in knowing more about being a Christian
- Interested in knowing more about this church
- Interested in joining this church