

Today's Worship

Today is the Fifth 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 - MARCH

- 18 Barry Adams, Kathy Beck, Topher Berry, Robert Billue, Drew Campbell, Allen Hicks
- 19 Holli Brown, Tony Edington, Sandra Fairchild, Pierson Hall, Curt Page
- 20 Bryan Edington, Peter Fairchild, Bruce Myers, Andrew Ridout, Gail Walden
- 21 Aaron Campbell, Justin Croft, Lynda Goetzman
- 22 Cindy Kirk
- 23 Lane Crooks, Timothy Major
- 24 Lyl Brackett, Judith Burgess, Martha Simons

Today

- 5:00 Student Bible Study
5:50 Student Snack Supper
6:10 Student Choir

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

Karen W. Seibert
Pastor's Assistant

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.

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.

The ACTS Monthly Collection item is canned vegetables.

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CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 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.*

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

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

"The more we increase the active participation and partnership with young people, the better we serve them. ... And the more comprehensively we work with them as service partners, the more we increase our public value to the entire community." — Carmen Martinez
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The Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G minor

J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

MOST GRACIOUS LORD

The Call to Worship

Ms. Sarah Laurence

We have come to worship all who love and serve the Lord,

Who calls prophets and teachers to hear witness.

Outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new comers, the young, old and the in-between.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God.

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

Come as you are.

For this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people, and God welcomes each one who comes.

We have come to worship God, who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the word of life and hope. All Glory to God!

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 566 *O God Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

NO TENDER VOICE LIKE THINE

The Expression of Fellowship Deacon Sam Jordan
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 Psalm 145
Pew Bible Page 506

CAN PEACE AFFORD

The Call to Prayer The Rev. Doud

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Prayer of Intercession and Pastoral Prayer

I NEED THEE, O I NEED THEE

*† Hymn 404 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED

The Offertory Prayer
Pray for Kirk and Susie ministering in Thailand through literacy, Bible translation, and helping the Bisu people find a radically different way of life.

The Offertory *Prelude from the First Partita* J. S. Bach

†*The Doxology OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

EVERY HOUR I NEED THEE

The Epistle Lesson I Corinthians 12:12-26
Pew Bible Page 933

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.

The Anthem *At the Cross* arr. Buryl Red
Sanctuary Choir

Alas, and did my Savior Bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? Was it for crimes that I have done he groaned up on the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe. Here Lord, I give my self away. 'Tis all that I can do. At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away. It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.

O BLESS ME NOW MY SAVIOR

The Gospel Lesson John 21:12-31
Pew Bible Page 883

The Message *Involving the Next Generation of Leaders*

The Invitation to Discipleship

I COME TO THEE

* Commitment Hymn 516 *Day is Done, but Love Unfailing* HYD Y NOS
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 *Recessional on St. Anne* arr. Gordon Young

*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.

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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