

A Journey in Company ...

Our church is in the midst of pilgrimage. From the earliest of days, Christians have undertaken journeys of great potential and great peril in hopes of encountering God. We as a church family are in the midst of such an unusual journey. From the first Sunday of Advent through Easter Sunday, we are traveling through the book of Matthew together. Each of our Sunday worship services and Wednesday Bible studies will focus on a different piece of Matthew's story. All along the way, we encounter the words and works of Christ who invites us further along in the journey of faith. What ties these individual moments together is a common theme, a theme that comes to dominate Matthew's entire gospel: redemption. We are thrilled you are able to take this journey alongside us.

A Place for Story ...

Matthew's gospel story is one of redemption. As we continue to see each week, Matthew, draws his reader's attention to God's work of redemption among the people of the world. We believe that God continues His work of redemption today, and we want to tell those stories.

As our church family turns its attention to God's work of redemption throughout our lives and throughout our world, we want to invite you to share your own story of God's redemption with us. In the coming weeks, this space will host stories of people from our church family who have encountered God's redemptive love first hand. If you would consider sharing your own story, we invite you to email us atredemption@fbcknox.org or send us a letter here at the church (First Baptist Knoxville, Attn: Redemption Stories, 510 W. Main St., Knoxville, TN 37902).

We pray that the coming weeks will lead you into deeper relationship with a Lord and Savior who is constantly working to redeem the world and us along with it.

With an eye towards redemption,
Your First Baptist Staff

Welcome to worship at First Baptist. We are so glad that you have joined us today. From the heart of downtown Knoxville, we are touching lives around the world, sharing the ministry and life of Jesus Christ. If you need further information about our church, or desire a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our ministers will be available following the service at each exit.

Please prepare for worship by:

- Encouraging children five years old and older to worship using the printed supplements available.
- Taking advantage of our Preschool Extended Session designed specifically for children age 3 and under. Pagors are provided to communicate with parents in case of emergency. Children age 4 years -1st grade may attend Passage, our children's worship experience, after the children's sermon, or remain with their parents in the service.
- Noting that restrooms are located directly behind the choir loft.

Becoming a Member

You are welcome and encouraged to come to the front of the church to meet with a minister during the Hymn of Response to request baptism or to join the church. Or, you may simply call the church office to request an appointment with any minister.

**Hearing devices available in the Reception Office
courtesy of the Senior Adult Ministry.**



March 22, 2015 • 11:00 AM

The Worship of God
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2015 • 11:00 AM

Tom Ogburn, D.Min., Senior Pastor

Organ Prelude John Brock, Guest Organist
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Flor Peeters

Choral Introit Sanctuary Choir
We Gather Here in Grateful Praise
Hymn 378, Stanza 1
We gather here in grateful praise,
in prayer and song our voices raise,
for all our blessings, large and small,
we thank You God, who gives us all.

*Call to Worship Steve Foster
Let us worship God, who has done great things.
We rejoice in our God, who made a way for us in this world.
Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in our lives.
We are people God has formed through Christ; we worship Him and we rejoice!
We praise God for the grace that has saved us.
Alleluia! Together we rejoice in our calling!

*Hymn 477
We Are Called to Be God's People
AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Words of Welcome and Greetings Pam Neal

Children's Message Susan Tatum
*(Four year-olds, Kindergarteners, and First Graders who are attending
Children's Worship: PASSAGE will be escorted at this time to the Kids Connection hallway.)*
Lectionary Reading (Psalm 51:1-12) Ben Winder

Sanctuary Flowers
March 22, 2015

Flowers are given by Janice and Scott Tipton in memory of
Doris and Oliver "Tip" Tipton, Sheri Tipton Stewman,
and **Worth Walton**, father of Janice Tipton.

In Service - Week of March 22

First Community Hospitality:
Fred & Dickie Kaserman

First Community Greeters:
Nancy Roberts, Betty Chandler

Welcome Center Greeters:
Carol Stricklin, Mary Johnson

Preschool Extended Care:
Michelle Decker, Kelly Ownby, Mistie Parton; Monitor: Jimmy Ownby

TV Ministry Team:
Steve Bowman, Cliff Shirley, Betty Vawter, Vince Vawter, Peyton Johnson, John Shope, Seva Ball

Hospital Ministry Team:
Paul Ivie, Fred Kaserman

New Member Ministry:
Jama Mosher, Lacy Wallace

Outreach Deacon:
Jake Breazeale

TeleCare Ministry:
Susan Higdon

Mug Ministry:
Front Door: 8:45 Pam Shirley; 11:00 Ray Malcolm
Welcome Center: 8:45 Cliff Shirley; 11:00 Arleen Malcolm

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To phone staff, dial (865) 246- plus the four-digit number found beside
the staff member's name, or call the main number, **546-9661**.

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“Invested”
Matthew 25:14-30

*Hymn of Response 503

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
CANONBURY

Opportunities at First Baptist

Scott Claybrook

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction

Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

We Gather Here in Grateful Praise
Hymn 378, Stanza 3

We thank You for the sacred word,
and for the call Your church has heard
to live as You would lead each day,
we thank You God, Your will obey.

Organ Postlude

John Brock

Prelude in C Major, BWV 545
J. S. Bach

**Congregation is asked to stand*

Our Guest Organist Today

John Brock is Professor Emeritus of Music at the University of Tennessee, where he continues to teach organ in his semi-retirement. He also serves as Adjunct Instructor of Organ at Carson-Newman University. Since coming to Knoxville in 1967, he has also held music positions at Lake Hills Presbyterian Church, Messiah Lutheran Church, and Church of the Ascension (Episcopal).

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

*Hymn 660

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
MARYTON

Morning Scripture (Matthew 25:14-30)

David Lethco

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

*Responsive Reading 664

Steve Foster

"Stewardship"

*Hymn 490

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

*Prayer of Dedication for Offering

Sandy Wisener

Choral Offertory

A Reflection of Christ

David Schwoebel

May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Live in me from day to day,

By his love and pow'r controlling

All I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly

In my heart from hour to hour,

So that all may see I triumph

Only thro' his pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father,

Rule my life in ev'rything,

That I may be calm to comfort

sick and sorrowing, sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,

As the waters fill the sea.

Him exalting, self abasing,

This is victory, victory.

May I run the race before me,

Strong and brave to face the foe,

Looking only unto Jesus

as I onward go, onward go.

May his beauty rest upon me,

As I seek the lost to win,

And may they forget the channel,

Seeing only Him. Seeing only Him.

The Sermon

Ogburn

Tom