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Celebrating 175 Years



March 16th, 2025

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16th, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

“Come to the Table”

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.
People: *God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?*
Leader: As we examine our lives and the world around us, let us be mindful that
God's presence is everywhere.
People: *God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?*
Leader: Let us examine our daily lives during this Lenten season.
People: *Let us place our trust in the One who gives us life and hope.*
Unison: *Throughout our twists and turns, Jesus Christ will guide us.*

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 269

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Beloved God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose grace endures forever, look with favor upon us as we confess our sin. Lift our minds from earthly things to the vision of Your heavenly commonwealth. We revel in self-glory. We delight in vain pursuits. We worship the idols of our base desires. In turn, we neglect serving others with kindness and generosity unless it benefits us. We have much to learn.

*Forgive our shortsighted behavior and reconcile us through Jesus Christ to Your eternal kingdom.
Amen.*

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 27, Page 503

ANTHEM

“The Lord's Prayer”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1, page 198

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

MEDITATION

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“Discovering Our Identity”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 516

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the 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, forever. Amen.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

“Sanctuary”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 846

“Fight the Good Fight”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Majesty”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of March 16th – March 23rd

Today:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday:	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group, <i>conference room</i>
Wednesday:		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Series at First Missionary Baptist Church
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group

Announcements

Join us this Wednesday at First Missionary Baptist Church, 576 Needmore Road for the Community Lenten Series. Worship will begin at noon followed by lunch and fellowship together.

Handbell Choir practice will begin the first Sunday in April and will be held the first and third Sunday of each month following Sunday Service.

This month our “ministry basket” of focus is the Carthage Elementary School basket. Items needed: Kleenex, Clorox wipes, dry erase markers, construction paper, glue sticks, paper pocket folders (report folders), pencil boxes, and pencil pouches (for 3 ring binders).

Easter egg hunt will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 30th. This will include time with a lesson and meal with the youth group. Please place this on your calendar.

The 175th Anniversary Committee will meet on Monday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please join us or contact Rick.

Contact Paul White if you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary. Thank you to all who provide flowers throughout the year!

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Megan & Scott Phillips.