

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening of the Scriptures and Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Welcome to Worship Laura Edgar

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PRAISING

* The Call to Praise Harrell Day

Leader: Come into God’s presence with thanksgiving!

People: Let us sing of God’s steadfast love.

Leader: Even in the wilderness of our lives,

People: God is with us.

Leader: Come, let us worship and rejoice;

People: Let us give thanks for God’s grace!

* Hymn 640 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

* The Invocation Harrell Day

The Instrumental Interlude

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... SHARING

Prayer Concerns of Our Church and World Tripp Martin

The Sung Prayer of Confession. Carter

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

create in me a clean heart, O God;

create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

The Silent Confession

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Tripp Martin

Our Father, which 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.

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PROCLAIMING

* Hymn 633 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*. ALL THE WAY

The Children’s Period. Laura Edgar

The Preparation for Scripture 280 *Speak, O Lord* Getty & Townend

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.**

**Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness;**

**that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.**

**Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.**

The Scripture Reading *1 Samuel 16:1-13*. Morris Driggers

JPS translation

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Worship *The New 23rd*. Carmichael, arr. Purifoy

Sanctuary Choir

Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything that I need.
He lets me rest in meadows green and leads me beside the quiet stream.
He keeps on giving life to me and helps me to do what honors Him the most.
Even when walking through the dark valley of death,
I will never be afraid for He is close beside me.
Guarding, guiding all the way He spreads a feast before me.
In the presence of my enemies, He welcomes me as His special guest.
With blessings overflowing, His goodness and unfailing kindness
shall be with me all of my life.
And afterward I will live with Him forever in His home.

The Sermon. Andrea Johnson

Seeing Is Believing

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... RESPONDING

* Hymn of Commitment 473 KELVINGROVE

Will You Come and Follow Me

This hymn provides an opportunity to consider our response to today’s worship. The minister will welcome you at the front of the sanctuary if you would like to make a public commitment today.

The Receiving of New Members

The Offertory Prayer Laura Edgar

The Offertory *Agnus Dei* Gabriel Fauré

Bryan King, organist

The Introduction of New Members

* The Spoken Benediction Andrea Johnson

* The Sung Benediction *Always by Our Side* Riley (arr. King)

**In worship, Lord, your name we raise
and pray for your grace and peace for our lives.**

As followers of the Living God

we long for your perfect wisdom and light.

To grow, to serve as Godly children,

we ask that each day on life’s journey you will guide.

As we depart to live for you, be ever, always by our side.

* standing as able

ushers will seat worshipers

In order to preserve an atmosphere of worship, we respectfully ask that all electronic devices be silenced.

Children’s worship activity kits are available for children in grades K-3 at each entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one for your child as you enter, then please return it as you exit the sanctuary. Children in kindergarten/first grade will return to their class after the Children’s Period. If this is your child’s first time to participate with this group, please accompany them to complete an emergency-information card.

The Lay Worship Leader for March is Harrell Day. Harrell and his wife Karen joined Auburn First Baptist in February 2022 shortly after moving to Auburn. He is a member of the Pilgrims Sunday School class and a teacher in the Conversational English Ministry. He also serves as a weekly volunteer at the Community Market. Harrell graduated from the Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine and owned the Montevallo Animal Clinic for 33 years. He and Karen have two daughters and four grandchildren.

In recognition of the Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Advocacy, we are delighted to welcome Andrea Johnson to the Auburn FBC pulpit this morning. Andrea Johnson is a CBF of Georgia Lancaster Scholar studying at the McAfee School of Theology, and the winner of the 2022 John R. Claypool Excellence in Preaching Award. She serves with CBF Global as the Suzii Paynter March Advocacy Fellow, dedicated to advocacy in public education. She and her husband, Norm, and their two children, Aaron and Leah, reside in Villa Rica, Georgia. Auburn FBC has a long history of recognizing the calling of women to leadership and ministry, ordaining Leland Cooper as its first woman deacon in 1974.

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