

Order of Worship

Worship:

We are here this morning to worship God. During this time of Worship through music, feel free to worship in whatever way you are most comfortable: whether standing or sitting, clapping or silently meditating on the words, find a posture where you can best worship God.

Welcome:

We are so glad you are here. Connecting through worship is an important part of our ministry. Please take time to complete the Connect Card on your pew.

Christ Candle:

We light the Christ Candle each Sunday during Worship as a reminder of Christ's presence with us.

Worship Through Giving:

First Baptist Church is a member-supported ministry. You may share your offering during this time or give online at www.fbcsweetwater.org

The Conversation:

This is your invitation to join the conversation of First Baptist Church. We believe a conversation with God and others is vital to one's faith development. Each week we strive to initiate an engaging conversation through a message and Biblical text that will continue throughout the week in the way we live and think about our faith journey.

Our Response to God:

We believe that God calls us to act on our conversation with God. This is your time to respond through meditation, prayer and commitment.

Connect:

You can connect with God and First Baptist Church through a variety of opportunities each week.

Lenten Season Emphasis in Worship

Weekly Worship:

Our Lenten Conversation Series, *Exodus*, will lead us to Palm Sunday and Easter as we explore the Exodus and its relationship with the events of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday:

The Sunday prior to Easter, children will enter by waving palm leaves just as the people did to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.

Good Friday Service:

The Friday prior to Easter, we enter in light and leave in darkness bearing the heaviness of the betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus.
For Jesus we wait.



First Baptist Church

March 11, 2018

First Baptist Church Announcements

Three Year Anniversary for Pastor Jerry

Pastor Jerry Hendrix celebrates his third anniversary at First Baptist. Be sure to share your appreciation with Jerry and Sharon this week.

Lenten Series

For the season of Lent we are studying from the book of Exodus. These stories create a picture of future stories in the Gospels of the life of Jesus as our redeemer. You can follow along with our daily reading provided in this program or find the information through our social media.

Special Church Conference

On Wednesday, March 28 we will have a special conference at 6:00PM in Room 101 to vote on proposed changes to the by-laws regarding our procedure for nominating Deacons. We have Deacon nominations later this spring.

Tenebrae Service, March 30, 6:00 PM

The word "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ Candle being extinguished.

Summit Leaders Lunch

This month, our Summit Leader's Lunch is Tuesday, March 20. We will meet at noon for lunch and a Leadership conversation led by Michael LeRoux from Hardin Simmons University. If you would like us to grab you a lunch the cost is \$10 and we need you to sign up. Information is at the Information Table in the foyer. Michael's talk is on *5 Gears: How to be Present and Productive*.

Spring Break Schedule

All Wednesday night activities are canceled and will resume next week.

Mission Item of the Month

Help us meet some of the ongoing needs in the community by dropping off items for our food pantry. You can drop off items in the designated box by the Church Office.

Item for March: Mac & Cheese, Canned Meat, Ramen noodles

Join the Conversation

Website: www.fbcsweetwater.org

Facebook: First Baptist Church

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Twitter: @FBCSweetwater

YouTube Channel: FBCSweetwater

iTunes Podcast: First Baptist Church

Staff Listing

Pastor: Jerry Hendrix

Worship Pastor: Jeremy Roemisch

Associate Worship: Jenny Doggett

Family Minister: Tique Hamilton

Children's Ministry: Lisa Eaker

Daily Readings

March 11-17, Deliverance

Exodus 14.21-25

Exodus 14.26-29

Exodus 14.30-31

Exodus 15.1-19

Exodus 15.22-27

Exodus 16.1-3

Exodus 16.13-21

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Church Office Hours: *Monday-Thursday*

8:30 AM-Noon; 1:00-4:30 PM