

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FOREST CITY, NC

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF

LENT

MARCH 15, 2026 – ELEVEN O’CLOCK

All are Welcomed. Questions are Embraced. Wounds are Healed. Lives are
Changed.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

Music for Meditation

Nan Burrell

Greeting

Rev. Justin Mofield

Responsive Reading

Scott Shauf

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, author of life, and the suffering forgiver of our many sins, help us believe Peter's bold proclamation of Your resurrection and Your healing presence.

People: Set our minds on heavenly things. Fill us with joy.

Leader: Holy Spirit, help us love being a child of God, for there is no higher calling.

People: Set our minds on heavenly things. Fill us with joy.

Introit

Sanctuary Choir & String Trio

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

edited and arranged by Wallingford Riegger

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright.

Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.

*Word of God our flesh that fashioned, With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying round thy throne.*

Hymn 20

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Diane Nelson

Gloria Patri (805)

A Hymn of Praise to the Trinity

GREATOR EX

***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.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Marty & Annette Pendergraft

Trinity Chime

Call to Confession

Leader: Lord, we confess we have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

People: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Leader: We confess our neglect of justice, turning away from those in need and allowing selfishness to harden our hearts.

People: Forgive our silence when we should have spoken for the oppressed, and our inaction when we should have served.

Leader: Move us to become the answer to our own prayers, to act with love and to be agents of hope in a broken world.

All: Cleanse us, restore us, and help us to walk in Your light. In Your name we pray. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING THE FOURTH CANDLE OF LENT

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

People: He himself will redeem his people from all their sins.

Leader: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption!

People: Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Assurance *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus* PLAINFIELD

Choir: What can wash away my sin?

Congregation: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Choir: What can make me whole again?

Congregation: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**All: O! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow:
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Children's Time

Kelly Hall

Sermon Leaving Violence and Retribution
Matthew 5:38-48

Rev. Justin Mofield

Hymn of Response 560

ST LEONARDS

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Offertory Prayer

Alan Guffey

Leader: God of the Cross, in losing our lives, we find them in You.

People: In sharing our money and time, we receive the blessings of Your Kingdom.

All: Use these gifts toward Your holy work of peace, justice, and service in the world. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Sanctuary Choir & String Trio

Offertory

Text: Micah 6:6-8

John Ness Beck, Beckenhurst Press, 1987 A-729467

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offering, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, and rivers of oil?

Shall I give him first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man;

He has shown you what is good.

*And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Benediction

Rev. Garin Hill

STRING TRIO

Sharon Lawrence, Violin

Hannah McGill, Violin

Karen Johnson, Cello

JOINING MEMBER WELCOME

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our comfort, our care, our kinship, and our love. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and live in community with you through God's grace.