

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOREST CITY, NC

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 - ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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

Music for Meditation

Phillip Greene

Greeting

Rev. Diane Nelson

Call to Worship

"What We Lay Down"

Brittany Etheridge

Leader: In this season of Lent, we come to lay down what weighs us down.

People: We release our pride, our grudges, our need to be first.

Leader: We come to give up what keeps us from God's heart.
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People: We let go of selfishness, hurry, and the noise that drowns Your voice.

Leader: We come to take up the cross and follow Jesus.

People: We choose love over fear, mercy over judgment, and hope over despair.

Leader: Come, beloved of God, and worship the One who gave everything for us.

All: We worship with open hands and open hearts, ready to be made new.

Hymn 492

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

HYFRYDOL

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Justin Mofield

Gloria Patri (805)

A Hymn of Praise to the Trinity

GREATOREX

***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.***

PRAYERS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Ryan, Ezra, Benjamin & Abe Etheridge

Trinity Chime

Abe Etheridge

Call to Confession

Leader: We confess that we have often heard Your call but chosen the comfort of the familiar. We have clung to our own plans, our own strength, and our own understanding, rather than trusting the path You set before us.

People: Forgive us for the times we have turned away from the needs of our neighbors, for the moments when fear silenced our witness, and for the ways we have placed our desires above Your mission.

Leader: Lord Jesus, You call us to follow —

People: to leave behind what holds us back, to walk in humility, to serve with compassion, and to love without condition.

Leader: By Your Spirit, renew our hearts.

People: Give us courage to step into the unknown, faith to trust Your leading, and joy in the journey of discipleship. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING THE FIRST CANDLE OF LENT

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We rise now, forgiven and free,

People: ready to follow You wherever You lead. Amen.

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

Musical Offering *We Walk by Faith* Sanctuary Choir

by Karen Marroli, A-729364

*We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.*

*We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
but in his presence we rejoice and cry, "my Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you and seek where you are found.*

*That, when our life of faith is done; in realms of clearer light,
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

Sermon Leaving Our Old Selves Rev. Garin Hill
Luke 5:1-11

Hymn of Commitment *Will You Come and Follow Me?* KELLINGROVE
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Offertory Prayer Debbie Bound

Leader: Lord Jesus, in this season of reflection, we bring these gifts as
a sign of our desire to follow You.

**People: Teach us to walk in Your ways, to serve with humility, and to
love as You have loved us. Use what we offer to bring hope,
healing, and light to the world. Amen.**

Offertory *Take Up Thy Cross* Phillip Greene
arr. Sandra Jarrell

Benediction Rev. Garin Hill

Will You Come and Follow Me



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, _ will you let my name be known, _ will you
 stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
 clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
 found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, ___ through my
 go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. ___ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

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