



The Worship of God
Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020

Prelude

Dr. Bob Matthews

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lawrence Powers

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Amy Whittington

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Invocation

Amy Whittington

* Hymn of Praise No. 35

BUNESSAN

Morning Has Broken

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Marie Fox

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Lawrence Powers

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 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

- * Hymn of Devotion No. 580 AUSTRIAN HYMN
We Are Called to Be God's People

Worship in Stewardship

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (Chisholm, Runyan/arr. Hart) Chancel Choir

Giving of Financial Resources

- * *Doxology* 34 OLD 100TH

Scripture John 3:1-17 (page 924) Rev. Lawrence Powers

Sermon "Faith & the 5 Stages of Grief: Denial" Rev. Lawrence Powers

The Community Responds to God's Word

- * Hymn of Response No. 428 VILLE DU HAVRE
It Is Well With My Soul

* Benediction Rev. Lawrence Powers

* Postlude Dr. Bob Matthews

* We invite you to stand as you are able

We welcome Dr. Bob Matthews, guest pianist, and Marvin Rawls, guest choir director. Bob was a church musician in western Texas before recently relocating to Benson with his wife Dorothy to join the staff of Benson Area Medical Center. Marvin, a senior at Campbell University majoring in church music, is completing a practicum here at Benson Baptist during his final undergraduate semester. He is the son of Marvin E., Sr., and Judge Addie Rawls of Clayton. It is a great privilege to have these two gifted musicians to lead in our worship experience today.

Easter Sunday Schedule Change

Please note that our Easter Sunday events will follow the normal Sunday morning schedule on April 12. We will have both the 8:45am and 11am worship services, church-wide breakfast at 9:45am, and Sunday School at 10am. We look forward to worshipping with you on Easter!

Lent/Easter 2020

Join us on Sundays March 1-April 5 as we journey with Jesus toward the cross. Our sermon series for the Lenten season: "Faith and the 5 Stages of Grief," and conclude with our remembrance service on Maundy Thursday (April 9).

While this is a season focused on Jesus' dark journey toward death, we also celebrate the light that will come with Easter.

Baptism Sunday, April 12

If you, or a child in your family has never been baptized, you're invited to reach out to Lawrence to talk about what it means and to sign-up to be a part of the baptism service happening on Easter Sunday at 11am. For more information, email Lawrence at lawrence@bensonbaptist.org.

Men's "Selection Show" Dinner

Men of all ages, come and join the Brotherhood Committee for the annual Basketball "Selection Show" Dinner on Sunday, March 15th featuring Steamed Oysters & Oyster Stew. There will also be Soup & Chili alternatives. Sit-down dinner approximately 6PM. Standing and shucking to start about 5:30.

Backpack Buddy Needs

Soup with pop tops, individual fruit, cans of vegetables with pop tops, nabs, chips, Vienna Sausage, juice pouches or boxes. We are spending right at \$900.00 a month to feed 81 children each week through the back pack buddy program. Please help by donating food or money. Thank you!

Fellowship Night meal – March 11

The Pastor Church Liaison Committee will be providing the Wednesday Night meal.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC Annual Gathering

We're headed to Raleigh on Friday, March 20 for the CBFNC Annual Gathering. CBFNC is the state denominational body that BBC is a member of and they host a great gathering every year. This year's gathering will feature impactful worship session, creative workshops on spiritual growth and on the future of the Church, and there will be some really good food too! We're taking a van to Raleigh that day and would LOVE to have you with us! You can find more information at bensonbaptist.org and you can sign-up by letting Debbie know in the church office.

Second Sunday Stock-Up

Second Sunday Stock-Up is this Sunday March 8th. Please bring your non- perishable food or cleaning supplies and put them on the floor around the altar. Suggestions: Spaghetti Sauce, Noodles, Fruit, Ramen noodles, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Canned Pasta, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, T.P., Soap.

Upcoming Events –Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, March 8 – Meet – N- Greet with perspective Youth/Children Minister

Wednesday, March 11– 6:00pm – Wednesday Night meal and activities

Sunday, March 15 – Men's Sunday + Called Church Conference to vote on Youth/Children Minister

Sunday, March 15 - Men's "Selection Show" Dinner

Tuesday, March 17 – Deacons' Meeting

Friday, March 20 - CBFNC Annual Gathering

Saturday, March 28 – Church Clean Out Day

Calendar Highlights**March 8 – March 15, 2020**

Sunday, March 8

8:45 A.M. BBCelebrate Service (FH)
 9:45 A.M. UNIFY Gathering (FH)
 10:00 A.M. Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:30 – 5:30 P.M. Meet – N- Greet with perspective
 Youth/Children Minister
 5:30 – 7:00P.M. Youth Meeting in FH

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 P.M. Sexual Abuse Support Group

Wednesday, March 11

5:30 P.M. Prayer time in the Parlor
 6:00 P.M. Fellowship Night Dinner (FH)
 6:40 P.M. Nursery opens, Back-Pack Pals in the
 Pantry, Adult Discussion Group (FH)
 7:00 P.M. Children to weekly rotation (2nd. floor)
 Youth to Mid-Week Catch-Up (Youth Room)
 7:30 P.M. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 12

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Blind Class (FH)
 7:30 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Saturday, March 7

8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, March 15

8:45 A.M. BBCelebrate Service (FH)
 9:45 A.M. UNIFY Gathering (FH)
 10:00 A.M. Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. Worship (Sanctuary)
 5:30 – 7:00P.M. Youth Meeting in FH

USHERS FOR MARCH: Scott Asbill & Hayden Asbill

OUTREACH MARCH: Joyce Bryant & Cari Willis

SOUND SYSTEM SCHEDULE:

March	8	Ken Tart
March	15	Michael Adams
March	22	Steve Fox

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After-Hours On-Call Number: 919-659-5088