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Clergy of the Week: Mark Green (mark.green@fbcgainesville.com)

Deacon Team of the Week: Jerry Johnson, Jesse Black and David Black

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"God of the Desert"

Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2025 | 11:00 AM

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Gathering Music Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

Hannah Bradley, Organ

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Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Berry/VanValey

Young Musicians Handchimes

Susan Eernisse, Director; Joy Green, Assistant

Processional of the Cross and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Clifton Malcom

arr. Lasky

Ollie Malcom &

Madelyn Wheeler, Acolytes

*Call to Worship Psalm 27:1-6 (Pew Bible No. 864)

Read in Unison

*Hymn of Praise No. 415 Lift High the Cross

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Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

Invocation, Welcome &

Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford

Opportunities to Serve

Congregational Song

(SCB #12)

One Pure and Holy Passion

Altrogge

Music Meditation

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Duet: Jerry Johnson & Mark Green

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Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kellie Denton

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

*Offertory Hymn No. 629

Be Strong in the Lord

in the Lord

(Ephesians 6:10-17)

Offertory Praise Lord. Here I Am

Robert Shippey

Johnson

arr. Humber/Carnes

Duet: Hannah Bradley, Organ; Mark Green, Piano

*Find Us Faithful

*Offertory Prayer

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(Children K through 5th grades are invited to Children's Church in Room 108)

O may all who come behind us find us faithful; May the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe, And the lives we live inspire them to obey. O may all who come behind us find us faithful. Amen.

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Children's Prayer Tammy Wikholm

Choral WorshipWayfaring Stranger
arr.Courtney
Sanctuary Choir; Rev. Mark Green, Director; Hannah Bradley, Cello

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger while trav'lling through this world below; Yet there's no sickness, toil or danger in that bright land to which I go. I'm going there to see my Father, I'm going there no more to roam. I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home. I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my way is rough and steep; Yet golden fields lie out before me, where weary eyes no more shall weep. I'm going there to meet my mother. She said she'd meet me when I come. I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home. I want to wear a crown of glory when I get home to that good land. I want to shout salvation's story in concert with the heav'nly band. I'm going there to meet my savior, to sing His praise forevermore. I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger while trav'lling through this world below; I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home, I'm just a going over home.

Sermon "God of the Desert" Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

(Exodus 17:1-7; Pew Bible No. 114)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?".

*Hymn of Response I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Garo Christians of India No. 497 Stanzas 1 & 3

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

Postlude All Creatures of Our God and King arr, Martin

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Hannah Bradley, Organ

^{*}Denotes congregation to stand.