First Baptist Church

Southern Pines

The mission of First Baptist Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel, nurturing disciples, and serving others

March 8, 2026

The Rev. Doctor Matt Riggsbee
Senior Minister

The Rev. Doctor Jamie Kipfer
Minister of Education & Administration

Mrs. Lauren Craig
Director of Children & Families' Ministry

Dr. Anita W. Alpenfels
Interim Music Director

Rev. Bryan Moore
Minister of Youth & Students

Rev. Cathy Haynes
Minister of Congregational Care

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The Worship of God

March 8, 2026 11:00 AM

WE PRAISE THE ETERNAL GOD THROUGH WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour — Cathy Haynes

Greeting and Ministry Highlights — Bryan Moore

Prelude — *Crown Him with Many Crowns* — Cathy Haynes
arr. Payne

Call to Worship — Bryan Moore

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

Hymn of Praise — *We Walk by Faith* — No. 634
FAITH'S JOURNEY

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's message on the last stanza

Children's Message — Lauren Craig

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, OUR SERVICE, AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

Living Our Faith — On Mission in Uganda — Michael Wicker

Special Music — *Beautiful, Terrible Cross* — Paul Saunders, Cameron Saunders
Smith, Wood and Cates

There is a beautiful, terrible cross where, though You committed so sin,
Savior, You suffered the most wicked fate on the cruelest creation of man.
Yet, on that beautiful, terrible cross You did what only You could:
Turning that dark inspired evil of hell into our soul's greatest good.
We see the love that You showed us, we see the life that You lost.
We bow in wonder and praise You for the beautiful, terrible cross.
There on that beautiful, terrible cross, though darkness was strong on that hill,
You remained sovereign, Lord, still in control as your perfect plan was fulfilled.
We gained the riches of heaven, Jesus, You paid the horrible cost.
We stand forgiven, and praise You for the beautiful, terrible cross.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
'Til my raptured soul shall find peace beyond the river.

Hymn of Giving *Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You* No. 670
MADILL

Offertory Sentence and Prayer Lynn Lambert

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." - John 6:35

Offertory *In Peaceful Rest* Cathy Haynes
arr. Dubois

Scripture Reading *John 1:14* Charlie Crenshaw

PROCLAIM AND HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Choir Anthem *The Lord Desires These Things* Sanctuary Choir
arr. Lloyd Larson

In what does the Lord delight? What does the Lord desire?
In what will the Lord be pleased? What does the Lord require?
Though I lift my hands in prayer, though I sing my praise through tears,
if my soul is not contrite, my voice God does not hear.
I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing.
A yearning soul, a grateful heart, these are the gifts I bring.
I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing.
A life of humility and grace, the Lord requires these things.
In what does the Lord delight? What does the Lord desire?
In what will the Lord be pleased? What does the Lord require?
Though I offer up my gold, though I share all I possess,
if my heart does not have love, my gifts are meaningless.

Sermon "Detail Focuses Our Purpose" Matt Riggsbee
Exodus 25:1-9
(Please stand as you are able for the reading of God's Word)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Invitation *Be Strong in the Lord* No. 629
STRENGTH

Benediction Matt Riggsbee

Postlude *Postlude in C Minor* Cathy Haynes
arr. Groden

Memory Verse *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.* Psalm 139:14a

Welcome! If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please scan the QR code with your phone and fill out our online visitor's form. You will also find more information about our church at this link. You can also use the Welcome Card located on the pew rack in front of you & place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We look forward to connecting with you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 8	
8:30 AM	Worship Service
9:30 AM	2nd Sunday Refreshments, Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship Service, Livestream
1:30 PM	RA Car Race – Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	Kenya Mission Trip Interest – Rm 206, Youth Handbells
5:00 PM	Youth Choir
6:00 PM	Youth Supper
6:30 PM	Youth Bible Study
Monday, March 9	
5:30 PM	SOTM Dinner and Program
7:00 PM	Al-Anon/ Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday, March 10	
8:00 AM	SLC Bike-A-Thon
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
1:00 PM	Senior Adult Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 11	
4:00 PM	Lenten Devotion – Prayer Meetings
5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 PM	BridgePoints, Music & Missions, Youth Bible Study
7:15 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Thursday, March 12	
7:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Connecting through Worship	312
Connecting through Sunday School	217
Connecting through Studies, Missions, Prayer Mtg.	220
Budget Offering Received Week of Mar. 1	36,256.25
Giving Goal through Mar. 1	265,618.00
Total Budget Offering Received through Mar. 1	295,720.16
Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal	30,102.16

EASTER Offering

There are special Easter offering envelopes in the pew racks. Please consider giving to help support Global Missions.

Lenten Journey

Lenten Devotion – Prayer Meetings

Join the Prayer Team as we pray together each week through Lent. February 18th through March 25th at 4:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

Lenten Study

The Last Supper: Conversations that Led to the Cross

Facilitated by Matt Riggsbee & Jamie Kipfer
Wednesdays, 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall
February 25 – April 1

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FBCSP?

Church-wide Food Drive Sponsored by the Children & Youth of FBCSP – March 1-29

All collection bags are due Sunday, March 29.

Mission Action – March 16

Meeting in Room 206 at 11:30 AM with guest speaker Mary Neil Thompson from Kairos.

Sandhills Crop Walk – March 29 - UPHS

Join us in person or support the FBCSP Team: *https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/first-baptist-church-southern-pines*

FBCSP Mission to Western NC – March 23 – 27

We are joining Baptists on Mission again this year in the rebuilding efforts in East Flatrock! Please **contact Bobby Teague** 910-638-8710 to sign up.

Missions Auction – *SAVE the DATE* – **April 18th**

Volunteers & items are needed – contact **Bryan Moore**

VBS Registration is Open Online!

Registration is open on the church website. Also looking for volunteers! Camp is June 8-11.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER & PROGRAMS

Please register by 12:00 PM on Tuesday. *Call the church office, at fbcsp.org/wns, or on Realm!*

Supper Menu

Oven Fried Chicken Breast Fillets
Kids' Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
Marinated Tomato, Cucumber, Onion Salad
Ice Cream & Cookies, Fresh Fruit

~ Susan G.